

# ADVERTISEMENT

# LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION BYE-ELECTION FOR 2 SEATS ON UNION COUNCIL

Candidate's Name ..... **TOM BAYLISS**  
 Candidate's Dept. .... **LAW**  
 Year of Entry to Leeds  
 University ..... **1973**  
 Proposed by ..... **CHRISTOPH SCHLIACK**  
 Seconded by ..... **DICK PARSONS**

Union positions held:  
 Chairman - Conservative Association.

... YOUR UNION?  
 DISCOS, DANCES, DEBATES, CONCERTS,  
 HOPS, RAG, FILMS, PLAYS,  
 SOCCER, SQUASH ...

... OR THEIRS?  
 SOLIDARITY, STRIKES, PICKETS, SIT INS,  
 BOYCOTTS, OCCUPATIONS, DEMONSTRATIONS.

The Union and the University are at present in grave financial difficulty. We cannot, therefore, afford the luxury of using the Union as a vehicle for political manipulation.

The Union can and must be a social centre for ALL the students. If elected I shall make it my business to bring the union back to its proper function as a STUDENTS' CLUB as opposed to its current function as a kindergarten for would be politicians.

**MAKE IT YOUR UNION  
 VOTE FOR TOM BAYLISS  
 THE CONSERVATIVE ALTERNATIVE!!!**

T. Bayliss.  
 P.S. One of my first priorities will be to install new typewriters in the duplicating room. (See what I mean!!!).

Candidate's Name ..... **STEVE CASS**  
 Candidate's Dept. .... **HISTORY**  
 Year of Entry to Leeds  
 University ..... **1973**  
 Proposed by ..... **DAVE SMITH**  
 Seconded by ..... **PETE GILLARD**

Union positions held:

Catering Secretary 1974-1975

Delegate to Extraordinary Conference June 1974

### THE ROLE OF UNION COUNCIL

- I believe that:
1. U.C. should not take policy decisions. These decisions should always be taken by a General Meeting.
  2. U.C. should attempt to work for the maximum involvement of students in the campaigns of the Union.
  3. U.C. members should themselves be active and not just attend a meeting every two weeks.

### GRANTS AND EDUCATION CUTS

I have been active in the Grants Campaign this year as well as last. The hard-won increase of last year has already been eroded and massive cutbacks in this university of over £500,000 are already taking place. The standard of education is therefore bound to decline and it is only by direct militant action that the cuts will be reversed and a decent grant won.

### UNION AUTONOMY

The Union must be completely autonomous so that it can fight for and represent its mem-

bers. This year has already seen an important victory with the clumb-down by the University over one of the Student Representatives on Senate. This was only gained by the threat of direct action. But the campaign must be stepped up. The five other students on Senate must be mandatable and recallable by the students as a whole.

### THE WIDER WORLD

Students do not exist in an ivory tower, separated from the rest of society.

1. The campaigns of students must be aligned with those of the working class. Both are attempting to keep up with massive inflation and cutbacks in industry and education.
2. The growing threat of Fascism and Racism must be fought and the policy of no platform for fascists and racialsists adopted.

### MYSELF

I am a member of the International Socialist Society and am standing on that basis.

I have been actively involved in the campaigns of the Union over the last year.

Candidate's Name ..... **PAUL N. J. CONLAN**  
 Candidate's Dept. .... **ECONOMICS & SOCIAL STUDIES**  
 Year of entry to Leeds  
 University ..... **1974**  
 Proposed by ..... **W. O. LONG**  
 Seconded by ..... **J. SEYMOUR**

Union positions held:

None.

I believe that the Union should be run in a far more democratic manner than at present. This means that important matters and items like motions to N.U.S. Conference should NOT be decided upon by Union Council but by O.G.M.'s. Everything possible should be done to make discussion at O.G.M.'s more interesting and to encourage more students to attend. The Students' Union has a role to play in

making ordinary students aware of how Government policies affect them. Grants are still inadequate and now savage cutbacks in expenditure on higher education threaten the studies of all students and prospective students. We can only influence Government policy through campaigns which involve the great mass of ordinary students, who are not fanatically interested in politics, and by winning public support for our

case. Student involvement and public sympathy cannot be obtained by using the revolutionary slogans of the Ultra-Left (the I.S., I.M.G. and such like) which only serve to alienate most students and members of the public. Instead we must explain the situation and present our case with sensible and rational arguments to back it up. Politically, I believe that students who do not support the Ultra-Left but are basically progressive and left-wing in their views and do not want to identify with Tories and other right-wingers, have been grossly underrepresented on U.C. and other bodies for too long. The newly formed Broad-Left in the University is the only organisation which can fill this gap. I am a supporter of the Broad-Left and a member of the Labour Party. Paul Conlan

Candidate's Name ..... **SIMON JAMES FAULKNER**  
 Candidate's Dept. .... **ECONOMICS**  
 Year of Entry to Leeds  
 University ..... **1974**  
 Proposed by ..... **KEVIN HAWKINS**  
 Seconded by ..... **RICHARD MILLS**

Union positions held:

None.

Often in the past politics has infringed too much upon Union business, when it should have little or no connection with the day to day administration of the Union building. What concerns the vast majority of Union members is not the external affairs of the World, and the battles between Left and Right, but the practical issues that arise everyday. All members are affected by the facilities in the Union, money available for their societies, and the attractiveness of the bars, as these directly have an impact on our lives.

I realize that being a Union Council member is no envious role, and that it often entails the more mundane tasks of keeping the building running. The problems involved in keeping a union of our size running to the satisfaction of all are not easy, and may well become more difficult in the future. With the University expecting a deficit of over £1 million by the end of the year, it is now necessary for even more stringent checks to be made on the allocation of Union funds.

It is therefore with the view in mind of successfully serving Union members and keeping the Union running effectively and efficiently to the satisfaction of all, that I am standing for election. If elected I shall represent all mem-

bers, including my hall of residence, medical students and Engineers. I shall endeavour to keep politics out of all union business, and consider each proposal on its merit, for it is only then that the union can be a body that truly looks after the interests of its students.

Finally I must ask all that read this to vote, be it for me, or for another candidate. This is YOUR Union, and this YOUR chance to make yourself heard, apathy is unfortunately the sin that makes it possible for extremists to occupy key positions. We all saw the result of student apathy last term, when ten U.C. members backed and passed a motion supporting the I.R.A. We cannot allow this to happen again in the future, look at the irrevocable harm militants have done to the reputation of Essex University. Did the deposed U.C. members truly represent YOU, reflect YOUR views and the Union's as a whole? Surely, according to the evidence of the S.G.M. they did not. SO vote for candidates you know will represent you.

I sincerely hope though that you will vote for me, as I know I have the responsibility and determination to be a worthy Union Council member.

Yours etc.

Simon Faulkner

Candidate's Name ..... **ROGER MICHAEL GREEN**  
 Candidate's Dept. .... **DENTISTRY**  
 Year of Entry to Leeds  
 University ..... **1972**  
 Proposed by ..... **JOHN HARVEY**  
 Seconded by ..... **TOM BURKE**

Union positions held:

None.

Union Council has long been a political playground for the extremists, however, things are changing fast.

If you vote for me, and people like myself at this and the next U.C. election, the running of Union Council and ultimately the Union itself will be back in the hands of nice people and not the nasties we've just thrown out! If elected I shall:

- 1) Attend all U.C. meetings.
  - 2) Represent the reasonable members of the Union.
  - 3) Keep you informed of decisions made by U.C., through Union and Faculty noticeboards.
  - 4) Try not to join IS, IMG, Lab, Lib and Con Socs.
- It may be in your interest to vote for me.  
 Roger Green

Candidate's Name ..... **CHARLIE HORE**  
 Candidate's Dept. .... **CHINESE STUDIES**  
 Year of Entry to Leeds  
 University ..... **1974**  
 Proposed by ..... **IAIN A. MUIR**  
 Seconded by ..... **DUNCAN SLOSS**

Union positions held:  
 None.

Although I'm a first year I have been active in the Union, and believe that the involvement of all students in Union affairs is necessary if we are to have a strong, active Union that can represent and defend our interests.

At the moment our living standards and education are taking a hammering, from the cuts, rent rises, inflation and the crisis in general. An increase in the grant, although it is needed, will not of itself solve our problems; a freeze on prices and rents, and the ending of the discrimination against women of the grants system, are also needed.

To achieve these ends we will need a militant campaign based on direct action, which rejects the idea that "we must all make sacrifices in the national interest." It is not our crisis: we should not have to pay for it.

Although we are not covered by the social contract, we face the same problems as workers who are fighting it. I believe that we should

link our struggles to those of the working-class who are defending themselves against the crisis. The increasing menaces of fascism and racism must be fought. I support the policy of no platform for fascists and racists.

The Union, to be strong, must be completely autonomous. I am opposed to any university interference in the Union and believe that all student representatives on University committees must be elected by all students and under our control.

I am opposed to U.C. making Union policy, as it does at the moment. Policy decisions should always be taken by General Meetings, and U.C. should be active in implementing these decisions. All U.C. members should involve themselves in the Union, and not just attend a meeting every two weeks.

I am standing as a member of the International Socialist Society.

Candidate's Name ..... **IAN LOGAN**  
 Candidate's Dept. .... **THEOLOGY**  
 Year of Entry to Leeds  
 University ..... **1973**  
 Proposed by ..... **JOHN BATTLE**  
 Seconded by ..... **KEVIN DUFFY**

Union positions held:  
 None.

The saga continues. More defections, more elections, less interest. Last term saw a large body of Union Council members dismissed from office. They were unrepresentative of the majority of students, yet they were democratically elected, having made no secret of their beliefs prior to the 'great' S.G.M. O.G.M.s continue to be inquorate. People must become involved, if the Union is to be more than a building.

Yes, I think the Union is more than a building. It is the voice of thousands of students, who cannot opt out of life outside the University. To be silent is to acquiesce, and there is much happening in our country and abroad that we must be prepared to speak out against or to support. If elected I will promote the decisions of O.G.M.s, S.G.M.s and any other G.M.s that count. This means you must come to Union meetings.

I SAY:

1. The grants campaign must continue. The priorities are: equal grants for men and women, married and unmarried; the end of discretionary awards — all students should receive a mandatory award large enough for them to be finan-

cially secure and independent; the end of means testing — as a married student I feel especially threatened by the grant 'increase', with the prospect of a means test on my wife's earnings.

2. Everybody talks about the state of the Union building. Some like it as it is, most don't. They are put off by the general seediness of the place. Again the issue revolves around student involvement. The Union is our building, it's up to us to put it right.

3. We need people on Union Council with a pragmatic approach to internal and external affairs, not the proponents of ossified ideologies. If you mention copper nitrate to some members of Union Council, I've been told, they think you are talking about policemen's overtime. (Sorry about that one!).

IF ELECTED, I PROMISE NOT TO RESIGN AND SUBJECT YOU TO YET MORE ELECTIONS.

Should you want to talk to me, you can find me in the Union building between 1 and 2 p.m. every weekday.

Thank you for reading this manifesto, I hope you will vote for me.

Yours fraternally,

Ian Logan

Candidate's Name ..... **BRIAN P. SMITH**  
 Candidate's Dept. .... **SCHOOL OF HISTORY**  
 Year of Entry to Leeds  
 University ..... **1973**  
 Proposed by ..... **CLIVE CLAPSON**  
 Seconded by ..... **WILLIAM ANSELL**

Union positions held:  
 None.

My reason for standing for Union Council is the imperative need at this time for an effective moderate element in Union affairs. The 'lunatic Left', hitherto predominant in running the Union, has shown itself more than ever to be a totally harmful and unrepresentative influence more concerned with irrelevant and petty politics than with catering for the needs of the average student.

It is hardly necessary to state their incompetence; i) The Freshers' Conference, (ii) The Union Handbook, or rather the lack of one. At a time when concerted action is needed to present realistic proposals for next year's vital grant increase, they continue to damage the credibility of the student body by their damaging and irrelevant political feuds. Union funds in a precarious state, must not be frittered

away, subsidising the various causes so dear to the Left wing ego; Shrewsbury pickets etc., but must be deployed in a way more directly beneficial to the whole student body. Top priorities must be; Improvement of Union facilities, so far as finance allows, and the projection of a more representative and responsible image of the student body. The Leftist 'Lunatic fringe' must be removed, so that an authentic body

may present a credible case for a grants increase, and help to redeem public opinion in our favour. **YOU** have created the opportunity to change the Union by forcing the current elections. Do not miss this opportunity. I urge you to cast a vote for moderation and common sense in the Union — I hope you will cast that vote for me.

Thank you,

Brian P. Smith.

Candidate's Name ..... **RICHARD S. STEIN**  
 Candidate's Dept. .... **POLITICS**  
 Year of Entry to Leeds  
 University ..... **1974/5**  
 Proposed by ..... **S. WARD**  
 Seconded by ..... **T. SARGISON**

Union positions held:

Editorial Board of Broad Left Bulletin.

I feel that the prime tasks of Union Council are:

- 1) to see that the Union services and finances are maintained for the benefit of students.
- 2) to increase the awareness of students of the problems that face them, e.g. education cuts.
- 3) to involve the majority of students in campaigns which fight for their interests.

Union Council should NOT be a policy making body, that is the sole preserve of the General Meetings. Motions and amendments for N.U.S. Conferences SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY GENERAL MEETINGS. U.C. should not have that power. Equally U.C. should not elect delegates to N.U.S. Conferences. If an O.G.M. is inquorate there should be no delegates.

The Grants/Cuts campaign is of vital importance to all students because the Government's policies will reduce the educational and living standards of students. Anomalies such as discretionary awards, married women's grants and parental contributions must be abolished as a first step in the abolition of discrimination in education on the basis of class and sex. The Government's attitude towards Education

and Social Services, which allows these vital facilities to bear the burden of economic crises must be resisted. We must be part of the national campaign to fight these policies. Recently in Leeds a meeting of the Teaching Unions agreed to fight together against the cuts and they have invited us to take part. I feel we must unite with all those affected by the cuts.

The necessary increases in expenditure in Education and Social Services should be financed by radical cuts in the Defence Budget including complete Nuclear Disarmament. The recently announced cut in Government Military Spending is so small that it is already priced out by increases in military spending due to inflation.

As a Communist I support the Broad Left because it seeks to involve the majority of students in those issues that concern them and because as an alliance of Labour Party members, Communist Party members and other unaligned Socialists, it works toward a Socialist perspective.

VOTE BROAD LEFT

Richard S. Stein.

Candidate's Name ..... **ROGER STREET**  
 Candidate's Dept. .... **COMBINEND STUDIES (SCIENCE)**  
 Year of Entry to Leeds  
 University ..... **1972**  
 Proposed by ..... **SHENA GERAGHTY**  
 Seconded by ..... **RAY BULMER**

Union positions held:

Disciplinary Tribunal Chairman and Secretary.

Cultural Affairs Committee.

Combined Studies, Physiology and Biochemistry Dept. Staff/Student Committees.

Now that some of the political extremists have been no confidence, Union members have a chance to change the face of Union Council. In the past, many members of U.C. have given the furthering of their own particular brand of politics priority over the issues which are immediately relevant to students. I believe that if any decisions to support different political causes and organisations are to be taken they should be left to General Meetings and not Union Council. U.C. should preoccupy itself with domestic issues, such as the improvement of Union facilities and the prevention of further damage to the Union Building.

While the Union is in its present financial situation, a determined effort should be made

to reduce expenditure. A close examination should be made of expenditure on such things as administration and campaigns. The facilities and Societies which are used by the majority of students should not suffer.

Over the last two years I have played a limited part in Union affairs and this has given me a reasonably good knowledge of how the Union is run. I believe that, if elected, I shall be able to do my best to act in the interest of students and not politics. Finally I would like to thank those who voted for me in the last election and I hope you will give me your support again.

VOTE FOR PEOPLE NOT POLITICS . . .

VOTE FOR

Roger Street

## POLLING TIMES

Voting will take place on **MONDAY 20th** and **TUESDAY 21st JANUARY** at the following times:—

UNION BUILDING	10 am — 7 pm
MEDICAL SCHOOL COMMON ROOM	12 noon—2 pm
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT	12 noon—2 pm
PARKINSON BUILDING	12 noon—2 pm