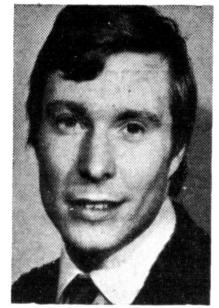
# ELECTION MANIFESTOS

Election for President 1971-72 Session to take place 8th-9th February 1971



## MARTIN EVANS

Dept. Agriculture
Year of Entry 1967
Proposed A. G. W. CRINSON
Seconded PETE WALSH

It is commonplace when standing for office to make a long string of promises. However, it is a fallacy to think that any one person in the Union structure could or should be ultimately responsible for making policies. They are only made by the student body as a whole. The person you elect has to carry these out not merely as an automaton but as a competent negotiator at all levels.

In the past Martin has only undertaken those things which he can do and complete while still continuing his academic course:

#### Nursery:

This project had been in the air for the past 10 years. Martin was elected to the Committee last February and since that time has undertaken detailed surveys of the needs for and the costs of the nursery with the result that it is now opening in October.

#### Catering:

As Catering Secretary, he again carried out detailed consumer research and produced a three point plan for the improvement of student catering. This was endorsed by the North East Universities' Organisation and Methods Unit, brought in to study our catering. Only now is the University realising the full potential of the report.

Staff-Student:

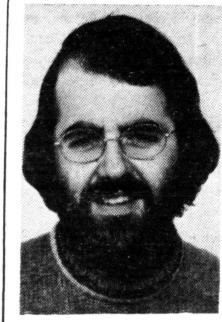
As chairman of its staff-student committee, Martin has prevented the fragmentation of the Agricultural Sciences course.

His other activities include membership of the working party on the establishment of a frozen fod system in the University, of the Academic Advisory Committee, member of U.C. and an N.U.S. delegate.

Martin Evans has achieved all this while still following, uninterupted, his academic course. Given a sabbatical year he will be able to turn his attention to a much wider field of activity.

Welfare is at the moment a dirty word. This is short-sighted. Welfare is the single thing that affects everybody. How much of your £14-10-0 do you get back in facilities? Who gets it? Where does it go? Who spends it? Welfare of the student has been Martin's overriding committment up to now and will most certainly continue to be in the forefront of his own personal activities. But at no time should we lose sight of the fact that we are at a University in the centre of a large and thriving city. At no time should we become so intrespective that we lose all contact with the community as a whole.

Alistair G. W. Crinson. P. Walsh.



## JOHN FINESTEIN

Dept. Law
Year of Entry 1969
Proposed HARVEY MINSKY
Seconded WARREN ROSE

U.C. Member 1970-71

Since my election on Union Council, I hope I have not disappointed the people who voted for me. I said then the role of the University is not isolated — that we have a vitally important role to play in society at large. This is even more apparent in view of recent events. I was a strong supporter of the December the 8th strike and as many of you know its consequences have caused me problems with my Professor. I stood against him because of the principle that was involved. I believe that it was totally undemocratic to be asked to give an undertaking never to strike again, consequently I brought this issue to an O.G.M. I have also tried to redress grievances whenever it has seemed necessary. Hence I have suggested to U.C. a sabbatical year for the editor of "Leeds Student."

I believe that the general role of the President should be based on these lines — conducting the University along a path which runs parallel to the major issues of today, (such as supporting lower paid workers, opposing antidemocratic legislation, and vigour-

ously fighting apartheid), as well as bringing measures to tackle specific problems within the University.

All the candidates have the same basic aims — formation of a better Union with better services. It is very easy to make promises, much harder to put them into practice. The President is not a dictator and is subject to Exec., U.C. and O.G.M.'s. All I can do is give my solemn promise to do my very best.

The recent report on catering is of very great concern and I will most certainly fight against any reduction in catering services.

However by far the most important task of the President is his dealing with students and their many personal problems. He has to fight for the Union rights against those reactionary forces who wish to see student power at a minimum. If elected I promise I will put problems of students above all else.

I can add little more. I hope you will vote for me and that in the year to come we will see a healthy students' Union playing a vital role in opposing social inequality and any form of discrimination.

Thank you for reading my manifesto.

J. Finestein.



## **ABDUL HAI**

Dept. Mining & Mineral Sciences

Year of Entry 1961 & 1967
Proposed JOHN TOUGH
Seconded M. P. B. FARRER

Positions held:
1970
July-November Cultural Affairs Secretary
Present House Secretary
Present Acting Cultural Affairs Secretary
N.U.S. Delegation
Student/Staff Committee
Representative of Overseas Students on the
Senate
Chief Editor of Pragati
Various other sub-committees

\*1964-1967 In Industry, Member of N.U.M.

I conceive of a University as an integral part of the wider community, a part in which students can contribute and participate both for their own education, in wider community affairs, such as student community action, and in society, such as through N.U.S.

The University ought to and must allow all shades of opinion and inclination to explore and to develop their potentialities to the full.

I think this can be effected, and a President should be prepared to foster it. The post requires the adoption of a balanced attitude towards student affairs whilst taking decisions regarding the day to day running of the Union.

I believe that my previous involvement and knowledge of many areas of Union affairs will stand me in good stead as President. This permits me to offer myself as a candidate and put myself at your disposal.

If I am elected, I would like to see the following:

i. An increased and more meaningful participation of students in University government. It seems to me that only students themselves can adequately express students problems on Senate etc.

ii. Since the U.G.C. are not providing money for further student accommodation at present, we must go ahead ourselves to run a housing scheme.

iii. Continued backing of the pressure by the Union and the N.U.S. to obtain an increase in grants to match recent inflation, and to oppose loans for either undergraduates or post-graduates. iv. We have good reason to be proud of our efforts at community involvement. Student community action and Action Society must be encouraged.

v. The N.U.S. is now a credible and forceful pressure group on the government on our behalf. We must ensure the unity of all students within the N.U.S.

vi. To explore and establish an adequate welfare fund to help our members in desperate need.

vii. Cultural affairs budget should be brought near Athletics, and a sabbatical officer should look after it.

viii. An effective campaign for the reduction of overseas students' fees and charges from its present discriminating levels, as supported by N.U.S.

There is no room for smugness — many reforms and initiatives are crying out to be made. I hope that I have shown my competence and ability during the last seven months as House Secretary and Cultural Affairs Secretary — and that I will be permitted to show it again as President.



## KEN HIND

Dept. Law
Year of Entry 1968
Proposed MIK YATES
Seconded ANDY WARD

Law Society Committee 1968-69
Editor of Union News 1969-70
Publicity Secretary 1970
Union Council Member 1969-70, 1970-71
Union Treasurer 1970
Chairman of Entertainments Committee 1970
Rag Committee Publicity Manager 1969-70
Catering Committee 1969-70

A Union as large as ours needs a strong President who will provide strong leadership and co-ordinate the far flung elements to run an efficient Union. To do this there must be communication. Ask yourself 3 questions about the ruling body of the Union, Union Council

- Do you know anyone on Union Council or Executive?
- 2. Do you feel you are adequately represented?
- 3. Do your views get through to those who are running the Union?

For most people the answer to these questions is "No". Solution:- abolish Union Council in its present form, and bring in a constituency system based on the Departments. 300 students to a constituency electing a representative from amongst themselves by secret ballot in their Department to represent them on a student representative council, which would run the Union. I am proposing this to the A.G.M. on February 11th.

#### Catering

Government cuts in catering mean that the service would be reduced to coffee and sandwiches. The problem would be solved by the Union taking over the catering service, and applying for a £3 increase in Union fees.

A finance supremo in charge of buying, and a catering officer to deal with meals could be employed. Restructuring of staff and catering could mean better and cheaper meals.

N.U.S.

Is N.U.S. worth £3,500 to the Union? I promise a total scrutiny of N.U.S. costs and viability. £3,500 a year is a lot to pay for a Government negotiating body, £700 of which is spent on conferences.

#### Services and Welfare

I hope to implement Services should be expanded wherever possible. A Welfare Fund I planned as Treasurer, putting aside £1,000 a year to help students who get into financial trouble for whom loans are useless.

#### Societies and Clubs

As a regular sportsman, and former member of society committee, I appreciate the acute financial and administrative problems facing societies and clubs. Termly forums of all presidents and committee members would improve communications and air problems.

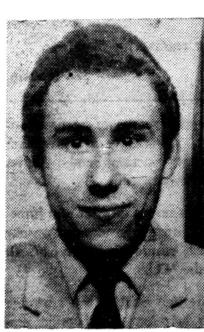
#### Entertainments

Hop prices are rising and whenever possible I will try to keep them down. Discos midweek would help many students who find it difficult to meet the opposite sex.

As a President I would be very concerned with finance, and public relations, and I will represent the Union whenever possible.

What is needed is an efficient Union. Departmental representation is the answer, facing our initiative outwards, not politicking amongst ourselves. All I can promise is hard work, backed up by experience.

Ken Hind.



## KEITH PEPPERELL

Proposed

JOHN BUTTERWORTH

Seconded ADRIAN GARSED

Positions held:

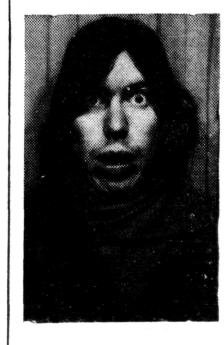
Vice-President L.U.U. 1970
Chairman Education Committee
Chairman Welfare Committee
Chairman Catering Committee
Chairman Debates Committee

It seems to be a shame that there are no new faces standing in this election, all the candidates have been around the union since time immemorial.

The thing that this Union should provide for you is a service, somewhere to get something to eat, drink, and to meet people. The Union is providing that service at the moment but like all services it can be improved upon.

I am asking you to vote for me simply because I think I would make a better President than the other candidates. Let's keep the Union politically alive before the lethargy that has been threatening union politics and activities really sets in. Let us ensure that the Union gives us the service that we want from it and if we don't get what we want lets do something about it.

Keith Pepperell.



## GEORGE A. SALLOWS

Dept. Combined Studies

Year of Entry 1969

Proposed HUGH EDWARDS

Seconded THOMAS EXLEY

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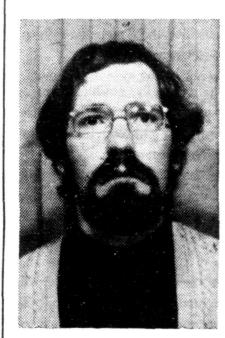
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### **BILLIE SCOTT**

Dept. Procter
Year of Entry 1965
Proposed
BRIGID J. KINGHAM
Seconded A. KARUNANITHY

Manifestos are supposed to extol the virtues of the candidate, and to explain just why you, the voting public, should elect him.

To anyone who has yawned their way through the rest of the trite garbage that is displayed here, persisting long enough to read this, all I can say is that I have few virtues that I can think of, and can promise you only one thing if I am elected — an unmitigated chaos.

If elected, I shall resign at once; I mean, would You want to be President? As a consequence the elections will have to be held again, (Union constitution, Chapter 4. 2. E. (i) a.) and of course I shall stand

again, and hope to repeat the whole splendid procedure.

In this way, the eager aspirants to this miserable office will be thwarted for at least a year (Union Constitution Chapter 4. 2. E. (i) b.), and with a bit of luck the great Union bureaucratic machine will blow its turgid mind.

To demonstrate my contempt for the office, and the people who reach for it, I shall, other than this text, in no way publicize myself during the election, or take part in any of the usual bombastic revels.

Sincerely,

Billie Scott.

## POLLING WILL TAKE PLACE:

MONDAY, 8th and TUESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1971

**Polling Stations:** 

Union — 10.00 until 19.00

Medical School — 12.00 until 14.00

Engineering School — 11.00 until 14.00