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Anderson ousted

General Secretary resigns after overwhelming no confidence vote

by Ian Spinks

After a stormy year of criticism as Leeds University's General Secretary, Gillian Anderson has finally been forced out of office by a no-confidence motion.

Over 500 students packed the Ordinary General Meeting held on Sunday and after a 35 minute debate voted overwhelmingly to remove her.

Students without union cards watched from the balcony of the 1000y South Hall as the votes were counted. The motion of no-confidence was passed by 235 votes to 70.

As the result became clear there were cheers from the promoters of the motion. Anderson, visibly upset, was escorted by a circle of supporters.

She will now have to resign under the Union's constitution, which she calls for a Special General Meeting where another vote can be held. As Leeds Student went to press no letter of resignation had been received.

After losing the vote Anderson refused to make any comment. Frowned on whether she would fight the decision and call a SGM, she said she was going to do "absolutely nothing".

However, her silence was not matched by the jubilation expressed by the no-confidence motion including Fiona Dickie, Mark Shillier and Education Secretary Nicola Butler.



• The hands that pushed Anderson from office

But they said that they hadn't enjoyed the task of leading the opposition against her, and expressed the lack of attention paid to the individual complainants during the debate.

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examples of Anderson's behaviour highlighted in the no-confidence motion. Her supporters strongly backed towards attacking her removed to work.

Andy Butler asked the meeting to consider the effect of a vote of no-confidence. "I need you to use your minds to decide if you want to destroy Gillian Anderson's life", he threatened.

Anderson, who completed her degree next year, says she plans to spend the next three months "watching Australian soaps".

Anderson's failure to be an accurate moral judge of students views she has been criticised for her conduct in private meetings with the University.

"The resolution says represent students at all times, even when you're having lunch with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor", said Butler.

Many at the meeting were surprised that Anderson did not speak to defend herself, and her opponents said that the debate was easier than they had expected.

Rather than defending the

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'Confident' Exec face the future

Leeds University Union is picking up the pieces this week following the removal of General Secretary Gillian Anderson.

In an emergency Executive meeting called after Secretary OAM Anderson's duties and responsibilities were shared between the remaining constitutional and non-constitutional Exec members.

Although a new General Secretary is not being appointed, John Innes as an Executive Lucy Pryor said she did not believe this would lead to chaos in the Union.

Pryor said "We are all going to be a bit loose, but we

Report by Alan Phillips

will be able to cope".

She added: "We best we will maintain and improve the high standard of services the Union provides for members."

"We are very confident".

Pryor stated that the Union's credibility had been damaged by the no-confidence vote.

In the remaining months before this year's Exec

elections both their term of office at the end of July it is hoped distributions that have developed during the year can be reviewed. Pryor said in particular it was hoped that communication between Exec members would be improved.

The said weekly meetings between members would help them cope more effectively with the increased work load while the dramatic final term of this year's Exec may create extra work for its officers. Pryor hoped it would encourage a high degree of commitment in the work of individual members.

Fears for University relations dismissed

by Alan Price

The remaining members of Leeds University Union Executive are confident that relations with the University will not be affected by the endorsed resignation of Gillian Anderson.

Following Tuesday's emergency Executive meeting the Exec are attempting to replace Anderson on many of the University committees on which she sat with Finance Secretary Anne Baird, who will also take over Anderson's responsibilities for dealing with the University authorities.

Andrew Bellon, next year's General Secretary pointed a much bleaker picture at the effect of Tuesday's OAM on relations between the Union and the University however.

"I am very concerned about the situation, when the experts of winning in our people will all back and see what a disaster this

could be. "I hope the people who put this motion to vote are that they can pick up, and keep in control, our relations with the University because I don't want to come and pick up the pieces."

The worst possible scenario is that the University could cut our block grant, we could lose a Sports Administrator and we may well see curators at the beginning of the year again. The whole thing could have very serious repercussions."

James Baird, General Secretary's presidential outlook on the situation though.

"It's ridiculous to suggest that the University will try to screw us as we have a symbiotic relationship with them. It would be to their detriment to do so."

"I believe they view us as an institution and aren't concerned with personal associations. What happened was an internal affair."

Sheila Bates, LUU Education Secretary, and one of

the main architects of the move to elect Anderson, was similarly dismissive of Bellon's claims.

"I suggest we are going to lose funding and other things to put rubbish. I feel confident that the work the Union has been doing will go on and we will continue to progress in the areas we have been working in."

The University authorities responded to the situation with a statement from the Registrar, Mr JI Pichler, issued through David Morris, the University Information Officer.

"This is of course a matter for the Students' Union" said the Registrar. "The University authorities have always treated Gillian's resignation as a straightforward problem to deal with. We hope the Union can soon sort out its difficulties."

On whether the incident would lead to worsening relations between the two institutions, Morris commented: "We wouldn't wish to speculate, we'll just have to wait and see what happens."



The calm before the storm - Anderson pictured shortly before the OAM forced her to resign. Pic by Sam Gearing

OTHER NEWS



Fire hits Medical School

by Steve Phillips
Students in the Medical and Dental School were evacuated on Friday afternoon, when fire broke out in the building. Fire fire engines, summoned to the scene to

evacuate the Mass, arrived on Wednesday on the 15th Row.
Brian Garbutt, Assistant Director, Office of Leeds Fire Brigade said "Engineers had been working on the chimney all day, and for

some reason it overtook".
Students who had been undergoing treatment were forced to stand outside the building with students, he says had an hour before (Stevens said it was safe to re-enter).

This is a special four-page 'resignation' issue of Leeds Student. The next full issue will be published on May 25th

Darts

Darts Soc spearheads call for national tournament

By Mike Davis

Darts, with its long following and 'hot boy' League, has often struggled to be taken seriously in the professional sporting world. However, in recent years it has undergone something of a renaissance.

Its most obviously successful exponent, such as Leighton Flint and Cliff Lucarelli are clearly making way for younger league competitors. What's more, its level has extended almost making it a fairly established part of the sporting life in Scandinavia and the Low Countries.

It is in this new environment that Darts has become one of the latest growing student sports. Leeds University's society is taking the leading share and more actively.

After a season of almost unbroken success, and the attainment of unprecedented high standards, the Club last week launched a campaign to organise an official IAU championship.



• IAU Darts Soc — not a beer belly in sight

Establishing either a knockout or League-based tournament will not be easy. The members of official University Darts League is

limited and sparsely distributed over the country. Nevertheless the Leeds Club's committee has con-

sidered that there is enough student interest to enable at least a prototype championship to be held next year. Efforts are currently directed to

engage other University's enthusiasm and in seeking a sponsor.

If a IAU tournament is held then Leeds will surely

be the favourite, but recent by they demonstrated their superiority over Durham and York Universities.

Ben Hovatt suffered a shock individual defeat in the Durham game. Amateur opponents then tried to press their advantage with uncharacteristically lower. But Lewis, wanting their new confidence-boosting IAU Darts Soc, managed to keep their composure and win the day by one set.

Local Pubs have in the past occasionally brought Leeds back down to Earth. Most of these matches are of a friendly nature, adding Dominions and Paul competitors to the Darts Match.

Dartists proved particularly vulnerable at the first activity with Pubs like the "Jazz With The Saxes" adding Dominions winners with over 18 years experience.

After the season the club plans to continue spreading their League with a trip south to Cambridge.

By Mike Davis

MUSIC

Southerners with attitude

Band's third solo, the WOLFGANGS, have a new album "Attitude" and now, it is rather good but don't just take our word for it, see what PHIL SMITH has to say.

"Attitude" is the Wolfgang's third album in eighteen months, a colossal feat of output by even the most feverish music standards and made them more exciting by the sheer quality of their work. "Attitude" is the latest in what is quite simply a succession of great Wolfgang's records.

"Guitar Crazy" is the beautiful opening salvo — as a rousing, burgeoning southern protest (Guitar's Bert Jordon just up to the same line is his proclamation). — "This will be yours, but it's for you even greater." Powerful it may be, but only at the most subtle and insouciant sense. Using variety of style effects, the Wolfgang's like to make things as difficult as possible for us rebels and masses of folk-rock sweat through all the songs on "Attitude" the Wolfgang's guitars that vertically and use off of tangents which become gradually more and more subtle.

However, "Walk through the outer shell and you will be assisted by the comforting ambient embrace in the Wolfgang's" song, "Café" is a strange mixture of fever and urgency with a common thread of cosmic energy through it — "I can't imagine security." "Freaking Friday" falls on it's face, areas of security and then explodes — like a bomb burst. "Maggie Higgins" is a frantic, care-up of California's sense of sex and angst. "Like a mountain" is a good and it is, "The Sun." "Blue Socrates" is the only song that is relatively straightforward, the feedback is still there, but this time in a relatively subdued form. "California" is a rambunctious melody with lots of soulful meaning and their restless images of adoration and disorientation.

"Quadrant" is what you get in and you can see why. — It is a real trouble territory but it is the true talent and the thought that the Wolfgang's put into it. But about the show becoming the more that so many other bands are responsible for.



• A handy bunch of lads