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LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION BYE-ELECTION FOR 3 SEATS ON UNION COUNCIL

Candidate's Name **KHURSHID ALAM**
 Candidate's Dept. **CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1972**
 Proposed by **MICK RIDLEY**
 Seconded by **BOB BODDEY**
 Union positions held:
 Joint University/Union Staff/Student Committee 1974-'75.

IT HAS BECOME A FASHIONABLE PASTIME TO WRITE A LENGTHY AND OFTEN IRRELEVANT MANIFESTO AND PROMISE THE SKY TO COVER UP ALL THE INADEQUACIES OF SAY-ALL-DO-NOTHING SORTS.

BEING A COMMITTED SOCIALIST AND AN ACTIVIST, I CAN PROMISE THAT IN WHATEVER LIES THE INTERESTS OF OUR STUDENTS AND THE UNION, I'LL BE THERE IRRESPECTIVE OF PROBABLE HINDRANCES. (Some of these interests are: Union autonomy, co-operation and solidarity between the various progressive societies of the union, the interests of the ordinary members, etc.

MYSELF BEING AN OVERSEAS STUDENT (from: BANGLADESH), MUCH OF MY INTEREST LIES IN THE REPRESENTATION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS IN THE VARIOUS UNIVERSITY and/or UNION BODIES RELEVANT TO THEM, AND ALSO CREATING A VENUE FOR PROGRESSIVE and/or REVOLUTIONARY INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE THIRD WORLD STUDENTS IN THIS UNIVERSITY.

THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY. NO HOLLOW PROMISES — ONLY CONVICTION AND ACTION CAN PROVE SOMEONE'S ABILITIES.

THANK YOU FOR READING THIS MANIFESTO.

Candidate's Name **PETER JOHN ARTHUR**
 Candidate's Dept. **COMBINED STUDIES SCIENCE**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1971**
 Proposed by **CLARE O'SHEA**
 Seconded by **CHANTEL HOWELL**
 Union positions held:
 None.

Dear Members,
 Would you like your representative on Union Council:—

1. to be genuinely concerned about the Union and its members.
2. not to be affiliated to any political organisation, thereby having a free vote.
3. to have experience in the needs and worries of students.
4. to fight for the spending of *all* union money on facilities for its members, not for political causes.
5. not to become a member of the union clique.

6. to inform you of any important decisions made by Union Council or Executive if it is not satisfactorily advertised through usual channels.

7. to endeavour to keep catering and bar prices down (they are supposed to be non-profit making).

If you answer YES to any of the above questions I don't think you can do much worse than to vote for me, as, if elected, I will be the sort of representative described above.

MODERATES OF THE WORLD UNITE.

Pete.

Candidate's Name **MARTIN A. ASHE**
 Candidate's Dept. **CHEMISTRY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1973**
 Proposed by **IAN MUIR**
 Seconded by **CLIVE HEMSLEY**
 Union positions held:
 Ents. (Stage Crew). Rag Committee.

The Union at present is becoming detached from the student body in so much as that the ordinary student is apathetic towards its running. While more and more people rush to prop up the Bar in the evening, the number of conscientious students attending OGM's seems to fall continually. If such trends continue it will become increasingly more important for U.C. to handle the running of, and policies adopted by our Union.

It is important then, that you choose its members carefully. It is important that you choose somebody who will represent you and the interests of all students. We must continue the fight against the discrepancies in the grants

system — Parental contribution should be abolished and the maximum award should be given to married women students. We must bring pressure to bear upon the University and the City Council to improve the student accommodation situation. Your life at University shouldn't be a constant struggle for survival.

I am a Socialist although not affiliated to any political group and if elected I promise to represent the views of anyone who asks me to do so, and I will obey all Union mandates.

PLEASE VOTE.

Marty Ashe.

Candidate's Name **JOHN B. CROWTHER**
 Candidate's Dept. **SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1973/74**
 Proposed by **T. BAYLISS**
 Seconded by **J. MAY**
 Union positions held:
 None.

MONEY:— is in short supply; why waste it?

The present controllers of the Union Council have decided to give £9,000 this year to organisations which in my view are destroying Britain, such as: the Shrewsbury pickets, who sought to use violence to intimidate a non-striking majority of building workers; and the strike fund of the miners, who are now bankrupting our country by demanding a *basic* wage of £75 per week (nearly £4,000 per annum).

This money could be spent on improving and extending the facilities and furnishing of the Union (which at present can only cater for one-fifth of all students) and associated build-

ings, like the Lipman building which is decaying due to lack of Union financial support.

It appears to be the policy of the Union Council not to employ stewards to stop vandalism in the Union, as this is regarded as infringing the students freedom to destroy.

Stewards should be employed, offenders caught, prosecuted in the courts, and made to pay for damage done.

Vote for me and help break the power bloc in the Union which actively supports the destruction of our country, and are so anti-establishment as to allow the quality of life to be lowered by a minority.

J. R. Crowther.

Candidate's Name **DAVE EDMOND**
 Candidate's Dept. **CHEMISTRY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1973**
 Proposed by **PETE GILLARD**
 Seconded by **IAN MUIR**
 Union positions held:
 Publicity Secretary 1974/5. Bar Board 1974/5.
 NUS Policy Committee. Grants Campaign Action Committee.

As Publicity Secretary I am a member of Union Council ex-officio. This means I have to go to the meetings, but I can't vote. Please vote for me so I can vote for you.

My biggest concern is with communications. Although there has been an improvement this year (with regular issues of 'Feedback' etc.), OGM's are still inoperative half the time, so there is still plenty to do.

The most serious issue facing students this year is the cutbacks in education expenditure.

We have to fight the cut-backs with a militant campaign of direct action. We have already had victories for direct action this term (e.g. the successful picket of Senate).

Another of my hobbies is beer (this is quite common amongst students). I am a member of the Campaign For Real Ale and I will press for more real beer in the Union bars.

Politically I am a socialist. I am a member of the International Socialists Society and I agree with their politics both inside and outside the University.

Candidate's Name **GEOFFREY W. FOSTER**
 Candidate's Dept. **ECONOMICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1972**
 Proposed by **J. PAUL GIBBS**
 Seconded by **DAVE GORDON**
 Union positions held:
 Freshers Conference Working Party 1973, 1974.
 Freshers Conference Committee 1973-4.
 Rag Committee 1973/4, 1974/5. Rag Treasurer 1974/5.

I wish to become a member of Union Council because I feel that I would be able to make a valid contribution to the meetings on a wide range of subjects.

During my two years at the University I have been actively involved in the organization and running of both freshers conference and Rag. The experience gained in these two sub-committee's gives me some idea of how the union bureaucracy works.

I am interested in the formulation of a coherent union policy on education. This is especially important in the light of the cuts now being implemented by the University. These

cuts must be resisted in order to maintain educational standards in the future.

I also share the concern of a lot of students as to the state of the main union building. This building should be one of our major assets and yet on many occasions this term the custom has only warranted the opening of one bar. Something must be done about this state of affairs. Executive should find out what students want from their union and should take steps to implement their findings.

I want to see our union active culturally, socially and politically and if elected I will do all in my power to achieve this aim.

Geoff.

Candidate's Name **STEVEN MINNER**
 Candidate's Dept. **FRENCH/GERMAN**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1973**
 Proposed by **S. RILEY**
 Seconded by **P. GILLARD**

Union positions held:
 Member: Arts Festival Committee 1974/75.
 Publicity Committee 1974/75.
 Disciplinary Tribunal 1974/75.
 University House & Outstations Committee 1974/75.
 Catering Committee 1974/75.

THE CUTS IN EDUCATION AND THE FUTURE

It is no good being optimistic about the fate of Higher Education in the next few years. Both Conservative and Labour Governments have cut holes into its budget. Naturally smaller colleges will suffer most in being unable to expand already limited facilities. Poly's and universities "the darlings of Higher Education" are cutting back too. At Portsmouth and Birmingham rents are increased while plans for better accommodation are shelved. At Hull University finance for extending the Union building is withdrawn.

We have already seen the effects of the cuts here. Work on the Economics and Social Studies building has been stopped, postgraduates' teaching time has been reduced, cancelling out an increase in rates, staff-student ratios, particularly in science subjects, will worsen through the non-replacement of academic staff. University Council plans to save £20,000 by reducing cleaning services and the same applies to catering. Prices are already high and will rise even further.

We must organise against these cuts. There must be a campaigning Union Council, com-

mitted to communicating to ordinary members the issues we face.

COMMUNICATION

The size of the campus and the isolation of the Halls means that the information just does not get thru. If more people are going to become involved with the Union, it means hard work, and as a member of Publicity Comm. I've tried to do something practical by distributing Feedback and other literature around the campus.

ARTS FESTIVAL

This term I've been involved with Arts Festival, with particular attention to theatre. Regular music and poetry events are taking place in the M.J. and if there's anything at all that you want to perform, come along to the forum, every Thursday at 8 pm in the Debating Chamber.

I am a member of International Socialist Society, which means that I am in broad agreement with the aims of that organisation.

Please participate. Use your vote.

Steven A. Minner.

Candidate's Name **CHRIS PEPPER**
 Candidate's Dept. **POLITICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1974**
 Proposed by **GLYN ARMSTRONG**
 Seconded by **STELLA CHADWICK**

Union positions held:
 None.

'Involvement' is the key word in any free democratic body . . . which is what the Union claims to be—and how free and democratic it really is depends on the level of involvement.

If the members aren't interested then the Union can't really be said to exist as a body of students.

This year, particularly, we face fantastic cuts in spending on Education both nationally and directly, here in Leeds, coupled with a rate of inflation which means the rapid erosion of our grants. We need action and support in fighting for our rights and standards.

The Union has something of a 'card vote' in these matters, but this is only token currency unless it is backed by the active support of the members (and that's us!!).

But what have this years new members seen? . . .

The chaos of Freshers Week.
 No Union Handbook as yet
 An iniquate first OGM . . . and so on.
 I am not attacking anyone directly but the

image of the Union that this has created . . .
The reality is that to the vast majority of students 'The Union' is simply the building where the bars are!!!

WHAT IS NEEDED is not hot-headed idealism (though as a socialist those on the Right might put me into the category per se!) but a much improved communication within the Union, a rethink of the Union's image with the systems and changes needed to implement this . . .

We have got to begin thinking in a new way, This union has got to combat the traditional viewer-participant (worker-boss) image perpetuated by the 'TV' society' and the whole Capitalist perspective. We must end this Union of spectators . . .

we can all be participants . . . we must all be involved.

THIS IS OUR UNON . . . VOTE FOR ME ON THE 2nd or 3rd DEC.
 (Tannoy me, keep trying!, if you want to chat to me about anything).

Chris Pepper.

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

Union positions held:
 Cultural Affairs Committee.
 Disciplinary Tribunal Chairman and Secretary.
 Combined Studies, Physiology & Biochemistry Dept. Staff/Student Committees.

Unfortunately, as general meetings are now usually inquorate, Union council has become practically the major ruling body of the Union and it is now, therefore, even more essential that students must be elected who have a genuine interest in the running of the Union, and not a preoccupation with furthering their particular brand of politics. Though I believe that politics must inevitably enter Union affairs, at present, petty squabbles between different political organisations appear to be dominating everything at the expense of the interests of most students who just want to use the facilities.

While the Union is in its present financial

crisis, U.C. must make a *determined* effort to review Union expenditure with an aim of reducing it and not just ignoring it. A close examination should be made on such things as expenditure on administration and ways of preventing vandalism to the Union Building. The facilities and societies which are used by the majority of students should not suffer.

Over the last two years I have been interested in the running of the Union and I believe that, if elected, I shall be able to do my best as a member of the Union Council.

Thank you,
 Roger Street.

Candidate's Name **FRANK B. WRIGHT**
 Candidate's Dept. **LAW**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1974**
 Proposed by **DAVID SCHREIBER**
 Seconded by **RICHARD A. HOWARTH**

Union positions held:
 Accommodation Secretary.
 Convenor Accommodation Committee.
 Member Accommodation Bureau Management Committee.
 Member Joint Committee of Council & Senate on Student Accommodation.
 Member Sub-Committees of Joint Committee of Council & Senate on Student Accommodation.
 Member Sub-Committee of House & Estates Committee of University Council.

If elected I resolve to work on your behalf:
 For a reversal of the erosion of the purchasing power of the student grant.
 For the provision of mandatory grants to all students over the age of sixteen.

For an end to discrimination against married women students currently reflected in their grant.
 To uphold and maintain the democratic constitution of the Union.

For an increase in the number of mandated Union delegates on University committees.

To ensure the effective implementation of Union policies.

To reform Unipol to ensure the supply of good accommodation for the student body of Leeds.

EXPERIENCE:
 Recently: Treasurer City of Westminster Branch NALGO.
 Member Officers side, Council and Officers Joint Committee Westminster City Council.

VOTE FOR FRANK B. WRIGHT.

Candidate's Name **CHRISTOPH SCHLIACK**
 Candidate's Dept. **LAW**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1971**
 Proposed by **M. SALEM**
 Seconded by **M. HUSSEY**

Union positions held:
 Member of Union Council.

It is but with diffidence and after some considerable hesitation that I appeal once again to a discerning electorate to support my candidature for a seat on the Union Council. Whilst remaining acutely alive to the more farcical aspects of Union politicking and indeed of University life itself, I am not this time standing on grounds of a purely frivolous or flippant nature.

Dark tempers lower overhead. The Union is at present facing formidable problems largely not of its own making, but caused by the prevailing economic and financial circumstances. To be able to cope, the Executive are going to need assistance, advice and constructive criticism, and contrary maybe to outward impressions, I am both willing and feel able to provide these.

This does not mean I intend to act as a sort of appendix, or extended arm, to the Executive. Far from it. As I see it, the proper role of a Union Council member is to propose and to advise, to supervise and to question, to approve or where necessary to dissent; in such a case, however, to *DISSENT*.

If you credit me with the ability as well as willingness to perform these functions, I invite you to give me your vote.

Leeds, 20th day of November, AD 1974.

Christoph Schliack

P.S. Re-Reading the above, I wonder whether, as a token of my earnest intentions, I ought to have supplied a few suitable cliches such as normally adorn election manifestoes: deploring the prevailing apathy and suggesting some safety non-committal cure for it: ritually invoking "the ordinary student" (a person of *course* always speedily forgotten after elections) and promising to make the Union "more relevant" for him (whatever this phrase is supposed to mean, if anything); above all, emphasising the quite wonderfully selfless and devoted service which your candidate will render unto the Union and unto you. Presumably, however, you have heard it all before and are sceptical about it, and very sensible of you, too. So I shall forebear and merely give you as my simple message: This is YOUR Union, therefore vote for ME.
 Christoph Schliack

Candidate's Name **MARK TURNBULL**
 Candidate's Dept. **POLITICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1973**
 Proposed by **TONY HYNES**
 Seconded by **MIKE HOLBROOK**

Union positions held:
 I am Secretary of International Marxist Group Society.

3 places this time and soon 3 more — resignations from UC continue, why? I am standing as a member of the I.M.G. which doesn't mean all is solved if enough of us are elected (a la I.S.). People are resigning from UC precisely because UC is boring and does what it wants (remember the document signed by 17 members last term — "UC and Socialism"). I would ask people to read Alan Lenton's letter of resignation as it gives an indication of the "left face, right actions" that are taking place.

The main issue I am concerned with is grants and education cuts. The IMG believes that the only way to effectively defend our existing level of grants is a cost of living index with a nil norm threshold i.e. a sliding scale of grants. For every 1 per cent prices rise we want 1 per cent more on the grant.

Within the Union I want to see the abolition of UC and a revival in practice of the oft said, least done slogan of 'all power to the OGM'.

If elected to UC I will fight on this basic and if this proves impossible I shall resign.

Let us be quite clear. The valiant attempts by the IS grouping on UC to bring more democracy to the Union has resulted in the spate of resignations of their "UC base" leaving a path open for the right-wing.

Unlike the IS, the IMG doesn't put itself before the interest of the Union or the mass of students. We don't think it's the end of the world if we don't get elected — replacing right bureaucrats with left ones doesn't automatically give us more democracy.

People should vote for me if they want. UC bust apart, but that can't be done officially until the AGM so please go to that — but in the meantime come to the OGM and tell UC what to do.

Buy Red Weekly.
 IMG Soc. Meetings are held every Monday at 5.15 pm in Committee Room D.

POLLING TIMES
MONDAY 2nd and TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER
 Union Building 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Medical School Common Room 12 noon - 2 p.m.
 Engineering Department 12 noon - 2 p.m.
 Parkinson Building 12 noon - 2 p.m.