

Leeds University Union

Election of Deputy President of Services for the session 1974-75

Candidate's Name **JOHN MENDZELA**

Candidate's Dept. **MATHEMATICS**

Year of entry to
Leeds University **1970**

Proposed by **PETE IZAT**

Seconded by **NICK LAMMING**



Union Positions held:

President of CONSERVATION 1971/72, 73/74.

Editor of GRAPEVINE 1973/74.

BRIEF:

I believe that the D.P.S. has two main duties: to introduce new services and improve existing Union and University services and for Union members wherever feasible (suggestions welcome), and to ensure that all Union services are run efficiently, both **economically and environmentally** speaking. Until now, those responsible for Union services have concentrated on the economic aspect, with varying degrees of success. I believe that the two should go hand-in-hand, and that students and students' unions should be setting an example in this respect.

For example, glasses smashed in the bar, instead of being thrown away, should be sold to a glass merchant and recycled. Similarly, the huge quantities of paper churned out in the Union can be sold, when no longer of use (e.g. posters have two sides), thus making an environmental profit as well as a cash one. We can make money out of waste. Environmental principles should be applied to such wasteful activities as the use of plastic cups (which can only be used once) in the M.J. Facilities should be made readily available for any group or individual contributing to an environmentally sound Union; which includes such things as improving the clinical concrete-and-glass scenery in the extensions.

POLITICS:

I also believe that students, as the supposed future leaders of the nation should be socially conscious and actively campaign for social improvements. I support the Grants Campaign with the emphasis on fair grants for all and ending discrimination between university students and other students. Much can be done on a local level; for instance encouraging the University and the council to provide better housing for students and others, and fighting the present plan to widen the A660 and thereby destroy many of the best features in the University area, as well as a large number of student dwellings.

REPRESENTATION:

At present the vast majority of the members of this Union are not actively involved in the running of it. This is hardly surprising considering that those who are involved, with a few exceptions, spend too much of their time in jockeying for power and/or pushing some party line or other. It's about time everybody started saying what they think; a public dialogue is infinitely preferable to behind the scenes backstabbing.

The D.P.S. should be **ACTING ON THE SUGGESTIONS OF UNION MEMBERS** as well as his or her own initiative. If elected I intend to put this philosophy into action.

JOHN MENDZELA

Candidate's Name **EVELYN J. S. ARNOLD**

Candidate's Dept. **TEXTILE INDUSTRIES**

Year of Entry to
Leeds University **1971**

Proposed by **JOHN NICHOLSON**

Seconded by **NEIL FORTES**



Union positions held:

RAG COMMITTEE

UNION COUNCIL

The D.P.S. has three jobs:- a field officer, co-ordination of services within the Union and a member of Executive.

As a field officer I would hope to make frequent visits to Halls and flat units and try to get more people interested in the running of the Union. However, to get more people to use the Union, it must be made cleaner and more pleasant place, with efficient and cheap services.

I believe that the services are, at the moment, cheap if not always efficient. I feel that with rising inflation, it would be impossible to try to guarantee present prices, so I would like to investigate economies which could be made.

As a sabbatical officer on Executive, I would try to make the day to day work of the Union run as smoothly as possible. I would also follow any policies or mandates and decided

by general meetings or U.C. If a crisis should occur then I would hope to act in a level headed and competent way. Once elected the Executive member is a representative of, and responsible to the rest of the students.

I believe that in the next year the Union will be facing many problems. We must make a stand against the University, the Council and the private landlord, for better and cheaper accommodation. We must make a stand against the Government, whoever they are, for increased grants, to give us better living standards. We must make a stand for complete Union autonomy.

Therefore I pledge myself to improve publicity, and to improve the Student's understanding of these problems.

USE YOUR VOTE

EVELYN J. S. ARNOLD

Candidate's Name **GRAHAM DURHAM**

Candidate's Dept. **POLITICS**

Year of Entry to
Leeds University **1972**

Proposed by **CHRIS GREEN**

Seconded by **MICK RIDLEY**



Union positions held:

Union Delegate NUS Conference Easter 1973 (Exeter), Autumn 1973 (Margate).

Union Representative University Staff/Student Committee 1973/4.
Grants Campaign Activist. Chairman Labour Club 1973/74.

STUDENTS AND THE UNION

The problem of making the Union stronger and more representative has existed for a number of years. I do not believe that problems of low participation and poor communications can be solved through the existing bureaucratic channels.

If elected I will fight uncompromisingly for the following:-

EXEC TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN UNION, PLACES OF RESIDENCE, DEPARTMENTS, AND PARTICULARLY WITH MEDICS AND ENGINEERS.

BETTER LINKS WITH CAMPUS TRADE UNIONS, WITH THE LOCAL LABOUR MOVEMENT AND WITH LOCAL STUDENT UNIONS.

THE ABOLITION OF UNION COUNCIL, ALL DECISIONS TO BE REFERRED TO GENERAL MEETINGS. ABOLITION OF O.G.M. QUORUMS - ALL UNION COMMITTEES TO BE OPEN. (Ents., Leeds Student).

The Union should co-ordinate student activities as well as lead. It should respond to members activities. The *spirit* of Waxum must live on.

GRANTS CAMPAIGN

The grants campaign has united all students and is the most important fight facing students. Since I came to Leeds I have been active on GCAC and if elected I will continue to give full support and attempt to involve more

students.

However, every struggle for improvements in education is a struggle against the government and students must give full support to every battle by trade unionists against Phase 3. The 81 per cent strike vote by the miners shows the determination of the working class to defend its living standards. In this and every other battle students must provide the fullest support possible.

SERVICES

I will attempt to discover criticisms of Union services and rectify these. In particular the Union must be prepared to spend money on improving services such as duplicating. The abysmal standard of catering is the result of cutbacks in expenditure — these must be fought in committees and by direct action, the link with the grants campaign is clear.

However I feel that DPS should not get bogged down attending committees. I will regard myself as a field officer — finding out what members want and fighting to achieve this.

POLITICS

I am a member of the Labour Party and within that of the Socialist Charter movement — an organisation of revolutionary communists dedicated to the overthrow of capitalism on an international scale. As the crisis of capitalism deepens, the possibility of a direct struggle for power in the next few years, or even months arises. I believe that students can play a progressive role in that struggle alongside the organised working-class. Fraternally, G.D.

Candidate's Name **RUSSELL AMOS**

Candidate's Dept. **COMBINED STUDIES
in SCIENCE**

Year of Entry to
Leeds University **1972**

Proposed by **PETE SMITH**

Seconded by **LIZ CLAYTON**



Union positions held:

None.

**THIS IS A JOB FOR:
SUPER-TAFF — THE NON-POLITICAL
The Time: Feb. 1974
The Place: Super Taff H.Q. or Lyddon Terrace
The Mission: To replace "Hot Air Unlimited"
Super Taff practically.**

With Super Taff here — known as Russ — I want to be entrusted by you with a mission to investigate the Headquarters of a minority organisation known as "Hot Air Unlimited", to penetrate their H.Q. the Union Building in the name of the "VAST MAJORITY OF DISILLUSIONED STUDENTS".

I approached their H.Q. early in October, 1972 when they began operations. I was warned that untold horrors lay ahead:— very little chance of a drink on the night of a big hop, sliding about in pools of beer and other things - wading through piles of rubbish and broken glass. However, I found consolation in that "The Travel Office" was well equipped for escape attempts and that the Finance Office would lend you money to escape. However, if such routes were not available, Beware Wednesday — when another Minority Organisation "The Rugby Club" were to be avoided.

The mission of improving facilities too had a daunting one but not impossible — the solution of how to improve the general physical state of the Union, of Dispersing Hot Air, and replacing it with basic practical ideas and improvements. The Organisations known as the "VAST MAJORITY OF DISILLUSIONED STUDENTS" are aware of the situation. They do not even try to penetrate Hot-Air Unlimited's H.Q. They are alienated from it. Entrust me with the mission to improve the general, physical state of the Union — Make it YOUR H.Q. to allow me to investigate ways to improve existing facilities and encourage new ones. I am not daunted by the prospect and am not prepared to accept compromise. I do need your support as a member of the Vast Majority of Disillusioned Students to undertake this mission!

**VOTE RUSS AMOS —
SUPER TAFF FOR D.P.S.
RUSS AMOS**

Election of Deputy President of Communications for the session 1974-75

Candidate's Name **PAUL CROWTHER**

Candidate's Dept. **FINE ART/
PHILOSOPHY**

Year of Entry to
Leeds University **1972**

Proposed by **K. F. K. LARSSON**

Seconded by **B. P. G. JOUGHLIN**

Union positions held:

Inside Right — Outside Left.

The Story so far:

In a last desperate attempt to aid Count Schliack in his bid to save the Union from the grips of the Gay Marxists and Communist Party hacks, Paul Crowther (a noble National Front member) has boldly thrust himself into the fray of the Deputy Presidential battles. Armed only with the following platform, he seeks a mandate for further noble endeavours (Enters right).

"BY THE LORD HARRY, COMMUNICATION IS THE JOB, AND COMMUNICATE I SHALL — THO' HELL SHOULD BAR THE WAY!!!!!!

Let me (A) Shower profusion of pretty posters (on a scale never before witnessed), in annunciation of forthcoming elections and events.

(B) Issue forth with loud shouts in proclamation of the newest and most fancy boycotts

and sit-ins. (C) Disperse and convey divers small pieces of paper (to wit-leaflets) fillid with tidings of great-feasting and social gatherings.

(D) Regularly authorise and distribute a wondrous bulletin compiled with the aid of the Social Secretary. Herein shall be contained the news of visiting virtuositc Aye. From darkest Bodington to the inner-Union, all shall go informed.

(E) Let me pour admenition and chastisement on those unpatriotic bumpkins and dullards who have turned Union politicks into such boring and platitudinous bureacracy. We do not need the Marxist militant and kindred spirits. Let me show that with dedication *efficiency* and a dash of *style*.

WE CAN MAKE THE SYSTEM WORK!"
Let Ale be my beverage and HARD WORK my SUSTENACE.

PAUL CROWTHER



Candidate's Name **IAIN A. MUIR**

Candidate's Dept. **ECONOMICS**

Year of Entry to
Leeds University **1971**

Proposed by **CAROL JELLEY**

Seconded by **TIM O'CONNOR**

Union positions held:

Secretary of Sub-Committee against Racial Discrimination 1972/73.

Member of Union Council 1972/73.

Member of Record Shop/Book Shop/Union Shop Board.

Union Rep. on Senate Overseas Students' Committee.

Union Council Rep. on University/Union Joint Ctte. on Union Investments.



Within this very limited space it is possible only to list a few of my ideas and policies. At the time of the poll there will be leaflets about explaining in greater detail my beliefs.

I'm standing for D.P.C. on the basis that I will work to achieve a more representative and democratic union. As a field officer, through personal contact with the departments and halls, I will attempt to gauge student opinion and raise the level of involvement by students in the running and policy making of the union. Recent events, inqurate A.G.M.'s, O.G.M.s, Exec theatricals, etc., the failure of the grants campaign to involve more than the few members who are so far active, etc., show the obvious distinterest and even antipathy towards the union and its bureaucracy from the student member.

The post of D.P.C. will be crucial in arresting this decline in involvement and interest by the student member. One of the many areas which D.P.C. has overall responsibility

for is publicity, we need better and more frequent events sheets, information bulletins and posters, with a fresh approach to design and lay out.

Through explanatory pamphlets about the workings of the bureaucracy and general meetings I hope to remove at least some of the barriers to involvement which exists. We need a self critical analysis of why the union is in the abysmal state it finds itself at the moment. My approach will be to attempt to involve and achieve interest by campaigning on those issues to which students can relate, accommodation, welfare, state of the union building, etc., whilst not setting the union apart from the educational system and society of which it is involved.

If you wish to know more about myself or my policies lookout for my publicity material, or tannoy me from the porter's office. I am also to be found in the Executive Office most lunchtimes.

IAN A. MUIR.

Candidate's Name **ALAN LENTON**

Candidate's Dept. **SOCIOLOGY**

Year of Entry to
Leeds University **1973/4**

Proposed by **ANDY MORGAN**

Seconded by **TERRY CORBIN**

Union positions held:

Accommodation Secretary.

Arts Festival Committee member.

Ex-Officio Member of Union Council.



WE SUPPORT ALAN FOR THIS JOB.

because, although we disagree with some of his political views, we feel that he will do the job of Deputy President (Communications) as well as is possible given the present Union set up.

One of the key problems with this union at the moment is that the ordinary members do not know what is happening around the union. The importance of this job is that, if people are to take part in the running of their own union, they must have the information on which to base their decisions. We feel that Alan will be able to go some way towards providing this information.

Andy Morgan,
Terry Corbin.

The job of Deputy President (Communications) falls into two parts, that of communication, and that of Accommodation and Welfare.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. I undertake, if elected, to produce events sheets every Monday and Friday. The Monday one will contain the coming week's events and the Friday one will contain weekend events and sports fixtures. I hope that it will also prove possible to produce a regular news sheet ("Feedback") every wednesday. This will give details of decision that have been taken at union council and OGM's together with other matters affecting the union membership.

2. I will try to get much better liason with Leeds Student in an attempt to ensure that more of the ordinary things going on in the union are covered. (For instance, society

bazaars and the various National Weeks).

3. As a field officer I will visit the Halls and the outlying parts of the campus regularly.

4. I will look into the possibility of having screen printing facilities available for societies to produce posters much more cheaply.

ACCOMMODATION & WELFARE

5. I will undertake to produce an Accommodation and Welfare Handbook for the Union.

6. I will try to arrange a series of talks in Halls by the various union official on matters of interest. (For instance, like the current series that I am giving as Accommodation Secretary on how to find flats).

7. I will try to set up a "Crash-Pad" scheme to put people up for the night who suddenly find themselves without accommodation.

GENERAL

8. I will do my best to ensure that I get into the Union by 9.30 am on weekdays — one of the main problems at the moment is that the Sabbatical Officers cannot be found before 11.30 a.m.

9. I am a Socialist, although not affiliated to any organisation. When votes on political matters are required, I will vote as such, unless there is a union mandate, in which case I will obey the mandate, or resign.

10. If you vote for me I don't pretend that it will change the way in which this Union is run — to do that you must take an active part in the running of the union. However, if I am elected there will be more chance of you finding out what is going on!

ALAN.

TIMES OF POLLING

**Monday, 18th and Tuesday, 19th
February, 1974**

UNION BUILDING 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

MEDICAL SCHOOL COMMON ROOM 12 noon to 2 p.m.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT 12 noon to 2 p.m.

PARKINSON BUILDING 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Members who are unable to vote at the times stated must make personal application to the Returning Officer.

Voting will be in accordance with the Constitution and Bye Laws and will be by means of a stamp on the current Union card.