

Union Elections Manifestos

EXTERNAL VICE-PRESIDENT

Candidates Name **James Bewsher**
Department **Soc. Studies**
Year of entry to Leeds University **1970**
Proposed by **Abdul Hai**
Seconded by **Steve Ade**
 U.C. 1970-71 & 71-72.
 Accommodation Secretary
 Delegate to N.U.S. Conference
 Action Group for Student representation on Senate.

Under normal circumstances the E.V.P. Has a year of office and is responsible for the Union's external relations with the media and with other universities and colleges through N.U.S. This particular election is rather different, the term of office is short, (Executive will change next term if we have more sabbatical officer). But at this time more than any other we need a good E.V.P.

THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL TO CRUSH UNIONS

Because of the Government's Consultative Document on

Union Autonomy this Union is starting to be involved in a fight for its very existence — A fight that will need good press relations and the close co-operation of colleges and Universities.

I am already a member of the N.U.S. Leeds Area Action Group set up to co-ordinate the fight against the proposals, and I hope to attend the meetings of the N.U.S. National Action Group. The links made with other Colleges and Universities at such meetings would mean that I could be more effective as E.V.P. and make Leeds University more influential at N.U.S. Conference.

My first priority as E.V.P. would be to act within Leeds Area or Nationally to throw

out the Government proposals — to serve our Union.

ACCOMMODATION

Once we have thrown out the Government's proposals the most pressing problem is Student Accommodation, and whilst working as Accommodation Secretary it has become obvious to me that there is a permanent accommodation problem and crisis. It should be treated as such, rather than as an annual October field day for the press. I would therefore like to run a mid-session press/publicity campaign to make this point and press for positive action.

Therefore as E.V.P. I would see my priorities as:

1. To help present publicise and co-ordinate our campaign to actively throw out the Government's Document.
2. To publicise and work for better accommodation.
3. Finally and perhaps most important is to present to the press and public the realities of Student Life and its associated problems rather than plugging "the Student image".

I hope you will vote for me as E.V.P.

JIM BEWSHER.

Candidates Name **Martin Foster**
Proposed by **J. E. Finestein**
Seconded by **M. A. Yates**

UNION COUNCIL

Candidates Name **Mik Allchin**
Department **Mech. Eng.**
Year of entry to Leeds University **1971**
Proposed by **Jim Rodgers**
Seconded by **Frank Moore**

DON'T BE HAD FROM BEHIND!

As a Communist, I am standing for Union Council because:

I believe in greater student participation in Union affairs for the following reasons. Students are under attack from the Tory government who wish to restrict the activity of student unions and students as a whole. The change in student attitudes over the past few years has alarmed the Right, who now wish to put the clock back.

I believe that the Tory attack can be resisted by fight-

ing for student representation on Senate, and thereby consolidating our links with progressive staff and with the university as a whole. Throughout this term, Com. Soc. has been campaigning vigorously through popular action (issuing leaflets and proposing motions at O.G.M.'s), and by pressuring the Union leadership into more militant action. It is due to Com. Soc. that there is now a campaign committee to organise and develop further action.

Another aspect of the Tory attack on working people and students is outlined in the

Housing Finance Bill just published, which means that if passed, landlords and councils will be told to raise rents over the next few years. This threat needs to be met strongly by the student body in alignment with other unions and tenants' associations.

My view is that student interests are best served through their own body, the N.U.S. and in particular through a politically minded Union leadership. The student body should make common cause with working class movements, and develop our objectives and theirs in a common alliance. This does not mean that domestic affairs should be ignored, a strong individual union is the basis of a strong N.U.S.

WE DO NOT NEED A LEADERSHIP WHICH SEES WHICH WAY THE MOB (US), IS GOING AND THEN LEAPS IN FRONT OF IT: DON'T BE LED FROM BEHIND BY HIND!

Not worried?? Nothing to say on the matter??

Not even worried about the little things in life? ... lunch-time queues in the cafeteria, the bars, the size of your grant, day to day things like that?

I AM.
 I want to see an active Union, a Union representing what you have to say about things ... like the things above.

Remember the name!
 J. G. BORGEAT.

Candidates Name **John G. Borgeat**
Department **English**
Year of entry to Leeds University **1970**
Proposed by **Abdul Hai**
Seconded by **Mick Jennings**

WAKE UP!
 The Union's in danger of falling down around your ears! 'Consultative documents,' housing shortages, increasing

rents, nearly a million unemployed (no, of course it couldn't happen to you!), innocent Irish men and women intimidated in your name (you

Candidates Name **Rosa-Maria Greaves**
Department **Law**
Year of entry to Leeds University **1970**
Proposed by **Phillip Dolamore**
Seconded by **Judy Earl**

President of Ellerslie Hall 1970-71.
 Law Staff-Student Committee 1970-71.

This Union needs objective, logical, and unemotional minds to deal with its problems. Excess adrenaline and ultra vires political motives

merely add to the present confusion.

The Consultative Document on Student Unions has presented us with a very critical situation concerning the very survival of our own Union. Though the temptation is to launch a torrent of emotional

protests, only logical argument, in the end, will prevail. By showing the Government and the general public that our Union is properly run and has nothing to hide, our campaign can succeed.

With regard to the running of the Union, the Executive, and Sub-Committee Secretaries initiate the major part of Union policy, and if Union Council is to do its job properly, it should provide practical criticism and commonsense ideas.

IF THIS MAKES SENSE TO YOU. . .

PLEASE VOTE FOR ME.
 R. M. GREAVES.

STUDENT TREASURER

Candidates Name **Brian Macdonald**
Department **Economics**
Year of entry to Leeds University **1970**
Proposed by **Mik Yates**
Seconded by **John Finestein**

Positions held:—
 Union Stage Manager 1971-72
 Technical Services Committee Sec. 1971-72.

Entertainments Committee — 1971-72.

The position of Union Treasurer has two functions — firstly as a specific post and secondly as a member of Executive. Obviously, politics will enter the Union's policy, but as far as possible, I will state my own views and be impartial.

My aims as treasurer will be, if elected:—

1. To join with every other Union member in trying to defeat the plans of Mrs. Thatcher and her aims for Student Unions.

2. To try and provide Union clubs and societies with as much assistance as I can.

3. To try and maintain the smooth running of the Union administration.

Mrs. Thatcher's consultative document will, if implemented, seriously harm, if not completely kill, the Student Union's life. It will mean the end of most clubs and societies and must be contested as much as possible. I am sure that every Union member will fight the proposals and I will, if elected, exert any extra pressure that I might have to save our Union.

At present, I am the Union Stage Manager and consequently come into contact with

many societies and understand their problems. If, elected, I will try, for both clubs and societies, to help as much as possible. Obviously funds are limited but I will try and give everybody a fair share.

The Union is administered by a small Permanent Staff and Executive although policy is decided by Union Council and the Ordinary General Meeting. I will try and organise the financial side of the administration as smoothly as I can.

I will try and fulfil the above objectives if elected to the post of Treasurer. I will certainly serve the Union and Union members to the best of my ability. I am not a bureaucrat, I am not a politician — I am an Ordinary Student Member who would enjoy being Union Treasurer and would try to express his own views — hopefully, the views of many moderate members.

I will try and fulfil the position as well as possible and I ask you to vote for me as Student Treasurer.

BRIAN MACDONALD.

Candidates Name **Michael E. E. Slack**
Department **Social Studies**
Year of entry to Leeds University **1969**
Proposed by **V. Brown**
Seconded by **G. Doherty**

Positions Held. Drunk and disorderly observed in U.C.
 Treasurer of Hassle Hovel.

Karma Sutra 34 for 20 minutes.

Being a man of action and not words, I do not propose to fill this manifesto with WORDS — suffice it to say, I stand on my past record.

Yours obliviously,

Mik

Mik for MONEY!

UNION COUNCIL

Candidates Name **Catherine Dunlop**
Department **Philosophy**
Year of entry to Leeds University **1969**
Proposed by **Frank Moore**
Seconded by **Jim Rodgers**

—Staff - Student Committee representative (P.G. Philo. Dept.).

—Member of campaigning Committee for student representation on Senate.

—Member of Com. Soc. Committee.

IF YOU THINK . . . at the beginning of this session, students are in a difficult and dangerous position, although they haven't all realised it yet. The minister of Education wants to do away with Student Unions as we know them; i.e. Unions that cater for students' needs (food, drink, sport, societies for all tastes), defends students' interests (grants, housing, rents, representation), and through

which students can express their concern and opinion about political issues.

If membership is no longer compulsory, then only the people who affiliate can enjoy the facilities that will remain; and the Union, diminished in size no longer supported by the student body as a whole, will be incapable of fighting for our interests effectively. Furthermore, motions passed by O.G.M.'s against racialism, against unemployment, will be considered as the opinions of a mere clique.

This wholesale attack on the student body comes, as if by accident, at a time when students are 1/ more militant (turn of NUS towards the Left)

and 2/ are encountering great difficulties, same as the rest of the working people: high cost of living — high rents — bad housing — unemployment; for graduate unemployment is but one aspect of a more general situation.

In other words, when we need to be solidly organised to defend ourselves, at this very point, the Government attacks our only organisations. They can't split the Labour Movement, so they try to split us. But we won't be divided! with us we are engaged in battle against Thatcher, thereby joining the Trade Unions in their struggle against the Tories.

As a Communist I firmly stand for this line of action, and I will work for its final success alongside those who support NUS. Through Com. Soc. (group which by the way contains only a minority of C.P. members) I am already involved in the action for representation in Senate, action which is part of the movement to strengthen the student body.

IF YOU THINK ALONG THOSE LINES, GIVE US YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Candidates Name **Malcolm D. Eve**
Department **Medicine**
Year of entry to Leeds University **1966**
Proposed by **John Finestein**
Seconded by **John Bisbrowne**

I have been actively involved in Union politics for the last three years and have held the following posts;
 U.C. — 1969-70.
 M.S.R.C. Exec. (Union liaison officer) — 1971-72.

Cultural affairs committee — 1970-71.
 Ten pin bowling club league secretary — 1970-71.
 Ten pin bowling club treasurer — 1971-72.

Ballroom dancing soc. treasurer — 1969-70.

I have also served on numerous sub-committees within the Union, and have represented the Union on several University committees. I have worked as a steward at Freshers conference for the last 2 years, and as a group leader for 2 years before that.

As M.S.R.C. Union liaison officer, it would be of great

help to me in my work, for the Union, the Medics and all who hire the Lipman building if I were to have a say in the running of the Union through U.C.

As can be seen from the posts I have held, I have an interest in clubs and societies, I would like to see them get as much financial assistance as possible, and certainly no reduction whatever may happen to the control of Union expenditure.

Finally on the issue of the moment, I must express my total opposition to any external control being imposed on Student Unions, a view I am sure is shared by most of the candidates.

SO PLEASE VOTE FOR M.E.
 MALCOLM D. EVE.

UNION COUNCIL MANIFESTOS

Candidates Name **Richard Greenhough**
Department **Economics**
Year of entry to Leeds University **1970**
Proposed by **Steve Ellis**
Seconded by **Martin Scicluna**

I am standing for U.C because I feel I can be of use to the Union and assist in its progress and development. If elected, I shall campaign on the following points:
1. THE THATCHER DOCUMENT:— A totally misconception which should never have been published. We must, though, adopt a **POSITIVE** approach to it — sheer **negativism** will do more harm than good. I believe we should forward the case for a Registrar, with strictly limited powers — the extent of which could be

negotiated between the N.U.S. and the Department. Abuses do exist; and the government has clearly decided some action must be taken.
—WE MUST DISCUSS IT—BLIND REFUSAL WILL RESULT IN THE DOCUMENT'S FULL IMPLICATION—
2. HOUSING:— with 18-months waiting lists for houses in some parts of the country, it is unrealistic to expect the government to release much money to provide student accommodation, which is often

used for only 7 months of the year. We MUST try and help ourselves — I fully support the idea of a Union-run housing scheme.

3. N.U.S.:— Close links with our most effective pressure-group are essential—especially with regard to the grants campaign and "the" Document. We should, though, have the courage to dissociate ourselves from policies which we strongly disagree with.

4. WE SHOULD provide "BEANO" in the Union!

I shall make no other concrete promises — if I did, I would probably find myself eating my words in a month or so's time — EXCEPT that I will be prepared to listen to any student's views and bring up any matter that concerns you, the Ordinary Member, at U.C.

Thank you for reading this.
 Richard Greenhough

Candidates Name **John Mendzela**
Department **Mathematics**
Year of entry to Leeds University **1970**
Proposed by **Abdul Hai**
Seconded by **Dennis Preston**

Firstly, I am completely opposed to the government plan to destroy student unions, and I realize that this is an attempt to stop students making themselves felt on a national basis. These proposals

must be fought and defeated if viable existences are to have a stable existence.

I support the present campaign for student representation on Senate, but realize that the figure at present being dis-

cussed it just a token gesture and that the ultimate aim must be at least one-third student representation, so that students have greater influence on such things as catering and student housing.

Too long students have tended to isolate themselves from the rest of society, and that the future of student unions lies in an alliance with the trade unions in a joint struggle for better living conditions within a truly democratic society, and I promise to put a lot of time and effort into achieving this end.

Candidates Name **Neil Guthrie**
Department **Agric.**
Year of entry to Leeds University **70/71**
Proposed by **Rob Train**
Seconded by **Chris Rowlands**

I want to make it quite clear that I dislike party politics, and consider that the Union has independent. I'm no idealist, and believe that every question should be resolved on its own merits and in the light of the

relevant situations only. I see Union Council as essentially practical in function, dealing with the running of the Union to the satisfaction of all its members; rather than a platform from which to grind my

own axe.
 I confess to a few pet likes and dislikes, two hates being Radicalism and Pettiness, and, as a Sportsman I naturally want to see the sports clubs thrive if I can help it.

A commonsense, business-like approach, to the job is, I think, the most important prerequisite, and that is exactly what I intend to have.

So if you want representative government rather than 'politicians' running your Union vote for people like me. In fact, vote for Neil Guthrie.

NEIL GUTHRIE

Candidates Name **S. P. Meyer**
Department **Education**
Year of entry to Leeds University **1962**
Proposed by **Abdul Hai**
Seconded by **Jim Rodgers**

Member of UC 1967.
 Acting Chairman, Education Society.
 Committee Member, Debates Columnist and Critic, "Leeds Student"

1. Clearly the big issue at the moment is the appalling Thatcher hatchet. This is bad:

we all know it's bad; and I'm against it.

2. In addition with this is the question of student representation on Senate. We must have a **minimum of 10% representation now.**

3. Services in the Union should be run by the Union.

We should not let ourselves be milk-cow for outside profiteers.

4. Students are a part of the community they live in. There must be more interaction between the Union and the citizens of Leeds.

5. Exec may be nice people, but they need watching. I shall try to ensure that they respond to student opinion and student needs.

6. If elected, I shall represent the students, rather than rubber-stamping Exec decisions.

7. Finally, I am in favour of **free comics for the Union.**

Love and kisses
 STEPHEN P.M.

Candidates Name **Michael Jennings**
Department **Economics**
Year of entry to Leeds University **1970**
Proposed by **Martin Scicluna**
Seconded by **John Finestain**

Positions held:—
 Union Council 1970-71 session
 I consider that 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 business arising during the year I will deal with thoughtfully and with the interests of the University students 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 on 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 am elected to Union Council I shall be primarily 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

Candidates Name **I. S. Rappaport**
Department **Dental**
Year of entry to Leeds University **1969**
Proposed by **J. Finestain**
Seconded by **J. Bewsher**

I CORDIALLY SOLICIT THE VOTES OF EVERY UNION MEMBER — except those of the following people — who need not bother:—

1. Those who wish to see Union Council continue in its

present ineffectual form, incapacitated as it is by interminable bureaucracy and frustrating bigotry.

2. Those who do not mind or care that, at the moment, Union Council makes no obvious

attempt to represent the electorate to which it owes its existence.

3. Those who are content with the housing arrangements for students in Leeds as they are now and as they are planned for the future.

4. Those who do not look forward to the establishment of a Union bookshop, to sell textbooks and other academic reading matter, whose profits would be used for the benefit of students.

To the vast majority of you I therefore say that I intend to work towards redressing the losses that we now suffer.

IRVING S. RAPPAPORT.

Candidates Name **Geoff Jones**
Department **Economics**
Year of entry to Leeds University **1970**
Proposed by **Abdul Hai**
Seconded by **Andy Zielinski**

THIS UNIVERSITY NEEDS DIRECT ACTION NOW!
 I BELIEVE there is a serious threat to student life from the Tory Consultative Paper proposals.
 I BELIEVE that Student Representation on Senate is

a necessary powerbase for student control of affairs in THEIR University.

However I am interested in preserving the social and cultural aspects of L.U.U. in their present form. The backbiting "leaders" have never

been able to unite themselves, never mind student opinion, to defend my interests, YOUR interests from the pressing outside pressure. (Witness the IMPOTENCE before Senate).

I wish to see an apolitical, student pressure-group in Leeds, to present a UNITED FRONT to these outside, government pressures and preserve our interests. (Sports Clubs, societies, BARS).

FRESH BLOOD IS NEEDED FOR DIRECT ACTION. FOR D.A.

VOTE G.J.

Candidates Name **Pete Reader**
Department **Geography**
Year of entry to Leeds University **1970**
Proposed by **John Finestain**
Seconded by **Mik Yates**

The Union must strive to cater for all its members and if I am elected to Union Council, I will at all times do everything possible to benefit the student body.

The most important issue facing the Union at the present time is the Thatcher Consultative Report. For this report threatens the whole concept of the Union as it now exists. I will wholeheartedly support the fight of this Union against this obnoxious report.

I am fully in support of additions to the Union building itself, such as the planned Grocery shop and Launderette

as I feel these fill a large gap in the facilities provided by the Union. I also consider that it is now the time for Union Council to start planning for the increased intake of students expected over the next 5 years.

However the function of Union Council is not to be entirely inward looking. I feel that Union Council must place its weight behind the N.U.S. campaigns for higher grants and better housing. For though both of these problems may temporarily seem not to exist in the minds of many people due to the furore over the Thatcher Report, they will al-

ways be with us.

With regard to the Senate controversy, I fully support the case for Student Representation. For it seems clear to me that a good liaison between the University and the Union necessitates student representation on the highest University authority i.e. Senate.

Lastly I feel that the Union cannot attempt to exist in isolation from the community as a whole. For it is clearly evident that even if the Union did not want external events to concern it they still would. The Union must continue to stand out against all forms of prejudice and discrimination.

Thus, I have attempted to outline my position with regard to the main problems facing the Union today. As other problems arise, I will at all times attempt to approach them with one chief aim, that of benefiting the Union and its members.

Candidates Name **Robert McAra**
Department **Economics**
Year of entry to Leeds University **1971**
Proposed by **Abdul Hai**
Seconded by **Frank Moore**

We all realise by now that more than ever before there is an urgent need to lurch out of our apparent decline to face the problems that threaten not only our unions but any political voice we may have in society.

Of course it is desirable to have greater grass root participation and attendance at the O.G.M.'s, but no amount of exaltation will suffice unless the issues and implications of policy are clearly placed before our members.

It must fall to the Union Council to act as the spur and

watchdog for our members' interests. A spur, in the sense that from its position between Exec and general body of students it can agitate both into action, and a watchdog in that it can ensure that the executive follows the will of the members of the Union.

Senate, through its tactics of procrastination, can never hope to avoid student representation, given our will to win this struggle. Senate cannot rule this University without the agreement and participation of this University.

The Thatcher consultative

document represents by far the biggest challenge to us yet. The only way this challenge can be met is by the entire student body fighting together with a common policy. Unity gives us a better chance of success, therefore the policies adopted by NUS should be our policies and no effort should be spared in informing all students.

It should also be one of our main tasks to win the support of the general public and to form a closer bond with the TUC in our fight for survival.

Generally it is essential to generate greater participation by members in all the affairs and struggles of the union. This should be the aim of Union Council and will be my aim if elected, for I believe it would be a loss to every member if, in these important times, the opportunity was lost to make their voices heard.

ROBERT MCARA

Candidates Name **Andrew Zielinski**
Department **Textiles**
Year of entry to Leeds University **1970**
Proposed by **J. Finestain**
Seconded by **M. Yates**

Union Council 1970-71. Textile Society Committee 1970-71/1971-72

Entertainments Committee 1970-71/1971-72.

Student Representation on Senate Committee 1971.

When you vote for me—

YOU'LL VOTE FOR A PERSON— who is non political, but merely a moderate student

member of Leeds University Union.

When you vote for me—

YOU'LL VOTE FOR A PERSON— who has knowledge of the workings of the Union machinery.

When you vote for me—

YOU'LL VOTE FOR A PERSON— who realises that our

Union is in DEEP trouble.

When you vote for me—

YOU'LL VOTE FOR A PERSON—

who wants to help to solve the two major problems:—

The problems:—

(1) Student Representation on Senate.

(2) The Conservative White Paper on STUDENT UNIONS (Concerning finance of Unions, e.g. — Sports Clubs and Bars, etc.

VOTE FOR ME—

SAVE YOUR SPORTS CLUBS

SAVE YOUR BARS

SAVE YOUR UNION

SAVE YOURSELVES.

VOTE ZIELINSKI.