

# Leeds University Union

## BYE-ELECTION FOR

# One member of Union Council

Candidate's Name ... **TOM BAYLISS**  
 Candidate's Dept. ... **LAW**  
 Year of Entry to  
 Leeds University ... **1973**  
 Proposed by ..... **C. J. EDWARDS**  
 Seconded by ..... **JAMES PINNIGER**  
 Union positions held:  
 None.

## Don't vote for me

- If 1 You do not want a moderate voice on Union Council, prepared to give vent to the opinions of many students who have no time for this Union.
- If 2 You think cafeteria and refec prices are reasonable.
- If 3 You are satisfied that the grants campaign being waged is going to get students an improved grant.
- If 4 You are satisfied that nothing need be done about students having to 'live' in slum accommodation.
- If 5 You are satisfied Union money (your money) is being used for YOUR FULL benefit.
- If 6 You are satisfied that talking about the state of Chile is more important than the state of the Union.

IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED THERE IS ONE SOLUTION:

## Vote Bayliss

Candidate's Name ... **BRIAN MARTIN BLACK**  
 Candidate's Dept. ... **CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**  
 Year of Entry to  
 Leeds University ... **1971**  
 Proposed by ..... **SIMON C. JONES**  
 Seconded by ..... **ADRIENE M. WATSON**  
 Union positions held:  
 Rag Committee Member.

Having been an ordinary member of this Union for the last two years, I have tended to watch, and not be actively involved in Union politics. But even though I am now in my final year, I would like to serve on Union Council, should the chance arise.

A lot of people in this union are asking for active support from the student body as a whole, on the Grants Campaign for instance. This is vital, but it isn't forthcoming due to the size of this university on one hand (with all its inherently difficult communication problems) and probably due to the political emphasis placed on issues as well. The student is under attack by inflation and bad Government policy. A unity of cause is needed, but if too

politically biased it will not receive the support it deserves. During the "sit-in" in the admin block, quite a few people came along, willing to help and talk, and left bewildered by the doctrinal differences that were so easily raised. Our problems are fundamental — survival is one of them, and this applies more to future students than us, a point that we can all quite easily forget.

If I do get elected, I promise to do all I can as an ordinary member, and a member of Union Council, to help in the running of our Union.

Thank you for reading this, and please use your vote — it's your right.

B. M. Black.

## POLLING TIMES

Polling will take place on Monday and Tuesday (3rd and 4th December, 1973) at the following polling stations at the times stated.

**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.

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

Candidate's Name ... **DAVID ROBERT BLANNING**  
 Candidate's Dept. ... **LAW**  
 Year of Entry to  
 Leeds University ... **1972**  
 Proposed by ..... **A. BARSTED**  
 Seconded by ..... **S. FURST**  
 Union positions held:  
 Debates Committee 1972-73.  
 Debates Secretary 1973-74.  
 Ex-Officio Member Union Council 1973-74.

### SERVICES

It is important that the services offered by the Union should be developed and improved for the benefit of the student body. Eg. the landerette and Union shop.

### BARS AND CATERING

The bar facilities of the Union are in need of some improvement, notably speed of service at lunchtimes and in the evening. I am against any general unwarranted increase in the price of drinks. Catering facilities within the Union need to be improved, especially the Old Bar at lunchtime, though I am against a takeover of the MJ and Belton. These

services are quite satisfactory as they are and can only suffer by a takeover.

### ORGANISATION

There is too much toing and froing between Union Council, Executive and O.G.M. This leads to inaction and bad management. It must be minimised.

### FINANCE

The Union is in a bad way financially, due largely to mismanagement in the past and largescale wastage of money on projects which it is not the function of the Union to engage in. This waste must be stopped in the future.

Candidate's Name ... **STEPHEN L. HERBERT**  
 Candidate's Dept. ... **ECONOMICS**  
 Year of Entry to  
 Leeds University ... **1973**  
 Proposed by ..... **M. J. SWEETLAND**  
 Seconded by ..... **C. M. HARTLESS**  
 Union positions held:  
 None Stated.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I think it right at the outset to say that my political beliefs at a national level lie in the realms of liberal conservatism.

However, in standing for Union Council I think that greater attention should be paid to matters more immediately relevant to local student welfare. Thus it is my wish to see constant improvements in academic, sporting and cultural facilities and to see more shopping discount rates.

On a higher level I realise the major problem is grants and accommodation. On this issue I believe there is a great need for more constructive proposals to be presented to the general public and authorities, and, presented in such a way as to facilitate support.

The present system of marches, demonstrations, sit-ins and so on merely appear to the outside world as examples of laziness, hooliganism, and communism; so much so that the Government can safely afford to avoid us as political non-entities.

There is no doubt in my mind that a new pragmatic approach must be formulated if we are ever to get anything done and I shall campaign vigorously for that end.

Another problem is that of the bureaucratic enormity of the student union administration that daunts many students, especially freshers, from gaining the full use of the union facilities.

One of my aims would be to immediately set up a "surgery" for any student with grievances, problems, or suggestions related to the university union and I should do my utmost to further their cause should it be justifiable either by direct action in Union Council or by referring them to the official concerned.

Finally, I appeal to the moderate majority to please vote in this election, hopefully for me in order that I may pursue a dynamic but thoughtful approach in Union matters in preference to the starchy-eyed dogmatists of the militant far left, who have succeeded in only one thing: the complete alienation of the general public — the very support we most need.

Yours very sincerely,

Stephen L. Herbert.

Candidate's Name ... **TONY JOHNSON**  
 Candidate's Dept. ... **MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**  
 Year of Entry to  
 Leeds University ... **1972**  
 Proposed by ..... **P. HAYDON**  
 Seconded by ..... **R. HUGHES**  
 Union Positions held:  
 Departmental Staff-Student Committee 1972/73, 1973/74.  
 Entertainments' Steward

For this U.C. this rhyme is writ,  
 To exercise my brilliant wit,  
 To win this seat I've writ this rhyme,  
 I hope you'll vote, if you've got time.  
 I am a sober Engineer, is that clear,  
 And not so apathetic as you fear,  
 In fact, I've got some quite good views,  
 And you'll find them written on walls of loos.  
 Well, to show I'm not really a piss artist,  
 here's my fanimeto in an abridged list of points, to consume as little of your valuable time as is possible.

(1) GRANTS. Sit-ins are a waste of time, we need some serious rethinking on the whole subject.

(2) Let's have a prosperous Union to live in,

and conserve our valuable resources. While were at it, let's have a good place to drink in, it seems cheap booze isn't enough.

(3) Most of us came here for the BANDS. Where have the days of the Stones and the Who gone? Let's make ENTS great AGAIN.

(4) I'd like to see more OGM's held around the campus — like they were a couple of times last year. Put some sanity into the agendas, bring in the moderates.

(5) I'm not a member of any political group within the University but am apt to judge issues with a liberal and social conscience.

Tony Johnson  
 P.S. Don't forget to buy LEWD on Fridays. They thyped thith for me.

## BYE-ELECTION FOR

# One member of Union Council (cont.)

Candidate's Name ... **ALAN LENTON**

Candidate's Dept. ... **SOCIOLOGY**

Year of Entry to

Leeds University ... **1973-74**

Proposed by ..... **MARK TURNBULL**

Seconded by ..... **GREG BENTON**

Union positions held:

Leicester University Staff-Student Council 1969-70.

Leicester University Union Council Member 1969-70.

Leicester University Union Assistant Treasurer 1969-70.

Leeds University Union Staff-Student Council 1973-74.

Leeds University Union Accommodation Secretary 1973-74.

I am standing for the post of Union Council member because I believe that I can contribute to the development of Leeds University Union in a direction which is beneficial to students' interests in both the long and short term.

I regard the fact that I am a socialist as the basis of my contribution. Of course, this does not mean that if elected I will spend my time in purely theoretical discussion. However, it is necessary for members of union council to understand the origins of the crisis of social expenditure which has cut back on such items as our grants and the university facilities. This crisis is felt in an even more acute way by the students as the Polytechnic and it is important to back them to the hilt in any actions that they might take, like the recent occupation. Students cannot by themselves solve the problems that face them, they must link up with other social groups suffering

under the effects of the current cutbacks. In particular the working class. This, however, cannot be done in a mechanistic way, and only in struggle can effective links be forged.

I fully support the grants campaign, of which the recent occupation was a first step. The campaign must build from this action and go forward. I will be working in the Grants Campaign Action Committee to contribute towards this.

I will be available in the Union Exec office at the times stated on the accommodation notice board for any member of the union who wishes to raise any matter. (If I'm not there try the MJ!).

Alan Lenton

Membership of non-student's union organisations:—

International Marxist Group (British Section, Fourth International), Gay Liberation Front.

Candidate's Name ... **PHIL LUDLOW**

Candidate's Dept. ... **CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**

Year of Entry to

Leeds University ... **1971**

Proposed by ..... **PAUL LOASBY**

Seconded by ..... **J. P. GIBBS**

Union positions held:

Ex-Officio Member U.C. 1973-74 as Rag Chairman.

From my experience of U.C. meetings this year I can see how much work is to be done in the Union in our quest for more self-control and higher grants as well as the ordinary matters of running the union on a day-to-day basis.

Unfortunately as an ex-officio member I do not have full voting rights and these are what I am appealing to you for.

The object of Democratic Procedure is to have decisions made by the people who turn up and vote — I am prepared to do it and if ever you want anything bringing up I can be found in the Bierkeller Bar at lunchtimes or messages can be left in the Rag Pigeon Hole by the Porters office.

Yours faithfully,

Phil Ludlow

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

Candidate's Dept. ... **ECONOMICS**

Year of Entry to

Leeds University ... **1971**

Proposed by ..... **JIM BEWSHER**

Seconded by ..... **CAROL JELLEY**

Union positions held:

Secretary of Sub-Committee Against Racial Discrimination 1972-73.

Ex-Officio Member of Union Council 1972-73.

Member of Record Shop/Book Shop/Union Shop Board 1972/73.

Union Council Rep. on Senate Overseas Students Committee.

Union Council Rep. on University/Union Joint Committee on Union Investment.

I have served on U.C. as S.C.A.R.D.'s representative in an ex-officio capacity for the past eleven months. During this time I have come to realise that U.C. plays a crucial role in the government of the union, responsible mainly for the day to day running of the union and consequently taking decisions of importance to all union members. Although the majority of business U.C. discusses might appear to be unimportant trivia, seen as a whole the decisions taken determine in what general direction the union moves and how the union finances are run. Consequently a U.C. Rep should at all times hold the interests of the Student Member foremost in his mind.

My own major interest within the union is its attitude towards combating Racism. I have worked for S.C.A.R.D. since I arrived in Leeds and during that time we have seen several successes. Much more needs to be done however, as regards publicising the activities of the British Government, British firms and even this University in the support of the racist regimes of Southern Africa and in the discrimination

against Black and Asian citizens within our society. I will do my best to increase the unions involvement in Anti-Racism.

Although this is my main interest, I am by no means insular in my approach to the union, up to now I have involved myself in the running of the Union Shops, Union Finances and the University Overseas Students Committee. I believe that I have the ability and the expertise to make a good representative on U.C. I make no wild promises, as it is not within the power of an individual U.C. member to transform the union overnight or to immediately solve its many problems. I can only say that I will use my judgement to the best of my ability for the benefit of union members, present and future.

If you would like to know more about my attitudes and interests, either come and see me in Executive Office (most lunch-times) or ask the Porters to put out a Tannoy for me.

Iain A. Muir

Candidate's Name ... **CHRISTOPH SCHLIACK**

Candidate's Dept. ... **CHINESE STUDIES**

Year of Entry to

Leeds University ... **AD 1971**

Proposed by ..... **R. SPENCER**

Seconded by ..... **T. BOWDEN**

Union positions held:

None.

Once again a discerning electorate is called upon to make its decision known; once again all are invited to uphold the Just and the Honourable; once again let members of this Union come forth to demonstrate their adherence to Style, Dignity and Decorum by supporting my candidature.

It has but been after much hesitation that I have decided once more to descend into the unfamiliar arena of electoral politics. However, I deem that I should be failing in my obligations to all those who so over-whelmingly manifested their support of Tradition and Graciousness and their repudiation of the squalid conditions of much University life in general and the blatant and unashamed vulgarity so sadly in evidence in the Union building in particular.

Are there any so bereft of Propriety as to take pleasure in the sight of oafs and boors nightly assembling in the Union bars to drink

their fill — and more — of various ales and unsweetened gin? Are there any so hardened to the 'sense de la boue' as to wish to condone the demise of Academic Gowns, the widespread lack of attention to matters sartorial? It is not to them that I address myself.

Once more let my Proposals be known: Two rooms, at least in the Union building should be reserved for the use of those wishing to partake of afternoon tea. Positive measures ought to be taken to enable all to be attired in Academic Gowns at all occasions. In addition, I intend to support the establishment of Student Confessionals in all Departments and the appointment of Spiritual Directors and Moral Tutors, so that Holy Mother Church is restored to her rightful position in University Life.

You supported me last time, support me this time. I rely on you; do not fail me.

Christoph Schliack

## BYE-ELECTION FOR STUDENT TREASURER

### D. Boothby Returned Unopposed for Session 1973-74

Candidate's Name ... **DAVID BOOTHBY**

Candidate's Dept. ... **CERAMICS**

Year of Entry to

Leeds University ... **1969**

Proposed by ..... **R. BROWN**

Seconded by ..... **P. CLARKE**

Union positions held:

In previous sessions:

Union Shop Board.

Rag Committee.

Entertainments Committee.

Disciplinary Tribunal.

Union News/Leeds Student.

Services Section Board.

Union Elections Working Party.

Union Government Working Party.

Freshers' Conference Committee and Working Party.

This session:

Voting Member of Union Council.

This Union is a great financial venture, with considerable potential for growth. In the last few years we have had some difficulty in making the budget balance, without taking money from the reserves: we must now look to the future, and investigate as many means as possible of increasing our resources.

We have our own bookshop, bars, record and stationery shops, and these services can surely be utilised to their utmost, so that we get the most benefit from them.

The Student Loan system can and should be reorganised and restructured, so that people who find that their grants are inadequate, can be assisted more effectively. In these days of the government's "freeze", at our expense, such a reorganisation is vital.

I believe that expansion is necessary in all fields, and this may well bring us into conflict

with the University. Amendments to the Constitution at the last Annual General Meeting have done something to counter such an eventuality, but for many reasons, not least of them financial, Union Autonomy is of paramount importance.

The treasurer will have to work with the rest of Executive, and this I would do, without surrendering my independence and initiative.

I also intend, if elected, to seek mandates from General Meetings on broad financial principles, and to guide, and where necessary change, Union policy on these principles, so that we can benefit as many people as possible.

Finally, I urge you to vote in these elections, so that whoever is elected, a representative and democratic choice will have been made by the whole Union membership.

David Boothby.