

ELECTION MANIFESTOS

Internal Vice-President



MICHAEL EDWARDS

Dept. C/S Biology

Year of Entry 1968

Proposed **ABDUL HAI**

Seconded **GUY MADEWELL**

Positions held:

Accommodation Secretary (1970)

Union Council (1970-71)

Combined Studies Staff/Student Committee (1969-71)

Zoology Staff/Student Committee (1970-71)

When standing in an election it is easy to promise many things — that these promises are not carried out may be because they were merely electioneering or, as Guy Madewell said in the A.G.M. this year, because the Executive are people and therefore fallible.

I have been at Leeds for three years, during which time I have been closely involved in most of the areas covered by the I.V.P. My views on policies to be followed in these areas are as follows:-

(i) **Accommodation:** More co-operation from the University Lodgings Office for students looking for flats; more effective student participation in decisions about University Accommodation Policy; the setting up of a Union Housing Society as recommended in the Accommodation Project Report.

(ii) **Education:** Wider methods of assessment at all levels of Degree Courses; more status for Departmental Staff/Student Committees; Union help with publicity when desired by committees.

(iii) **Welfare:** The Union Nursery is in danger of being axed for 'financial reasons'. We have been campaigning for this for many years; for it to be stopped now by a few petty-minded bureaucrats would be tragic.

(iv) **Publicity:** A wider variety of posters for Union Functions and Meetings.

(v) **Catering:** The University has offered to give the Union the Catering Facilities — plus £40,000 deficit, and are now trying to push us into accepting these terms. Although Catering should be Union controlled we should not merely take over an inefficient system.

I feel that the O.G.M. is the supreme policy body of the Union and that Executive is bound to keep a Union Mandate. Executive Officers cannot act as entirely free individuals. As I.V.P. I will endeavour to be open to all who are interested in, or have suggestions about the running of the Union.

This election is important and I urge you all to use your vote.



JANET JURICA

Dept. Colour Chemistry

Year of Entry 1967

Proposed **JUDY LEA**

Seconded **MIK YATES**

Positions held: Students Loans (1969-71)

Overseas Students' Secretary (1968-70)

Member of Union Council (1968-69 [ex-officio] 1969-71)

Member of S.C.A.R.D.; W.U.S.; and Education and Welfare Sub-Committees.

Joint Committee of Council and Senate on Overseas Students.

University Sub-Committees on Halls of Residence and University Flats

Academic Planning Committee

(Sciences and Applied Sciences)

The post of Internal Vice-President carries with it a responsibility for the 'co-ordination and organisation of the Internal Information Services and Education and Welfare Policies'... besides any other odd jobs that the President happens to burden you with.

This means that, for any-one who wishes to take on the job, a knowledge of how the Union is run and its policy on Welfare and Education matters is a very valuable and vital prerequisite.

I have worked in the Union for a number of years now particularly with the welfare of Overseas Students, in this work one has to get involved with so many aspects of life that there is now very little that I have not had to fight for or point out to the relevant people. (Not always with the success I would wish for).

This has, of course, given me very valuable experience which I will be able to use if you elect me to this post.

My policies—which have been enumerated in my previous manifestos for Union Council, have not changed. I am not a particularly 'political animal' and judge each subject on its own merits.

The Union should provide a service to its members and this must be done in the fields which affect the student most. I fully support Staff/Student Committees and feel that they should be autonomous... with the Union only providing the services for dissemination of knowledge and helping with any problems.

As a sub-committee secretary I had to struggle, very frequently, against Executive members who seemed to see their posts purely in terms of 'power' and shrouded even trivial things with red-tape. I firmly believe that the Executive should work for the Union membership and this I promise to do should you elect me.

External Vice-President



MARTIN FOSTER

Dept. Philosophy/Politics

Year of Entry 1970

Proposed

BERNARD PHILLIPS

Seconded **ALUN WILLIAMS**

Positions held:

Secretary of Debates (1970-71)

Union Council (1970-71)

(ex-officio)

There are again in this type of election the people who are simply seeking a post either as 'promotion' or through failure to get in higher up. This does not imply that I am going to make pretensions to unswerving dedication and inflexibly honourable motives but I will claim the greatest interest in the job for its own sake and the necessary ability to do it.

In a University the size of Leeds the question of relationship with the rest of the world has to be an individual one expressed either personally or through a body in which participation is voluntary. The Union fits neither category except in the very rare instances of overwhelming agreement. So the Union should devote the whole of its time and resources to satisfying its members.

The External Affairs Vice-President must therefore be concerned with securing the best interests of the Union when dealing with outside bodies. The Press in particular needs careful attention to ensure accuracy and objectivity in reporting Union affairs and incidents.

An issue which always figures prominently is that of N.U.S. The Union is now proving that it can supply much the same services. It is no use saying that the situation needs reviewing, we must demand from N.U.S. much greater evidence that it is giving value for money.

I offer a broad outline of policy because detailed plans given before taking office are nearly always worthless.



JOHN FINESTEIN

Dept. Law

Year of Entry 1969

Proposed **CHRIS GREENFIELD**

Seconded **BRIAN JACOBS**

Positions held:

U/C Member (1970-71)

Freshers' Conference Committee (1970-71)

I see the role of the University in two lights — one is concerned with the running of the university, and the other the role of the university in the community. It is this latter role that concerns the External Vice-President.

The task of the E.V.P. is basically to portray the Union's role in society, never forgetting our image in the eyes of the people of Leeds. Hence I supported the Union's December 8th policy when a democratically passed decision showed opposition to the Industrial Relations Bill in the form of a one day strike and march. However, there was no compulsion to go on strike — and this was correct for as much as I supported December 8th, I believe we cannot force views on other people who wanted to go to lectures.

Nevertheless I believe we cannot keep outside affairs out of the Union. What happens outside if it does not affect us now certainly will when we leave university. It is selfish and narrow minded to believe we should isolate ourselves. Our claims for higher grants are parallel to many justified claims for higher wages. Hence I see the E.V.P. as a position controlling and organising student protest to the reactionary policies of this

Government and to the inherent injustices in our society. We just cannot sit by and let the proposed Immigration Bill become law.

Other issues I feel strongly on include bettering relations with other education establishments, especially sixth form colleges consistent and active support to organisations like Rag and Action, as well as support for N.U.S. which is our one hope for better grants to offset increases in halls, meals and flats.

Lack of space permits me from putting down only the barest outline of my policies, and I hope those of you who wish to question me on any point will not hesitate to do so.

Finally, I would sincerely — and I mean sincerely — like to thank all of you who voted for me in the Presidential campaign. In view of attacks on me throughout the campaign I am truly grateful.

As retiring External Vice-President, I consider Johnny to have the necessary qualities for the job. I know him to be very enthusiastic and I am sure his enthusiasm will be channelled along paths beneficial to the Union. I know he will not disappoint those of you who vote for him.

Signed, Chris Greenfield.



CAROL PACKHAM

Dept. Psychology/Sociology

Year of Entry 1969

Proposed **ABDUL HAI**

Seconded

JENNY CRAVEN-GRIFFITHS

Positions held:

Hon. Sec. Third World Group & U.N.S.A.

Working Member of Action Pakistan Relief Fund Committee

If elected I will aim to carry through the actions that I believe are necessary to ensure that the University's participation in the community is increased. This, I believe can be achieved by expressing solidarity through N.U.S. of national and international student movements — not only concerning the community as a whole, but also forwarding moves towards increased students independence.

Through N.U.S. I will attempt to:-

(a) Change the present system of grants (no 'means test').

(b) Improve the present system of accommodation.

(c) Bring overseas student's fees to the level of 'British' students.

As a member of Exec. I would be able to forward moves towards:-

(a) Improving student accommodation.

(b) Improving the catering system.

(c) Making sure that mandatory motions passed at O.G.M.'s are passed through Exec.

(d) Ensuring the existence and maintenance of an adequate day nursery.

I will do my best to carry out this policy — and be hard working to represent the body of Leeds Students.

Carol Packham.

Union Council

NICK BATES

Dept. Electrical Engineering

Year of Entry 1970

Proposed CHRIS GREENFIELD

Seconded JILL PERKS

Positions held:

Vice-Chairman of Liberal Society

If elected to Union Council I will work in the interests of all Union Members. I have set out below my views on certain issues.

Student in Society

Students must realise that they are an integral part of society. We have a role to play not only concerning national issues but also in relation to the city of Leeds.

N.U.S.

We must support the N.U.S. as strongly as possible. Besides the useful services which it provides, such as cheap travel, insurance, etc., the N.U.S. must campaign for the student body on a national level. If the campaign for increased grants is to succeed every student must help in any way he can.

As students are part of society, it is unrealistic to think of the N.U.S. as being different from any other union and as such N.U.S. must be affiliated to the T.U.C.

Student Representation

There are supposedly 10,000 adult students in this University but student representation on University governing bodies is pitifully inadequate. We cannot expect staff-student committees to achieve anything worthwhile unless they are given greater power. Only students themselves can express student problems.

Services

Much must be done to improve Union services.

Catering services must be run more efficiently.

With the proposed increase in the number of students coming to Leeds, the University must take immediate action to provide more accommodation at reasonable rents.

More provision must be made in the union for student welfare.

Nick Bates.

JOHN GERALD

BORGEAT

Dept. English

Year of Entry 1970

Proposed NEIL CORRE

Seconded JOHN TAYLOR

THIS UNION IS NOT RUN EFFICIENTLY. IT HAS LOST THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS. (BEEN TO ANY O.G.M.'s LATELY?)

WHY?

BECAUSE ITS HIERARCHY RUN IT AS THEY WANT.

YOU ARE THE UNION! EXEC. AND U.C. ARE RESPONSIBLE TO YOU!

IF I AM ELECTED AS YOUR REPRESENTATIVE I SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO YOU.

I STAND . . . FOR A UNION THAT DOES WHAT YOU WANT; A UNION WHICH TAKES AN ACTIVE PART IN N.U.S. POLICY FORMATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

N.U.S. IS OUR NATIONAL UNION (GRANTS EVEN?).

I WANT TO SEE BETTER ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDENTS; BETTER UNION FACILITIES; BETTER CATERING; LESS WASTE OF YOUR MONEY; MORE RESPONSIBLE HANDLING OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS . . . WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE.

JAMES ROBERT

BEWSHER

Dept. Geog./Soc. Combined

Year of Entry 1970

Proposed JILL E. PERKS

Seconded DAVID TEALE

Although I am interested in many of the Unions spheres of action, it would be foolish to suggest that I could possibly cover all the work that it does. However I am particularly interested in three fields of activity which at the moment desperately need help and where I feel I could be of most use.

Welfare

At the moment Student Welfare facilities are much neglected, mainly because for most people welfare services are unnecessary and unwanted. It is only when you run into difficulties, financial, personal or mental, that they become important; vitally important. It is therefore absolutely necessary to maintain a high standard of welfare services so that they are available for students when they are required.

Grants

At the moment most students can exist on their grant without experiencing dire personal hardship or starvation. For this reason the recent "Grants Campaign" has been a non-issue. I have been helping with this campaign and will continue to do so as I believe

that in the coming year in spite of any small increase in grants the true value of the grant will drop as a result of rapid inflation. Higher food prices, rents and residence fees will drastically reduce the standard of living of most students.

Publicity

For the Union to function as a body its members must be aware of what is happening. This can only be achieved through an efficient publicity network. At the moment only one person is doing all the work; an impossible task. This means that although information is put out in the Union it does not reach the members of more distant departments such as the engineers and the medics; consequently they cannot partake fully in Union affairs especially short-notice O.G.M.'s. I believe that this situation should not be allowed to continue.

These then are three sections of Union activity in which I am particularly interested and which need help; help which I aim to provide.

Jim Bewsher.

MICK BRUFF

Dept. English

Year of Entry 1969

Proposed BRIAN MANSON

Seconded DAVE SIMPSON

I stand for Union Council by reason of the fact that very few of the improvements in Union social facilities that have been mooted (launderette, grocery shop, etc.) seem to be getting through. The odds are they won't get through any quicker with me on U.C., but with luck they might. Aside from these improvements, I stand on the grounds that this University, and all other universities and colleges, is an integral part of society, and if we, as some would have us do, stick our ostrich skulls in the sands of some academic limbo, we silently condone the present unsatisfactory status quo and preserve it.

People outside are getting a bad deal, and it seems fashionable (or maybe it's just Apathy) to ignore their plight. Unfortunately we kick ourselves in the teeth in so doing, because when we get out there our deal will be as bad. So I maintain that this Union for the benefit of its members in the future, and for that of others then and now, ought to involve itself more fully in the workers' struggle outside (there, you can stick a Left-wing label on me now). So, unless you're going to grow up and be a Conservative P.M. or a factory owner, vote for a faint chance of a better Union and a better future. I can't perform miracles, but I'll do what I can.

GEORGE DEWEY

Dept. English

Year of Entry 1969

Proposed RICHARD WILLIAMS

Seconded LEONORA WOOLLAM

Let me point out that I am to no great extent free from the mediocre, self-indulgent and constipated condition, which the student herd passively shares with that lurid and uninspiring morass we call our civilisation. I shall however state my dissatisfaction with this 'Union' of ours, this being the people who constitute it, rather than the eating and drinking places where we may frequently stagger into each other. We seem to be grinding to a halt, on early middle-age. Whatever the scientific cause of this premature deficiency in brain cells it is still much related to the fact that we are dominated, far more than we should be, by the prevailing mentality of our society — superficiality and conformity of thought, fear to act, fear of human contact, fear of frank expression, fear

of depth. We are slowly and sadly falling into line with Western society, which, if you hadn't noticed, stinks.

We shall, in our overprivileged position, be able to analyze society, rather than being swamped by it, support the people who need support (no, I don't mean the Tory government) and help fight the injustices which we should see more clearly from a supposedly less prejudicial and self-interested position. Above all, we should develop and believe in our own individual outlooks on society and mankind — if we do not do this, we will be of no use to anyone but the unenlightened perpetrators of the present hideous system.

I might possibly be of use to you — make up your own mind — Happy voting.

UNION COUNCIL

MARTIN C. DIX

Dept. Psychology

Year of Entry 1969

Proposed JON HOLMES

Seconded JOHN FINESTEIN

Positions held:

Soc. Soc. Publicity Sec.

Psych. Soc. Publicity Sec.

The Union, so far as the great number of students is concerned, exists only to provide entertainment and, for the time being, cheap food; as it stands, with catering, entertainments, etc., run on bases of pure economic viability, the whole lot could be hired off to private enterprise without eight thousand students really noticing. This malaise must be shaken off — the Union could and should represent an expression of student sentiment, and a fulfillment of student needs and wishes in every possible way.

Union Policy is to affiliate through N.U.S. with the T.U.C., this I thoroughly support. We must identify closely with N.U.S., especially on such major national issues as that of grants, in order to fight the possible

introduction of a loans scheme, any dilution of the staff/student ratio, and in general any diminution of the position and role of students in society. I am in favour of the introduction of a student wage, the furtherance of student participation in University administration, and working towards ultimate student control of central services such as catering.

I am avoiding specific resolutions because I feel that the important issues must be viewed in a long-term, and national framework, and that real benefits can only be fully achieved given either an increase in Union Fees or extra grants from the University.

IAN LEWIS

Dept. Bacteriology

Year of Entry 1969

Proposed CHRIS GREENFIELD

Seconded ABDUL HAI

Positions held:

Vice-Chairman of Liberal Society

I cannot pretend to have any revolutionary changes that I would like to make, if elected, however as a Liberal, I consider it necessary to have a radical U.C. to oppose those who prefer to see the Union governing bodies tied down by obsolete bureaucracy and petty political squabbles.

I support the Unions involvement with N.U.S., which is your Union representing you on a national level, and I will fight in support of N.U.S. policy for higher grants and better conditions for students.

I would like to see much greater co-operation within the societies and sub-committees with the Polytechnic, leading to the eventual investigation of the possibility of a joint Union.

Student health neither has the time nor the facilities to solve non-medical student

problems, we need a full time student Counsellor employed by the university and working in the Union, as the Union membership will be approaching 20,000 in nine years time, this will soon be a matter of great urgency.

I believe the general apathy among Union members, is due to the fact that Union affairs often seem too obscure and distant to be of any relevance. I will do my best to see that the Union gives you the service you require and that all decisions and policies affecting you are properly broadcast and carried out in your interests. I am prepared to discuss difficulties and problems with those who have complaints about the running of the Union, to bring Union affairs to you the ordinary student member, and to rid once and for all Union Council's elitist attitude

MICHAEL JENNINGS

Dept. Economics

Year of Entry 1970

Proposed BRIAN JACOBS

Seconded JOHN FINESTEIN

I consider that the Union has a dual role — internal and external. I cannot put forward 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 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 in isolation. No matter what way we view the situation, outside events

will either effect us at university or certainly when we leave. Just because we are in an artificial environment we cannot ignore the pleas of the underprivileged and the discriminated. Hence if I was elected on to Union Council, as well as being concerned with students and the internal running of the Union, I would certainly support union policy in outside events.

I hope I have made my platform quite clear; I am 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.

BARRY McCARTHY

Dept. Fine Art

Year of Entry 1967

Proposed EDWARD BAKER

Seconded JULIA MEADOWS

I hope to affect some of the items paragraphed below.

The pathetic state of Union politics, politicians and the apathy surrounding O.G.M.'s A.G.M.'s etc. will get worse, and only Union Council can counteract this turgid trend.

Money spent in Union activities can be used negatively or positively — for instance, most of thousands spent on representative sport benefits only the small number who actually play and the Senate who thinks the University gains prestige thereby — which is crap (CRAP), whereas money spent in the various cultural activities benefits a far

greater number of people to a far greater extent. Yet more is spent on sport than culture!

The Saturday Hop (excluding exceptions like Stones, Who) is no more than a stereophonic cemetery. If this Union's policy had been that of Rock and Roll lovers since the '60's, the Stones would never have been heard of.

If this lot sounds garbled then it probably is, I had 1/4 hr to get the f - - - - done.

Mac.

RODERICK WILLIAM MILLAR

Dept. Fine Art

Year of Entry 1969

Proposed DENIS CODY

Seconded DENIS McKINNEY

HAVING SAT BACK AND WATCHED NUMEROUS FILE-CARRYING TALKATIVE POLITICIANS UTILIZE OR EXPLOIT UNION COUNCIL FOR THEIR OWN EGO-TRIP IDEALS. I NOW WISH TO ENTER IN THE HOPE OF CAUSING ENOUGH FRICTION TO GET THIS CLOGGED-UP MACHINE MOVING FASTER.

I ENTER AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PERHAPS HOPING THAT NOT HAVING A PARTY LABEL HANGING ROUND MY NECK WILL ALLOW ME GREATER FREEDOM TO ATTACK THOSE WHO HAVE.

MY AIMS ARE SIMILAR TO MOST STUDENTS WHO WILL STAND FOR

THESE POSITIONS. I DON'T HAVE ... TO TELL YOU THAT THE FOOD SERVICE STINKS... THAT BAR ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE BETTER... THAT A SUPERMARKET-TYPE SHOP WOULD HELP... MAYBE THE INSTALLATION OF LAUNDERETTE... THAT THE MACHINES AROUND THE UNION ARE CONSTANTLY BROKE...

YES, ALL THESE THINGS YOU KNOW AND ALL THESE THINGS I KNOW.

AND WE BOTH KNOW THAT THE TWITS IN UNION COUNCIL HAVE LET THESE CONDITIONS EXIST FOR YEARS.

LET'S CHANGE IT TOGETHER. VOTE ROD MILLAR.

P.S. TA FOR READING THIS.

UNION COUNCIL

CHRISTOPHER R. PAGE

Dept. Chinese Studies

Year of Entry 1969

Proposed **STUART GREENMAN**

Seconded **DER SHI WANG**

I AM JUST AN ORDINARY MEMBER OF LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION AND AS SUCH I HAVE A STRONG DESIRE TO SERVE ONLY THE OTHER ORDIN-

ARY MEMBERS OF THE UNION PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR VOTE.

CHRISTOPHER R. PAGE.

DEREK M. SEEX

Dept. Medicine

Year of Entry 1970

Proposed **N. A. G. SMITH**

Seconded **RON P. LUND**

Before I came to the University last October I fully expected the Union to be full of cliques, and I was not disappointed. We have all heard the names of most of the members of U.C., and indeed, we may even recognise some of them if we see them in the Union; but apart from that, to most people, they are just members of the bastion of bureaucracy which governs the Union.

Every election and every general meeting held in the Union reflects the apathy which is prevalent among Union members, most of whom would agree that improvements should and could, be made. No improvements will be made, however, unless enough people make it clear that they are not prepared to sit back and do nothing about it, but make their points forcefully to those who, it is felt, make all the decisions.

Having attended O.G.M. after O.G.M., virtually all of which have been inquorate, and the last A.G.M., which, although quorate, was a farce, it has become evident to me that members of the Union have no intention of doing this. I am convinced, however, that this apathy is not inherent in the attitudes of

most students, but is encouraged by the feeling that anything that is suggested or proposed must come from me or other of the political hacks whom we see around the Union, leading their small groups of politicians. And who could blame them for fearing that their voice will not be heard above the others' moanings?

It would be unfair of me to claim to be apolitical — indeed I am a socialist — a socialist because I believe in equal opportunities for all — but I am not a dogmatic revolutionary socialist who is unwilling to listen to anybody else's point of view and discuss it with them. Perhaps I am too traditionalistic in believing that the pen is still mightier than the sword — but I like to feel that I am merely a social democrat.

I am well aware that it is impossible for all the 9,000 students at the University to know the members of U.C. personally; all I am concerned to achieve is the elimination of the cliques which exist at present. I believe I could serve on U.C. without joining a clique and appeal to you to give me a chance to try.
Derek M. Seex.

SIMEON THROWER

Dept. Law

Year of Entry 1969

Proposed **R. F. VENN**

Seconded **J. DOWSE**

I will represent YOU on Union Council.

Not myself, or a minority group, but the majority of students, who want better facilities.

U.C. is stagnant. None of last year's proposed reforms such as the supermarket or the nursery, have been implemented.

When the council managed a quorum, these proposals were undermined by perso-

nal conflicts and minority interests; the wishes of the student body as a whole, were ignored. U.C. must be a unified body working in the best interests of the student community, and that means better facilities.

I will represent YOU on Union Council.
J. S. Thrower.

ROBERT GEORGE WALTERS

Dept. Agric. Sciences

Year of Entry 1969

Proposed **Miss A. M. COATES**

Seconded **Mr. A. M. BURROW**

I think that first of all, I must state that until a few weeks ago, I had never been proposed for, nor seriously considered actively participating in, the running of the Union.

However, I now feel that I could make a real contribution to the running of the Union. I am willing to learn, and to serve all Union members.

I propose, if elected, to make myself personally available to hear anyone's complaints,

queries, or suggestions, on any aspect of Union life, and I will try my utmost to get these fully discussed.

I will not waste time on petty subjects, but will try and concentrate on those things which are especially important (perhaps annoying!) to Union members as individuals.

It will be hard work, but with God on my side. I know I can serve you.

God bless you all,

Robert Walters.

ANDY ZIELINSKI

Dept. Textiles

Year of Entry 1970

Proposed **BRIAN MANSON**

Seconded **GEOFF JONES**

As you see I've got no society or committee positions to back me or to suggest to you that I'm a candidate worth voting for. But one thing I can promise you, is that I am willing to Work and Help in the Union.

This, then is going to be my simple theme 'Work and Help'. I haven't any promises to offer you, as they are usually 'forgotten' immediately an election is over.

I simply feel that with people getting involved in the Union, the Union can be run efficiently, successfully, to the satisfaction of all. This can be done without petty politics,

as politics have nothing and I mean NOTHING, to do with the general day to day affairs of the Union.

There are, of course, many problems in the Union. Catering seems to be the most important, as it affects us all. I would like to be particularly involved in this field.

I stand therefore on a simple platform:—

'WORK AND HELP'
NO PROMISES — NO POLITICS

Vote A. M. Zielinski

A. M. Zielinski.