

# UNION ELECTIONS' MANIFESTOS

## Deputy President for Services

### Candidates

Name..... **FRED MILSON**  
 Department..... **HISTORY**  
 Year of entry  
 to Leeds  
 University..... **1970**  
 Proposed by..... **PETE GILLARD**  
 Seconded by..... **JOHN TAYLOR**

Union positions held:—  
 —Elections Committee (1972).

All Union candidates start their manifestos by referring to their own experience and efficiency. I am no exception and I state that my outside experience of accounts and administration enables me to undertake the technical side of the job. I undertake in particular to make a close investigation of the catering operation. Like many other Refec. users I have a personal grudge against the place, which was ingrained by contact with the officers involved. I intend to demand the production of proper accounts to show up where the losses are made, and action to correct the situation. I believe this will entail expenditure on new equipment, particularly to improve the quality of meals in order to end the spiral of under-use forcing up prices, which in itself drives away further custom.

I will put forward the following demands in the Union, and will use my position to lead a real fight to win the improvements that we need:

- \* University to finance re-equipment of catering facilities in order to stabilise prices and drastically improve quality.
- \* Nursery provision to be increased to match the real demand and charges limited to the level that students are able to pay. A right to education and jobs for all women.
- \* University to set standards in the fight against unemployment and low pay by establishing a minimum of £25 for 35 hours for all staff.

### Candidates

Name..... **HILARY WRIGHT**  
 Department..... **EDUCATION**  
 Year of entry  
 to Leeds  
 University..... **1969**  
 Proposed by..... **F. MOORE**  
 Seconded by..... **M. SCICLUNA**

Union positions held:—  
 Union Council 1970/72.  
 Welfare Society 1971/72.  
 Nursery Management Committee 1971/72.  
 Counselling Working Party 1972.  
 Three NUS Conferences.

I believe that the Union has many different roles to play in which that of providing services for its members is one of the most important. To many members this is the only one that the Union offers them as individuals, and although I believe that this Union's services are good at catering for the wants and needs of its members they can be improved and extended, in fact they must be, to efficiently provide for the ever-increasing intake to its membership. In particular:—

### THE NURSERY

The nursery is, at the moment, costing the Union a projected annual deficiency of £6,000, it costs 35p per session for all students parents who jointly earn less than £1,300 a year. The conditions in the nursery are excellent but it is a new service and there are difficulties, which could be overcome by an extension to the building, so that all the children can be supervised and cared for more efficiently.

\* A decent grant to cover the whole year, with the abolition of means testing and discretionary awards, and appropriate supplements for married students.

\* Opposition to assessment and examination in their role as 'disciplining agents' in the learning process.

I intend to fight these policies not just to be embodied in resolutions passed by OGM's, but as ones which need to be implemented with the full force of the Union and its members behind them. There are two conditions for this to happen:

\* The Union must be completely autonomous of the University authorities and the Government.

\* The whole membership must be involved in the making and implementation of policy. The domination of Exec. over a passive student body must end.

Although the direct power of the Union is small (through sit-ins, etc.), the student response to the Thatcher proposals has proved that we do have **political power when united in action**. We must recognise this fact and utilise it. We must also recognise that the attacks being made on student conditions to day, through the refusal to give a decent grant increase and through legislation such as the Housing Finance Act, are being made by the Tory Government. The Union cannot afford to be neutral in the battles being fought in Britain today. We must come down clearly on the side of trade unionists, tenants and others who are fighting back against repressive Tory policies. I will attempt to commit the Union to use its facilities to actively support those in struggle. Finally, politically, we have no choice as yet but to stand for the return of a Labour Government and to demand that it repeals anti-union laws, restores welfare cuts, ends unemployment, repeals racist immigration laws, and guarantees full autonomy to all student unions. It is only by allying ourselves politically with those in the labour movement who positively respond to the Tory attacks that we can begin to solve the major problems that we face as students.

### THE BOOKSHOP

I want to carry on the work already started to establish a book shop in the Union itself. Not just a paperback shop which we have at present, but a shop selling textbooks where we can provide a better service than Austicks, who are already trying to put pressure on the publishers not to supply us with books, as they know that they have cornered the market on a good proportion of every student grant. We should be able to acquire our own books and plough back the profits we would have to make, due to fixed prices, straight back into the bookshop, rather than into the pocket of private enterprise.

### SERVICES SECTION

There should be extensions in travel services, e.g. there should be more internal bus services not just to London but to Manchester, Birmingham and anywhere else that our members want them to go. The student previews at the playhouse are good and could be increased, we could also buy more than one evening if the production appeared very popular. The Union could also buy tickets from other theatres such as the Grand and the Civic, and sell them in the Union at reduced rates.

I want to be D.P.S. because I want not only to play a useful role in services, but also to be a good Executive member. Both are very important, and as both I would want to improve services and obtain suggestions from members towards improvements in efficiency, extensions, and suggestions for new services altogether. I can't promise to come up with brilliant suggestions without a great deal of help from the ordinary student members of the Union, but I do promise to implement and try to establish any suggestions put forward to me that will serve and benefit the Union and its members.

H. Wright.

## NUS Secretary

### Candidates

Name..... **IAN GUILDFORD**  
 Department..... **ECONOMICS**  
 Year of entry  
 to Leeds  
 University..... **1971**  
 Proposed by..... **J. E. PAGE**  
 Seconded by..... **M. W. HODDER**

Union positions held:—

None.  
 Standing as a member of the Young Socialists Student Society, in a political situation when the Tory Government are threatening the very basis of Students' Unions and will continue to do so. I believe the present leadership of the N.U.S. both nationally and locally have achieved nothing with their policy of protest and asking the Tories to see reason. They are

### Candidates

Name..... **P. WORTHINGTON**  
 Department..... **ENGLISH/  
 PHILOSOPHY**  
 Year of entry  
 to Leeds  
 University..... **1970**  
 Proposed by..... **A. JAROSZ**  
 Seconded by..... **F. MOORE**

Union positions held:—

NUS Secretary, November 1971/72.  
 Leeds Area NUS Treasurer, 1971/72 and at present.

Executive Committee member, June/October 1972 - as NUS Secretary.

Union Council member, 1971/72.

Member of Committee on Constitution of University — 1971/72.

Delegation Leader at two NUS Conferences and Delegate to four.

Member of Careers and Appointments Board 1971/72 and 1972/73.

Union Lectures Secretary 1971/72.

Book Exchange Secretary 1971/72.

In the past few years, NUS has become a more radical, more active and more effective union, fighting harder and more successfully in the interests of its half-million members. As a member of an affiliated union since 1968, I have been fully involved in all of these struggles, and believe that I have gathered a good deal of useful experience in this time.

## Union Council

### Candidates

Name..... **ROGER BROWN**  
 Department..... **LAW**  
 Year of entry  
 to Leeds  
 University..... **1971**  
 Proposed by..... **B. WOODWARD**  
 Seconded by..... **J. E. RITCHIE**

Union positions held:—

Member, Cultural Affairs Committee.

Treasurer, Conservative Association.

Member, Law Society Sub-Committee.

### Candidates

Name..... **RALPH CAIRNS**  
 Department..... **SOCIAL STUDIES**  
 Year of entry  
 to Leeds  
 University..... **1971**  
 Proposed by..... **H. WRIGHT**  
 Seconded by..... **J. BISBROWNE**

Union positions held:—

None.  
 When internal strife rages, or threats from outside become too manifest to ignore, it is fundamentally essential that students of all wings, unite to face a common enemy.

This is not the time for sectarian political struggles within the union — those candidates who now stand on political fronts, or those who will ensure the continuation of their personal and minority interests, at the expense of the union body as a whole.

There is no deeper crisis in our community at the present moment, than that of accommodation. There is no greater threat from outside than the proposals outlined in the Thatcher document on student unions.

The issues at stake at this election are:

### Accommodation

The crisis in Leeds is as acute as anywhere in the country. I am not offering a panacea, an "accommodation for all" remedy. What I

not a government of reasonable men, but are a government representing the ruling class.

If the Tories have not carried out the threatened attack on our Union it is because of the enormous strength of the Working Class not because of the protesting leaders of the N.U.S., an unholy alliance between the Communist Party and the right wing.

The Working Class have waged their fight on basic questions, the right to a job which is a direct question for all students. 10,000 graduates remain unemployed. These are questions which cannot be fought in the isolation of the students' union. The right to work and the right to union organisation are basic rights which this Tory Government, forced by the ever deepening economic crisis, are intent on taking away. I feel that this union must have a new leadership which will fight for a correct political policy, and wage a determined campaign to involve more students in what now becomes vital questions.

If a national union of our size is to be run in a manner that gives all its members the chance of full democratic participation, it must necessarily be rather complex. An NUS Secretary needs full commitment to democratic mass participation, and a good working knowledge of the union machinery.

As a socialist I see the main function of a union leader to be that of organiser and co-ordinator of actions based upon mass decisions.

### ATTACKS ON STUDENT DEMOCRACY.

I am standing for re-election in the full knowledge that the year ahead promises to be a threatening and challenging one for students. Threatening because I do not believe that the shelving of Thatcher's "Consultative Document" was the end of this Government's attack on Students' Unions. The reactionary policies of this Government have been consistently opposed by students' unions, and they are out to break the opposition on all fronts. The registrar may be next.

Challenging because never before has our union been so strong, and with a firmly consistent and determined national leadership. We can fight for fair grants for students, and an end to the present allocation system which so clearly discriminates against working class students and other sectors (such as married women). We can fight for a comprehensive system of higher education and the end of the present degree factory system. We can fight for effective student representation in this university and nationally. And we can go a good way towards winning on these and other issues that effect our members.

One of the principal failings of our Union is its pre-occupation with party politics. Whatever we are called upon to condemn, and to help rectify, whether it is racialism, or the invasion of privacy, whether domestic matters such as students' housing, or Student Health, it is found that the chance of improving the situation is prevented by the subject matter being swamped by political dialectics which are offensive to many, and meaningless to most.

Although an executive member of a political association I will support the interests of the students of this University rather than following a course intended to produce short-term party political advantage. Roger Brown.

am advocating is the need for funds, student, university, sponsored or otherwise to be directed into accommodation via the purchasing of housing in the Leeds 6 area. This would snatch the monopoly from the landlords, who ponce continually on an economically unstable section of the community.

These landlords make enormous profits — there is one instance, in the Moorland Road area, of 12 students paying £1,170 in 30 weeks, for a house whose estate value is less than £650. The cost of student housing could be cut by 40% — and enough money left over to buy more property.

### Unions

The sole aim of the Thatcher document is to suppress the trade union-like protection students have built, to safeguard their rights, enabling them to have some say in their lives, their affairs, their economy. If implemented, Thatcher's proposals would utterly destroy any progress made towards this goal. This issue is of the most fundamental importance and should be given priority in external matters.

### Leeds Student

If elected I would support the extension of Leeds Student to schools and colleges in the Leeds area.

### O.G.M.'s

Lastly I would support publicity measures or any other measure which would increase the pathetic attendance at O.G.M.'s.

If elected, I will pursue these ends to the utmost of my ability. **Ralph Cairns.**

# USE YOUR VOTE

**Candidates**  
**Name**..... **MARK COOPER**  
**Department**..... **EDUCATION**  
**Year of entry to Leeds University**..... **1967**  
**Proposed by**..... **J. BISBROWNE**  
**Seconded by**..... **P. KINGSTON**

Union positions held:—

Union Secretary 1968/69.  
 Union Council 1968/70.  
 University Staff Student Committee 1969/70.  
 Co-Editor Union Handbook 1969/70.

**Candidates**  
**Name**..... **NEIL J. FORTES**  
**Department**..... **TEX. INDUSTRIES**  
**Year of entry to Leeds University**..... **1971**  
**Proposed by**..... **M. SCICLUNA**  
**Seconded by**..... **P. SMITH**

Union positions held:—

Textile Committee.  
 The time has come for change!  
 I have come a long way to attend this university and have been amazed at some of the ridiculous difficulties and problems that students have to face here.

**Candidates**  
**Name**..... **PETE GILLARD**  
**Department**..... **SOCIOLOGY**  
**Year of entry to Leeds University**..... **1972**  
**Proposed by**..... **F. MILSON**  
**Seconded by**..... **J. TAYLOR**

Union positions held:—

**NONE IN LEEDS? BUT PREVIOUSLY IN DURHAM UNIVERSITY:**

Union Council, N.U.S. Secretary, Chairman — Constitution Working Party, Chairman — Discipline Working Party., Member — numerous other Union committees, Member — Joint Union/Senate, Member — Joint Union/University Council, Union representative on a number of University Council and Senate Committees.

Although a 'fresher', I have in the past been a member of the Union Council at Durham University, the experience of which would enable me to usefully contribute to the Council here if elected. But my claim for support is based not on past experience, but on the policies in my manifesto which I intend to fight for at all levels of the Union, whether elected or not.

My policies start from a recognition that although Thatcher's proposals attacking the autonomy of S.U.'s have been withdrawn, pressure against students and their Unions nationally has been continued, both through actions taken by individual college authorities (e.g. the freezing of Union funds at North London Poly) and through Government policies which affect students directly (keeping grants at their present low level) or indirectly (the "Fair Rents" Act).

We in L.U.U., and nationally in N.U.S., must be prepared to fight back against the attacks with all the resources we have available. Although our direct power (through sit-ins and strikes) is small, we do have political power when we are united in action as was shown by the student response to the Thatcher proposals.

**Candidates**  
**Name**..... **LIZ GREEN**  
**Department**..... **Mod. LANGUAGES**  
**Year of entry to Leeds University**..... **1971**  
**Proposed by**..... **J. FINESTEIN**  
**Seconded by**..... **A. MYATT**

Union positions held:—

None.  
 ONE OF THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF U.C., in my opinion, is to represent the student feelings of this Union. After just one year at this University, I am convinced that there is a

Various Sports and Features Editor of the then "Union News" and about 12 other Union and University Committees.

Since graduation in 1970 I have worked in Town Planning research in New Zealand, and for the last year and a bit have been a marketing co-ordinator with Joseph Lucas Ltd.

The primary function of Union Council is to be a check on the excesses and failings of the Executive — this is especially necessary now that we have what is virtually a full-time "professional" Exec.

With my past Union administration experience, and a few ideas garnered outside University life, I feel I can give what might be called a "good return for your vote."

To those that do decide to vote for me, many thanks, if I do get elected watch the sparks fly.  
 Mark Cooper.

I know what it is like to have one's ideas and words choked off without any hearing — going to University in South Africa was like that not only to me but for all committed students — there is no freedom there! The problems might be different here but the same applies.

Things must be done NOW and not filed away under "lets wait and see".

Grants are too low, rents too high and many places of student accommodation are appalling.

Union facilities are supposed to fit the pockets of the Leeds student — They don't.

Foreign students are also affected by these problems as well as many others — they must also be accommodated.

**No more commercials.**  
**Let us try and improve this place!**

There are two conditions which have to be satisfied if L.U.U. is to be an effective force in working for solutions to the problems facing students:

(1) The Union must be autonomous (both organizationally and financially) — it should be responsible only to its own members, not to the University authorities or the Government.

(2) Members must be fully involved in the making and implementation of Union policy. I will work to ensure that the Union is responsive to the needs of its members, the domination of the Union by Sabbatical Officers with a largely passive student body must end.

In the Union I will fight for the following policies:

(1) The right for a **Union Veto** over decisions by the University affecting students. Representation is not enough — it gives us some information but no effective say in his decisions which affect us all.

(2) A **decent grant** to cover the full year, the abolition of discretionary awards and means testing, appropriate extras for all married students.

(3) **Opposition to assessment and examination** in their role as 'disciplining agents' in the learning process.

(4) University to set standards in the fight against low pay and unemployment by establishing a minimum of £25 for 35 hours for all staff.

Most importantly, I shall fight to unite the Union with those other sections of the population who are fighting Tory policies — with trade unionists fighting the I.R. Act, with tenants on rent strike against "Fair Rents". The Union cannot remain neutral in the face of Tory attacks — we must stand for the return of a Labour Government, and demand that it repeals anti-union laws, restores welfare cuts, ends unemployment (work or full wages), repeals racist immigration acts, and guarantees full autonomy to all student unions. It is only by allying ourselves politically with those others who are fighting back, that we can hope to solve the major problems that we face.

great lack of communication between the students who run this Union and the people they are supposed to represent.

I AM STANDING FOR U.C. WITH MY EYES WIDE OPEN! I know how easily election promises can be broken and lost amid petty bureaucracy.

I FEEL IT IS THE HEIGHT OF HYPOCRISY when people stand for election, claiming to represent the views of the ordinary student and then take a minority stance on many issues.

I AM INTERESTED in the members of this Union and the facilities available to them. As an ordinary student member I could represent you. I need your confidence now to elect me, and your continued confidence to help me succeed in my aims.

**Candidates**  
**Name**..... **R. A. HARRINGTON**  
**Department**..... **Combined Studies (Science)**  
**Year of entry to Leeds University**..... **1971**  
**Proposed by**..... **J. FINESTEIN**  
**Seconded by**..... **D. MARSHLAND**

Union positions held:—

None.

I am standing for a place on Union Council, because I feel that being from Leeds, I have acquired an insight into some of the many problems students face within the University and the City.

I worked for a year in a science department, before starting my course here, and had the opportunity to discuss a great deal with members of the academic staff.

**Candidates**  
**Name**..... **M. JENNINGS**  
**Department**..... **ECONOMICS**  
**Year of entry to Leeds University**..... **1970**  
**Proposed by**..... **M. SCICLUNA**  
**Seconded by**..... **P. SMITH**

Union positions held:—

Union Council 1970/71, 1971/72.  
 Acting Cultural Affairs Secretary 1971/72.  
 Staff Student Committee 1971/72.  
 Vacation Work Secretary 1972/73.  
 Cultural Affairs Committee 1972/73.  
 Shop Board 1972/73.  
 Bar Board 1972/73.

I consider the Union has a dual role — internal and external. I cannot put forward any hard and fast policies on which I am prepared to stand or fall. However I will say that any

**Candidates**  
**Name**..... **ROBERT MAHON**  
**Department**..... **ECONOMICS/POLITICS**  
**Year of entry to Leeds University**..... **1971**  
**Proposed by**..... **D. SHERMAN**  
**Seconded by**..... **R. CLARKE**

I basically suffer from the fact that I am not well known within the University, yet this does not render it impossible for me to serve adequately on U.C. I also don't make foolish promises like meeting all 10,000 of you, that is only for Presidents to do. My politics are moderately left, though I am not affiliated to any particular faction.

At present the students of this country are under attack either directly or indirectly by the government. These attacks come on three differ fronts, firstly through the threat on student autonomy — many of you will remember the events of last year. This threat, and the possible introduction of a student registrar still exist. The N.U.S. and this University should press the government for an ultimate assurance, that no such introduction will come.

Secondly, there is the financial threat of the 'fair rents' Bill. Excuse the small letters, but that is all the principle of 'far rents' deserves.

**Candidates**  
**Name**..... **SUSAN SLIPMAN**  
**Department**..... **ENGLISH**  
**Year of entry to Leeds University**..... **1972**  
**Proposed by**..... **F. MOORE**  
**Seconded by**..... **N. TAGGART**

Union positions held:—

Catering Committee, Accommodations Committee — later Action Committee Staff Student Committee, Education Committee.

As a post-graduate student from another University, I am not new to student politics. At my first University I had a lot of experience of committee work — from Action Committees on the student accommodation question to a department committee which I ran for two years. During my three years I became involved in the struggle to get more representation for students; a question which became critical when the University's charter came under review and the student body was presented with a series of propositions that could only be seen as reactionary and patriarchal in outlook, and would have virtually ended the power of the student's Union in any real sense, and this sometime before Mrs. Thatcher's hatchet proposals. We managed to defeat the College Council on most of the issues and all the important ones: the most militant action being a sit-in, which I helped to organise, and which had never before been known in the small Welsh town of Lampeter.

It was with action like this and valuable experience in being first secretary and then President of Socialist Society, that I had my

With every year the problems we face in this Union worsen as the student population increases, and I feel that we must modify the system that exists at present, to be able to cope in the future.

I am concerned that we should not relax our efforts to contain the accommodation problem, and I feel that education of both students and landlords has become a necessity, along with integration into the community as a whole.

I think that there should be improved co-ordination between the various bodies within the Union, and better representation of students on a large number of matters, including entertainment, catering and private enterprise operating in the Union. This can only come about by having approachable representatives, who are not afraid to speak up for you.

I hope that if I am elected, any of you who have any views, queries or are dissatisfied with some aspect of being a member of the Union, University or a resident in Leeds will feel free to contact me at any time.

Sorry about the typing errors,  
 Love from Robert A. Harrington.

business arising during the year I will deal with thoughtfully, with the interests of the University student at heart.

Union Council performs a vital task in controlling the internal affairs of the Union. All unions must consider their members to be their number one priority; a student Union is no exception.

However I believe that the Union cannot view itself in isolation. No matter what way we view the situation outside events will either effect us at University or certainly when we leave. Hence if I was elected on to Union Council, as well as being concerned with students and the internal running of the Union I would certainly support Union Policy in outside events.

I hope I have made my platform quite clear: I am concerned with students and their problems, but I do not believe that the Union and indeed Union Council should ever forget its role in the community.

Michael Jennings.

The messianic left wing groups, would have us believe that the best way to fight this, would be by joining with the working class — bring down the Conservative government — and bring in a Labour government pledged to Socialist policies — utter bullshit. The best way to fight this Act, is as a united student body, and to affiliate ourselves to the tenant associations, for these are the people at the grass roots of the problem, like ourselves. Simultaneously, the N.U.S. should be fighting for higher grants.

Thirdly, we have all read recently of the Monday Club asking its student members to compile a list of militant left wing and foreign students. We should all oppose this, but I am not in favour of banning the Monday Club from this or any other University. They have a right to hold their political views and meetings like anyone else. Even more recently, our own exec. have tried to force 'Leeds Student' to carry their advertisements and events sheet for free. 'Leeds Student' happens to be a very good, independent newspaper — it should be left to function alone and not suffer from the elitist, pursestring bureaucrats, already leaving already proved themselves to be a load of elitists, pursestring bureaucrats, already leaving the 'ticket' on which they were elected. It is up to U.C. to force these people to follow the majority line of the students.

Finally I recognise the O.G.M as the sovereign policy-making body and, I am willing to follow its mandates.  
 Rob Mahon.

introduction to student politics. I am new to Leeds and to the set-up of the Council structure here, but I am well acquainted with the ordeals of Council work. This has taught me many things — one is to truly represent the people who elect me: I believe in following mandates and not my own personal whims. Another is that representation is vital to any student body if we are truly to share in the organisation within the University. So, too, is the question of Union autonomy and I feel it will be my duty not only to resist attempts to limit this, but also to strengthen and extend it.

My main concern are those which concern the standard of a students living allowance. I see the struggle for a grant's increase as vital, especially as rising prices and the prospect of Value Added Tax, make the prospects under the present grant rate grim. Involved in this must be the active campaign to resist the Housing Finance Act — which will only further increase the decline in living standards, and this problem of student accommodation cannot be seen except in relation to the general housing shortage and attacks on the public in general. There is also the question of catering with which most of us are dissatisfied — and I believe that subsidies from the U.G.C. are the only real answer to this. Lastly I feel that the recent rise of racialism, and the racialist campaigns within our society must be actively combated. Thus attacks against students cannot any longer be seen in isolation — they are part and parcel of the policy which attacks all stratas of society, and student politics are becoming more and more involved in the politics of the larger community.

If you want a Union Council which will fight on all these issues and involve you in the campaign and decision making — vote for me.

**Leeds University Union Elections for the posts of**  
**DEPUTY PRESIDENT FOR SERVICES**  
**N.U.S. SECRETARY**

**and for Two Open Seats on UNION COUNCIL**

**Polling will take place on Monday, 30th October and Tuesday, 31st October, 1972 in**

**The Union Building** ..... **10 a.m. — 7 p.m.**  
**The Medical School Common Room** ..... **12 p.m. — 2 p.m.**  
**The Engineering Department** ..... **12 p.m. — 2 p.m.**  
**The Parkinson Court** ..... **12 p.m. — 2 p.m.**