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LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION ELECTION OF STUDENT TREASURER

Candidate's Name **WILFRID TILAK
CANAGARETNA**
 Candidate's Dept. **CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1971**
 Proposed by **A. COBB**
 Seconded by **D. H. LESWER**

Union positions held:
None.

We support Wilfrid Canagaretna as a candidate for the position of Union Treasurer because we think he is the right person for the job. He has had practical experience in financial administration connected with budgeting control when he took last year out to work in industry, and this will ensure his being able to get to grips with the special work involved.

He has not previously been involved in Union politics and has therefore no political axe to grind. As he has friends and contacts all over the University, he is in touch with the ideas and opinions current among the majority of students. As Treasurer, he should be able to represent these views, and at the same time do something about putting them into effect.

We have known him personally for three years and are convinced of his competence and

of his sincerity. We advise everybody to vote for him.

Andrew Cobb, David H. Leswer.

This is the first time that I am standing for a Union position. Nevertheless, I feel I would be an effective Treasurer because of the experience in financial work that I gained when I worked in industry last year.

I see the position of Treasurer as essentially administrative. I am convinced that I shall therefore be able to co-operate effectively with the Union Executive, even if I may not agree with them on everything.

If you want a Student Treasurer who is not politically biased and who is technically competent, then give me your vote.

WILFRED T. CANAGARETNA

Candidate's Name **KHALED KASSEM**
 Candidate's Dept. **ECONOMICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1974**
 Proposed by **NICK LAMMING**
 Seconded by **VICKI McCRETON**

Union positions held:
None at Leeds.

I am a committed Socialist who believes that an important propaganda role to play to help mic Development. I arrived here from the Poly- publicise these inequalities. If elected, I shall technique of North London, where, I am proud endeavour to involve as many students as possible to say, I was closely involved in the numerous struggles that took place against the College administration and the now notorious Director Terence Miller.

I am a committed Socialist who believes that the inequalities that exist in our society are not merely the result of human inadequacy and abuse of the system but are fundamental aspects inherent in the social structure, and the only way to rectify this is by profound structural change. In this context, I believe students have

I have held office as Union Treasurer at the Poly of North London for two consecutive years 72-74, during which time we built a strong financial base that has served us well in crises as well as in routine matters. In addition to this, I have chaired many ad hoc committees that were set up to build a strong overseas-students organisation capable of protecting those most vulnerable to attack.

ELECTION OF STUDENT MEMBER OF COUNCIL

Candidate's Name **DAVID BOOTHBY**
 Candidate's Dept. **CERAMICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1969**
 Proposed by **CLARE O'SHEA**
 Seconded by **STEPHEN M. BULLOCK**

Union positions held:
General Secretary.

This session we will be able to play a large part in meetings of University Council. The non-academic, day-to-day matters in the running of the University are dealt with either by Council, or by one of its many advisory committees.

What I have said in my election manifesto for Senate applies with equal force here. The main point is whoever is elected must be representative of the feeling and wishes of Union

members. Our representatives must also be aware of the need for adequate Union representation on University committees, and they must be prepared to fight for this.

In this election two representatives are being chosen to take up places on yet another governing body of the University. These people are there to put forward your views, so use your vote; this is an important election.

DAVID BOOTHBY.

Candidate's Name **DEREK HOWL**
 Candidate's Dept. **ECONOMICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1971**
 Proposed by **M. LITTLEFIELD**
 Seconded by **D. EDMOND**

Union positions held:
S.C.A.R.D. Committee.
Overseas Students Committee.
Leeds Student Editorial Board.
Chile Solidarity Committee (Treasurer).

I am standing for election to University Council on the following basis:

- 1 I shall accept all Union mandates and decisions as to my conduct at meetings of Council, and shall resign immediately in the event of a motion of "no-confidence" being passed in me. I shall see my position solely as a delegate with the responsibility to implement Union policy.
- 2 I, in no way, see student representation as meaningful in terms of altering the University's decision making process — the

University is not a democratic institution. I see the use of representation is in the gaining of information and in the transmission of the Union's position to the University authorities. The possibility of us changing University decisions lies in our ability to act independently, not in our ability to swing committee votes.

- 3 I am a member of the International Socialists Society and shall continue to campaign for its policies within the Union.

DEREK HOWL

Candidate's Name **BOB RAE**
 Candidate's Dept. **COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1972**
 Proposed by **C. ELLIOTT**
 Seconded by **J. McMURRAY**

Union positions held:

- Bar Board 1973-75. Shop Board 1974-75. Union Council 1974-75.
- Network 4 Editorial Board 1974-75.
- Constitutional Working Party 1974-75.
- Chairman of Debates 1974-75.
- Leeds Student Pictures Editor 1973-74.

This year sees the first opportunity for students to take part in the governing of the University. A part which it is vital that the elected representatives are prepared to play to the full in these times of education expenditure cuts.

Already the cuts are taking effect. Lecturers are forced to cope with decreased numbers of Postgraduate demonstrators, causing a drop both in teaching standards and, for those postgrads no longer required as demonstrators, a decrease in living standards. Meanwhile, the University sees fit to spend thousands of pounds on cleaning buildings, planting bushes and grassing land at Wood Lane Flats which is to be dug up when the new Headingley dual carriageway is laid. Centenary celebrations are thought up as the University runs itself further into the red, and unless we are vigilant and act on the re-

sults of our vigilance we will find that as lecturers leave they will no longer be replaced.

As well as actively opposing these cuts and wild expenditure, representatives must also work to ensure that the Union receives a realistic increase in the per capita fee, which comes up for review this year, and ensure that the present University imposed system of electing departmental student representatives to University committees is changed so that the student body has the power of recalling their representatives if it believes them to be acting against student interests.

If I am elected as a Union representative to University Council, I will do my utmost to get changes implemented on the subject I've mentioned, whilst remaining alert to any new developments.

BOB RAE.

ELECTION OF STUDENT MEMBER OF SENATE

Candidate's Name **DAVID BOOTHBY**
 Candidate's Dept. **CERAMICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1969**
 Proposed by **CLARE O'SHEA**
 Seconded by **ROBERT M. BODDEY**

Union positions held:

General Secretary.

This Union exists to provide, among other things, efficient representation for its members. With the revision of the constitution of Senate we now have representation on that body, albeit inadequate. Senate makes the academic decisions within this University, and is in practice, the most powerful organ of University government.

It is important that the person elected to serve on Senate has close contacts with the currents of student feeling. This person must also be fully accountable to Union members through the general meeting. Whoever is elected must be able to put across forcefully the

wishes of his electorate on matters which concern them. Academic matters, dealt with by Senate, are of prime concern to students.

The person elected in this election will have to assist in the battle to get the University to agree to the Union's right to elect its own representatives on University committees. At present, student members of these committees are often appointed by a University administrator.

It is important, that you use your vote in this election, so that whoever is elected, a popular and democratic choice has been made.

DAVID BOOTHBY.

Candidate's Name **PETE GILLARD**
 Candidate's Dept. **SOCIOLOGY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1972**
 Proposed by **DAVE SMITH**
 Seconded by **MICK RIDLEY**

Union positions held:

Union Council 1973-74 & 1974-75.

Secretary, Grants Campaign Action Committee and member of other Union Committees.

Union representative on University Council and University Committees.

Acting Union representative on Senate.

I am standing for election to Senate on the basis of the following points:

- 1 The role of a Union representative is to act as a *delegate* from the Union, carrying out Union policy and instructions from the relevant Union bodies. He must be willing at any time to resign from a committee if the Union passes a motion of "no-confidence" or if he feels unable to follow Union policy — even though the University do not accept this form of accountability to the Union membership.
- 2 Student representation in no way alters the basic undemocratic organisation of the university. Representation in itself only allows

the Union to influence peripheral decisions. Representation must be used firstly to gain information on the University's plans, and secondly to ensure that the University are aware of the Union's position on these plans. On major questions the *only* way to influence the University's decisions is by building a Union which is capable of *taking action* as a whole.

3 As a member of the International Socialist Society, I shall continue to fight for the adoption by the Union of our specific policies *within* the Union structures.

PETE GILLARD

ELECTION OF STUDENT MEMBER OF ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Candidate's Name **ALAN LENTON**
 Candidate's Dept. **SOCIOLOGY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1973/74**
 Proposed by **SID JONES**
 Seconded by **JOHN HARVEY**

Union positions held:

Many.

The Job of Academic Committee

The Academic Committee of Senate is responsible for all matters relating to academic work which are not within the province of the Boards of Faculties. (This includes for instance, Language problems of overseas students, Scholarships, Admissions, Teaching techniques, vacation Studies, etc).

Students on Committees

As with all committees on which students are in a minority, I do not expect, if elected, to be able to make much headway in making any innovations. For the University to agree to any changes, the backing of a substantial part of the student body is required. Only in that sort of context will any notice be taken of student reps.

I envisage, therefore, that the job of the student rep will be to keep watch over the interests of the union on the committee. This I will attempt to do.

Recallability

Finally, I have already been elected by union council, as a temporary member of this committee. The University does not agree and has decreed that I am permanently on the committee. It is a major point of union policy, and one with which I fully agree, that reps on university committees must be answerable to union general meetings. If I am not elected to this post I undertake to resign from Academic Committee to enable whoever is elected to take their seat.

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Candidate's Name **DAVE SMITH**
 Candidate's Dept. **CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1971**
 Proposed by **IAIN MUIR**
 Seconded by **PETER WALKER**

Union positions held:

Cultural Affairs Secretary 1974/75.

Member of University Committees on:

Accommodation, Catering, University Health Service 1973/74/75.

Member of University Council 1974/75.

Education is the one issue in the University that affects us all directly and now for the first time we have representation on the two main bodies concerned with educational standards and methods, the Academic Committee and Senate. It is important that this representation is used to the full.

We must press for reforms to the educational system both inside and outside the University, reforms to the examination system, reforms to course structure, reforms to the tutorial system and many others. With the present cutbacks in educational spending we must also fight against attempts to lower teaching standards and to scrap courses.

I believe that I can be an effective member of the Academic Committee. I have been a member of many other University committees and have always represented Union policies to the best of my ability. I have attended all the

meetings of these committees and will continue to do so if elected to the Academic Committee. As a full time officer of the Union, I shall have no excuse for missing meetings and shall be able to attend meetings during the vacations.

I believe completely in the principal of recallability and if elected I shall be responsible to all students, through the Union General Meeting. I shall report back everything that goes on and shall follow Union policy and mandates to the full. The Union is at present drawing up an Education policy and when this is accepted I shall press for its full implementation.

If elected to the Academic Committee, I shall represent YOUR interests to the best of my ability.

I URGE YOU TO VOTE FOR ME

DAVE SMITH

POLLING TIMES:

Monday, 28th and Tuesday, 29th October, 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 Court: 12 noon to 2 p.m.