

Leeds University Union

Election for 25 members of Union Council for session 1974-5

Candidate's Name ... **MIKE ADIE**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **MINING**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1973**
 Proposed by ... **A. J. WALMSLEY**
 Seconded by ... **S. A. MORGAN**

Union position held: Criminal Court Committee.

I do not propose to bore you all, so I won't start to make any rash promises about how much I can do if elected, or how suited I am to the post.

What I will say however is that I'm fed up with extremist power in the Union whether they be communist, fascist, or whatever. I believe the U.C.'s main purposes should have the majority of students interests, not their own (I'm referring to the back biting Pete Reader affair, AND the fact that the U.C.'s main discussions seem to be whether they can smoke in U.C.'s meeting or not) or the interests of an embittered few. COMMON SENSE has got to rule the U.C.'s activities.

WE should only include politics in the Union when they affect every student, e.g. the grants campaign, and the proposed new route of the A660, which will bring down student homes and ruin life in many others. I mean do you really think we should pour money into causes many of us have never heard of? We must support more down to earth things like Conservaction.

What I'm trying to say is lets get ourselves organised: get the Union back on its feet and protect our own interests, then concern ourselves with outside affairs, and the only way to do that is to be rational NOT militant or fanatical.

HOPE YOU AGREE.

A. M. ADIE.

Candidate's Name ... **KHURSHID ALAM**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **ABDUL HAI**
 Seconded by ... **WAXUM DASWANI**

Union positions held: President, Bangladesh Society session 1973-74.

It has become, and is, a fashionable pastime to write a lengthy and often irrelevant manifesto, and promise the sky on the way, to cover up all the inadequacies of say-all-do-nothing sorts.

As a socialist and an activist, I can promise that in whatever lies the interest of our students and the union, I'll be there, irrespective of probable hindrances. (Some of these interests of course are: Grants campaign, Union autonomy, cooperation and solidarity between the various societies of the union, the interests of the ordinary members, etc.)

That is all I have to say. No hollow promises — only action can prove someone's abilities.

...Thank you for reading this manifesto.

Candidate's Name ... **CHRISTOPHER ARMITAGE**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **LAW**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **D. BLANNING**
 Seconded by ... **D. GOODMAN**

Union positions held: Debates Publicity Sec. 1973-4 (part of) Debates Publicity Sec. 1974/5 (elect).

GET A HUMAN BEING ONTO U.C.

— or, in my case, the closet thing to a human available. Look at what happens to those to get onto UC — then ask yourself: who is there who deserves a living death? Answer I do.

Then think of the disadvantages of not electing me: once more I will be free to cause disruption at OGM's and to criticise Exec. and, because I am but an ordinary (well, almost) member of the Union, I cannot be made to give answers to the problems I raise.

On the other hand if you elect me you will know that you will be inflicting exquisite torture on the rest of the 1974-5 Exec and UC (Be honest, it even hurts to read this, doesn't it!) and you can start asking me all those embarrassing questions.

Any questions you have I will do my best to answer, I am usually to be found in the Union at lunch time and early evening. Just follow the screams and fainted bodies.

C. Armitage.

Candidate's Name ... **MARTIN A. ASHE**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **CHEMISTRY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1973**
 Proposed by ... **C. A. SIDES**
 Seconded by ... **B. S. MELHUISE**

Union positions held: None.

I am known amongst my friends as a great critic of the running of our union. I am standing for U.C. so as to be known amongst the UNION as a great critic of its running.

When first, we set foot upon the soil of this haven of refuge encased within the boundaries of Leeds University, we were told by some union 'official' or other, that the Leeds University Union would be 'probably the most democratically run organization with which we will ever be associated'. Well, we were misled from the start. The Union is no more democratic than it is organized.

Let's face it. How much say have YOU got in the running of YOUR union. If your face isn't one of those plastered on this board the answer is NONE, and that you will have very little chance of ever having YOUR say.

Democracy has its faults like all systems, and its main fault is that it lays-itself wide open to grips of undemocratic people. Extremists who use the union to their own political ends. The union should not be political, nor should any member of this union use OUR union to satisfy HIS political ends.

The grants campaign MUST go on with as much force and fervour as ever, not in an attempt to break the government, but in an honest attempt to raise our living standards from survival level to what we justly deserve.

Attempts are being made at present in increase communications within the union. However, we tend to forget for 10 weeks at a time, that there is an 'outside world'. What about communicating with them? What about the student image? I was fortunate enough to work in industry for 3 years before coming to this university. When I announced that I was to become a full-time student one of my workmates said: 'Well don't think that I'll talk to you when yer a student.' I asked why and he said 'cause all students are long haired lazz swines who waste our taxes!' Well friends, that's the general opinion of the 'man in the street' about YOU, and they think that way because they only ever hear the bad things about us. The union should try to organize some 'do-gooding'. Rag once a year, is not enough. We should do everything possible, through the local media, to stress upon the public how hard we work!

The union building is a shambles. Recent articles in 'Leeds Student' must have made that quite clear even if you haven't seen it with your own eyes. I believe, like many others, that students are not the main causes of the damage. It is much too easy for a non-student to gain access to the building. I rarely come into it at night without being pestered by somebody who wants to be 'signed in'. This activity should be stopped and I can think of some pretty good ways of stopping it. It's our union and we should do our best to keep it in good shape.

Anyway, please vote. It is quite a painless procedure to get your union card stamped. And remember, after 3 endorsements you DON'T lose your union card.

Martyr Ashe.

Candidate's Name ... **ROBERT M. BODDEY**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **PAUL VALLELY**
 Seconded by ... **PETER CUNNINGHAM**

Union positions held: Pictures Editor 'Leeds Student' 1972/73. Plant Sciences Staff/Student Committee 1973/74. Disciplinary Tribunal Appeals Committee 1973/74.

A PROBLEM

A student may work in an overcrowded and ill-equipped laboratory or search for unavailable textbooks in a chaotic library system, and the Union has done nothing to help him. In Academic affairs of all sorts the Union has failed completely to represent the ordinary student and solve his problems.

A SOLUTION

Next year we have a new Executive post of Educational and Welfare Secretary and at least some representation on Senate and other University Committees. I am standing as a student Rep on Senate and the Academic committee. If I am elected to Union Council I will be in a good position to get the Union to act with the student representatives on Senate etc. for real improvements in teaching quality and related facilities.

The widespread cynicism toward the Union of a great number of students may well be eroded if they see the Union working for real solutions to their everyday problems.

GRANTS

Inflation is eating into our already inadequate grants and I support the aims and tactics of the Grants Campaign for a better and fairer grants system. In particular we must fight the University's intention to raise Hall fees by a rumoured £80 or £90 next year, unless we are given a massive increase in grant.

UNION SERVICES

The Union shops and services give a wide range of facilities for our members but I feel strongly that they must be put on a firm financial footing and rationalised before being significantly expanded.

I hope I have given you a fair idea of what I stand for, if you vote for me, I promise to work next year to break down some of the cynicism that divides and weakens our Union.

Bob Boddey.

Candidate's Name ... **TIM BRASSELL**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **ENGLISH**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **JON SILSBY**
 Seconded by ... **GRAHAM BANKS**

Union positions held: Treasurer, Theatre Group. Member of Cultural Affairs Committee. Committee Member, English Society.

It is essential that Union Council, a most important autonomous body within the constitutional framework, notably in the fields of policy, finance and the daily running of the union, maintains its integrity in the eyes of the students in whose interests it claims to act. And it is particularly important that union council does not merely become an arena for political machinations unrelated to the immediate problems facing the union.

I am standing for election to union council because I care about: (i) The state for the Union Building, the problems of the Permanent Staff, and the endangering of the bar licence.

(ii) The lack of confidence of the majority of students in many of their elected representatives on U.C. and the Executive.

(iii) The continued promotion and maintenance of cultural activities of all kinds within the Union.

I promise, if elected, to be available to any student on any issue affecting the Union, to represent, to the best of my ability, the wishes of the student body as a whole, and to work for its interests.

I am not a member of any political organisation.

Sincerely,

Tim Brassell.

Candidate's Name ... **STEPHEN M. BULLOCK**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **POLITICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **J. S. EKE**
 Seconded by ... **P. C. WHITE**

Union positions held: None.

I am standing in this election because I believe I can provide hard work, an independent attitude and a willingness to listen to ordinary students, three qualities essential if U.C. is to serve its constituents. No Ultra-left group or, indeed any kind of union clique can claim to have my support, I am a member of the National Labour Party (BUT NOT the Union Labour Club — There is a vast difference!) When political questions face U.C. I will approach them as a moderate socialist. However I believe the prime concerns of U.C. should be the interests and welfare of students — not outside politics.

If elected I will concern myself firstly with getting a better deal from the union for sections such as Engineers, Medics and Halls of Residence. Secondly with the condition of the Union Building and making it a place fit for all students to use. Thirdly I will listen to and follow up problems put to me by Union members. I believe we need and deserve higher grants but I believe this will not be achieved by alienating Public Opinion.

VOTE BULLOCK — MODERATE AND INDEPENDENT

Candidate's Name ... **J. A. CALVERT**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1970**
 Proposed by ... **BRIAN BLACK**
 Seconded by ... **DAVID BOOTHBY**

Union positions held: None.

Over the years that I have been at this University I have become more and more dissatisfied with the way the Union is run. The affairs of the Union were badly publicised and seemed remote but now the state of the Union is such that something must be done. For some time now I have realised that if I wish this to change I would have to stand for Union Council.

If elected I will do my utmost for the Union and its members and try to carry out the decisions of the general meetings and Union Council.

J. A. Calvert.

Candidate's Name ... **STEPHEN CASS**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **HISTORY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1973**
 Proposed by ... **ALAN LENTON**
 Seconded by ... **MICK RIDLEY**

THE CRISIS

There are two crises that face students today:—
 i) The economic crises that is facing the country as a whole.
 ii) The crises of leadership within the Union itself. The present abysmal attendances at not just the O.G.M.'s but at this years A.G.M. as well.

A DEMOCRATIC AND CAMPAIGNING UNION

These are necessary in order for the Union to respond to these crises. A democratic and Campaigning Union go hand in hand. For the campaigns to be successful students must be mobilised to fight for them and thus must see them as relevant to their own situation. Consequently the General meeting must make the policy of the Union and U.C. must be capable of carrying the policies out effectively.

UNION AUTONOMY

The Union needs to be autonomous to be democratic and to fight the campaigns of its members. Recently Union autonomy has been under attack:—

i) Last year by the refusal of the University to register a fifth sabbatical officer, which was defeated after action was taken by the Union.
 ii) And now by the question of student representation on Senate. The University wants individual students on their committees not representatives of the Students Union who would be accountable to the students at a General Meeting. This must be fought against to preserve any hope for the instigation of a fully autonomous Union.

GRANTS

I am active on the GCAC of this Union and therefore support the demands of the NUS. These demands must be fought for in the Union if we are to put an end to the anomalies within the system and to obtain a grant system that will match their cost of living and relieve financial pressure.

THE WIDER WORLD

Students do not exist in an ivory tower separated from the rest of society. The campaigns of students are aligned with those of the working class. Both are struggling to survive in the face of rampant inflation, solidarity must therefore be shown at every level.

EDUCATION

The Union must also take action against the Education Cuts that have been made, which will mean in Leeds the cancellation of building for the proposed Social Studies block. The Union must also take an active role in examining the content of courses studied by its members and the whole examination system. Yet the Union must not only be critical, it must offer constructive alternatives.

MYSELF

I am a member of the International Socialists, and as such am standing on a Socialist platform. I believe that we need a strong Union, a strong Union can only be obtained through a U.C. and Executive that has the confidence of its members and works to their best interest. On this basis I stand for election to Union Council.

Steve Cass.

Candidate's Name ... **RICHARD CHANDLER**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **CHEMISTRY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1973**
 Proposed by ... **NICK LAMMING**
 Seconded by ... **GILLIAN HALL**

Union positions held: Committee Member Conservaction Paper Recycling Organizer. North Hill Court Member.

WHY VOTE FOR ME?

Because I see things in a perspective that reflects the opinions of most students. Our unions, prime concern should be for students, outside affairs must come second to this priority if we want to have a strong, relevant union.

HOUSING

Last year Leeds City Council demolished 2,000 houses and built the grand total of 400. This university is expanding to cater for 15,000 students. These two contradictory trends must be reconciled NOW before we have to go farther away from the university for accommodation and/or pay higher rents.

GRANTS

This session the issues of the grants campaign became clouded in politics and lost support as a result. We must continue the campaign with emphasis on the social injustices of the present system; students whose parents can't afford the parental contribution, and married women's grants which is totally unrealistic. If the review does not give us what we want then we'll have to become militant as this will be the only course left open to us.

EDUCATION

We must oppose any plans to regionalize higher education (plans that mean loss of choice of which university to study at). Being in a privileged position in the education system we should try to help those in less fortunate areas such as people at technical colleges who often get no grant and have no union facilities.

LOCAL

The proposed A660 'improvement' scheme will cut right through Headingley and mean the demolition of many houses (some of them student houses). Our union would be a powerful pressure group if it voiced opposition to this 'development'.

Considering that students are a significant proportion of Leeds population I think there should be a student representation on the new Leeds metropolitan council.

LIPMAN BUILDING will be demolished in the next couple of years but it is not yet certain where or when a replacement will be located if at all. Apart from the loss of discos and bar extensions it means medics and dentals will even more remote from the union and university.

UNION

With O.G.M.'s in quorate the role of U.C. becomes more important in the running of our union. An active U.C. could wake up the exec whose leadership on some issues has been non-existent this session. I am not a 'moderate' in the sense that I will react against anything the 'left' put forward but in the sense that I will judge each issue on its merits and vote accordingly.

I HOPE YOU AGREE, USE YOUR VOTE, YOURS ECT, ECT, ECT, ECT. RICHARD CHANDLER.

Candidate's Name ... **MARTIN DALY**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **SOCIOLOGY/POLITICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **J. CURTIS**
 Seconded by ... **J. NAYLOR**

Union positions held: None.

I would like to say by way of beginning, that it has taken all my nerve to raise my head above the crowd and submit this manifesto! However I am sick and tired of hearing the same old story from so many ordinary student members about the way in which they are made to feel alien in their own union, especially in the evenings. Not only is this situation ludicrous it is also deplorable.

It is no good us shaking our heads and hoping that it will change by some divine intervention. This ostrich-like attitude among people like you and I is largely responsible for the way in which a small minority has been able to completely overwhelm an institution that exists for all.

I do not claim to be able to make any vast changes overnight; as an ordinary member of the Union with no previous experience to detach me I do know what most of you are thinking.

I hope that eventually a larger number of people who at the moment wouldn't dream of standing for union positions will do so. Maybe then we will be able to make the necessary changes that will return the union to the majority.

Please be bothered to vote.

Thank You.

Election for 25 Members of Union Council for Session 1974/75

Candidate's Name ... **IAN F. DREWETT**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **ECONOMICS & SOC. STUDIES**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **IAN SWAIN**
 Seconded by ... **JOHN LOWTHER**

Union positions held: Active in G.C.A.C.

At the time of national crisis the apathy amongst the majority of students is disturbing. If elected I will attempt to bridge this gap between the Union bureaucracy and the ordinary student member. Apathy and distrust of the Union bureaucracy must be ended if we are to have a strong united Union that is relevant to the ordinary student member and capable of defending its members interests.

THE GRANTS CAMPAIGN

Students' living standards are now under greater threat than at any time since 1962. The national crisis bringing with it runaway inflation has hit the student equally as hard as other sections of society. It is imperative that the mass of students are mobilised behind the Grants Campaign and that all its demands are met, and all its anomalies disappear. The pressures for an equitable grants system must be increased whatever Party is in office. I will continue to be active in G.C.A.C.

THE UNION

The Union is supposed to serve students' interests.
 1) Students are facing unprecedented problems in accommodation and housing. The Union is there to help solve these problems.
 2) The Union is the main channel of communication with the University authorities available to the ordinary student member. The cock-up over the Senate elections must not be repeated next year. Problems with the University concerning academic, catering and accommodation matters have to be solved with criticism that puts forward viable alternatives.
 3) The Union must be cleaned up — card checks have failed. The Union can only be cleaned up of hypocrisy to pour so much criticism on the world around us, when our own Union is not functioning properly. Union staff should be treated in a socialist spirit.
 The Union's ability to deal with these problems facing students depends largely on the Executive and U.C. giving positive leadership to Union members, while at the same time communicating in a positive manner with them.

THE GENERAL MEETING AS THE FINAL AUTHORITY

However I believe that the General Meeting should always have the final word and that Exec. and U.C. should at all time be fully accountable to the General Meeting. If I am unable to obey any mandate from the General Meeting I will immediately resign.

VOTE DREWETT FOR A MORE DEMOCRATIC UNION!

Candidate's Name ... **DAVID PAUL DUMBLE**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **CHEMISTRY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1973**
 Proposed by ... **M. JONES**
 Seconded by ... **M. ASHE**

Union positions held: None.

As most of you will know the issues at stake in this election, I will not bore you with basic side issues, i.e. politics, mud-slinging and hot-air. What basically needs doing is a general restructuring of the Union, internally and externally.

My own contribution to Union Council would be:

- 1) Make life hell for EXEC members who abuse powers and privileges given to them by you the voter.
- 2) To put forward proposals for a change in the general procedures of OGM's, SGM's, and AGM's, where the average student can be utterly confused, mesmerised, or simply bored by a bunch of clowns parading round a microphone (which works most of the time).
- 3) To back stronger campaigns on housing and grants.
- 4) To look into and propose Union action on the election of a SABBBATICAL student representative onto the new Metropolitan Council now forming. After all there are only about 25,000 fulltime students in the Leeds area alone, who are not represented at all. Democracy?
- 5) To look for ways to improve Union facilities in such a way as to increase the function of the Union as the main social centre of the campus.
- 6) To give my support to every move to secure the future of the Lipman Building and any other building facing a similar fate.

So when you decide to walk across to the ballot box, remember 25 stuffed dummies on Union Council can do a hell of a lot of nothing.
 D. P. Dumble.

Candidate's Name ... **DAVE EDMOND**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **CHEMISTRY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1973**
 Proposed by ... **JOHN MENDEELA**
 Seconded by ... **PETE IZAT**

Union positions held: Publicity Secretary CONSERVATION 73/4.

WHAT IS THE UNION

The Union to most students is just a bar, the odd concert and other entertainments. What about the "so called political" side of the Union? Just a place for a bunch of politicians to get rid of their hot air?

This is the real problem in the Union — APATHY — even amongst the politicians.

Surely the most intelligent people in the country (YOU, in case you didn't realise it) must have views! Make them known! General meetings should be the venue of intelligent discussion, not the petty bickering about the constitution and extremist politics.

What am I going to do about it?
 All I can say is that I won't be satisfied until the Union represents and voices the views of the majority of its members.
 I'm afraid I might have a long wait.

PROVE ME WRONG. VOTE

Dave Edmond.

Candidate's Name ... **JEFF EKE**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **COM. STUDIES IN SCIENCE**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **JOHN McCLEAN**
 Seconded by ... **STEVE BULLOCK**

Union positions held: None.

WHY STAND?

My basic reasons are two fold. Firstly I feel fully capable of representing the views of the student body in the Leeds Union YOUR Union.
 Secondly I'm a non extremist and would vote as such if elected, that would be a vote on YOUR behalf.

CHIEF AIMS

- 1) The improvement of Union facilities, and less face it any change to the Union building would be an improvement.
- 2) To support the campaign for improved grants as we all need a larger grant.
- 3) A minimisation of external politics in union affairs — its our union, lets run it as such.

Jeff.

Candidate's Name ... **MALCOLM FARRIE**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **PHYSICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1973**
 Proposed by ... **MARK ENGLAND**
 Seconded by ... **SASKIA**

Union positions held: None.

I AM ONE OF THE FEW CANDIDATES WHO CAN TRULY REPRESENT YOU ON U.C.

I am not standing as a pawn of a political group, acting exclusively to further their cause — and neglecting other equally worthy causes.
 I am not an egotistical union hack concerned only with getting a union position, then not putting enough into running the union efficiently and imaginatively.

I am concerned that the union is not using its full potential in political cultural and social involvement of its members, and I would especially like to encourage in the union:
 FUN, ART AND THEATRE
 CONSERVATION
 SOCIALIST POLICIES PUT INTO ACTION - e.g. our staff are underpaid.
 GRANTS CAMPAIGN ACTION COMMITTEE
 MORE INVOLVEMENT IN SOCIETIES AND SPORTS
 SEX-LIB-ISM
 MUSIC — ents needs reviewing to give wider scope

BETTER THAN SEX!

When all said and done, I'm better than nothing but Nothing is better than sex therefore I am better than sex-wow!!
 You can find me most lunchtimes/evenings in the union (not in exec!).
 I NEED YOUR VOTE.

J. M. FARRIE.

Candidate's Name ... **COLIN E. GEE**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **TEXTILE INDUSTRIES**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1973**
 Proposed by ... **D. BOOTHBY**
 Seconded by ... **DAVE WALLIS**

Union positions held: None.

Hi.

I was going to have my photographs taken in the Union. Instead, a trip into town had to be undertaken.

This is just a minor example of the way things go wrong within our union. There are far too many MAJOR deficiencies and hang-ups concerning Union Council for me to discuss here, so I intend to make myself available for you to bring your personal "moan" or views (ON ANYTHING, even next year's F.A. Cup winners) to me, in the Tartan Bar any evening from 10 o'clock onwards. If elected, I will also be available as a "Go-between" next session, and will be found in the union bars most evenings.

As far as general behaviour in the Union bars, etc., is concerned, I genuinely believe that the Union should be a place where you can do as you choose. As LONG as it does nobody harm in the short term or long. I am greatly disturbed by the amount of physical violence that occurs in the union bars, and my view is that it should be dealt with very strictly.

As regards political tendencies, I believe for the majority of decisions, and certainly all those concerning the members of the union directly, no member of Union Council should put their party's policies before the well-being of a member of this union.

Well, thats enough of the serious stuff from me, the rest is up to YOU.

Love Colin.

Candidate's Name ... **PETE GILLARD**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **SOCIOLOGY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **JON SILSBY**
 Seconded by ... **ANDY MORGAN**

Union positions held: Secretary, Grants Campaign Action Committee. Union Council 73/74 (resigned). Delegate to NUS Conferences (3) and Leeds Area NUS. NUS Grants Campaign Co-ordinating Committee (national). NUS Universities National Committee (elected by Universities Conference).

Whatever the result of the General Election, students face a number of continuing attacks over the coming months. The cuts in educational expenditure effect us all — in our living standards, in our departments, in our ability to gain the maximum from our courses. At the same time the Union shows little ability to respond to these attacks. There is a large scale dissatisfaction and disaffection from the Union which is thus unable to involve its members in Union activities.

For me, the Union has no choice. It has to involve its members in campaigns for the active defence of its members interests. If it fails to do this, however competent it is administratively, it will become increasingly irrelevant to the Union membership and impotent in its own bureaucratic chains.

UNION COUNCIL — UNION DEMOCRACY

I am standing for UC in an attempt to be part of a transformation of its role within the Union. I resigned as a voting member from UC this term because of the bureaucratic approach of the majority of its members. In my resignation letter I stated that "I am resigning to show that I am more concerned with the future of the Union than the bureaucratic trivia of the present." I am standing, as I said, on the basis that I "launch an open attack on the careerists and bureaucrats who currently staff it."

Union Council must be composed of Union activists — members who see the development of the Union as requiring more than a fortnightly attendance at a long and boring meeting. The role of Union Council must be both to ensure that the members as a whole have an adequate understanding of the issues involved and to ensure that the policy decisions of General Meetings are implemented. UC must be the servant of the Union membership not its master.

POLICIES

Whether elected or not I shall fight for the following policies within the Union:

- 1) **Union autonomy:** total resistance to any attempts by the University to impinge on the Union's independence as they have attempted to do, last term, over the registration of a Union sabbatical officer and, this term, over the elections to Senate.
- 2) **Grants Campaign:** for a militant campaign until the demands are met in full.
- 3) **Cuts in Educational Finance:** against all cut-backs which effect student living and educational standards — against the Government imposed worsening of staff/student ratios, retardation of building programmes, rent and catering price increases.
- 4) **Education content:** for a student veto in departments over course content; against assessment and examinations in their role as "disciplining agents" in the learning process.
- 5) **Union Building:** for improving the state of the Union building, not by bureaucratic means but by involving Union members in the running of the Union — to make it their Union.
- 6) **Outside involvement:** recognising that the problems facing students are not ones isolated from the rest of society and that students, by themselves, have little chance of defeating Government policies, for uniting students with those sections of the working class who are actively defending their living standards and conditions, for the use of Union facilities and funds to this end.
- 7) **Politics:** for the Union to take a political stand recognising that the problems we face are themselves political; for the Union to support the demands of the women's movement to actively oppose racism and the development of fascist organisations such as the National Front, and for the Union to oppose imperialism wherever it occurs.

I am standing in this election as a member who has consistently worked in an attempt to develop the Union as a fighting organisation, as a member who has been active in the Union campaigns. I am standing for election as a socialist, I am a member of the International Socialists.

Candidate's Name ... **CARL GRAY**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **MEDICINE**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **G. K. PEACH**
 Seconded by ... **S. W. BURTON**

Union positions held: Committee Member L.U.U. Medical Society 1973-74.

In the event of my election, I shall:

- 1) Endeavour to represent the interests of medics, dentists, health and other rational students; as far as is possible on Union Council.
- 2) Press for objective reporting by the 'Leeds Student' newspaper at least in articles purporting to be factual.
- 3) Try to thwart the activities of that faction of students and others, who, for obscure reasons of their own, soil, damage and disrupt our union.
- 4) Seek to restrain those powerful people in the union, whose ideas and ambitions are periodically at variance with the opinions of the student body.
- 5) Press for a fairer distribution of society finances, e.g. more money for Med Soc and less to certain 'Cultural' Societies with relatively fewer members.
- 6) Conduct my affairs as I see fit.
- 7) Suggest the provision of a reliable hot water supply at North Hill Court, and an end to the plague of rodents there.

It may be in your interest to vote for me.

Carl Gray.

Candidate's Name ... **CHRIS GREEN**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **ECONOMICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **A. MORGAN**
 Seconded by ... **D. HART**

Union positions held: Economics Staff/Student Committee 1972-74. Leeds Student Editorial Board 1973-4. N.U.S. Conference Delegate 1973. University Staff/Student Committee. Secretary of Education Committee 1973.

THE UNION

The most striking feature of the Union is that it is grossly overcrowded, and when one considers that a sizeable number of students hardly ever use the place it appears obvious that one of the first priorities is for a rapid expansion of the Union premises. To this end I shall campaign for large increases in both student fees to the Union and of building grants. Only in this way can the Union perform a more positive role in the provision of services and facilities to both the student population and the local community.

EDUCATION

Britain spends less on education per capita than most other industrialized countries, this is particularly the case in higher education. This situation hasn't come about because someone has made a mistake at the D.E.S. It represents a conscious policy that has been pursued by either of the major parties when in government. The result of such policy is to deny equal access to higher education which works to reinforce the class bias of our Society. If we are concerned about access to education, and of equal importance the actual nature of education, then we shall have to argue and fight for our position far more effectively than we have done so in the past. There is much we can do on this issue here at Leeds. In order that students get every encouragement to take up the fight for these issues within their departments we shall have to organize the education sector of the Union to function on a campaigning basis.

Politics and the Union.

To those who argue that the Union should stay out of politics I would reply that they argue, in effect, that the Union should have nothing to say on the most crucial issues facing students and the wider population. All of the demands of the Grants Campaign are by their very nature political and to be in anyway met they will require a militant campaign. Those who argue that we should stay out of politics really mean that we should stay out of left-wing politics, the politics of change. I would ask what have the politicians of the status quo ever done except to fight hard for their own interest while calling upon everybody else not to engage in politics. I am a socialist and as such am for a great deal of change. If elected to Union Council I will vote as a socialist. I will obey all mandates coming from Student Meetings, or else resign, and shall endeavour to return the decision making process of the Union to its rightful place, i.e. OGM.

Candidate's Name ... **JOHN N. HARVEY**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **MEDICINE**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1971**
 Proposed by ... **D. BOOTHBY**
 Seconded by ... **A. MYATT**

Union positions held: Member of U.C. 1974. Member of M.S.R.C. 1973-4.

I am standing for U.C. because I believe that at the present time the Union is far too greatly orientated towards taking a political stand on national issues and far too little concerned with solving its own local problems. We should be concerned with trying to involve more students in Union life; we should be concerned with cleaning up the building and clearing out the drug takers so that the majority of students might feel that the Union is a fit place to come and have a drink in the evening. Instead look at any OGM agenda and you will see that the majority of elected Union officials busy themselves putting motions on political issues which are of no relevance to the student member whatsoever. If elected I will devote my time to the issues which directly affect the students of this University and not to those matters which I feel are irrelevant to the ordinary Union member.

John N. Harvey.

Candidate's Name ... **PAUL R. HAWKINS**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **COMBINED STUDIES**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1973**
 Proposed by ... **P. T. HEYWOOD**
 Seconded by ... **E. M. LAWRENCE**

Union positions held: None

The Union is in an appalling state at present and I sincerely hope that the first job of the new Union Council will be to rectify this situation. The first step should be the physical cleaning up of the Union building. This must include a strict clampdown on drugs. I also feel that students should be encouraged to make full use of the many Union facilities which are not used to their fullest extent at present. This could be achieved by ensuring that these facilities are only available to Bona-fide students by having stricter Card checks.

Finally I shall, if elected, always act in a manner which I believe to be in accordance with the wishes of the majority of students and in the best interests of the Union.

Paul R. Hawkins.

Election for 25 Members of Union Council for Session 1974/75

Candidate's Name ... **PAUL A. LOASBY**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **ECONOMICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **PETE SMITH**
 Seconded by ... **JON SILSBY**

Union positions held: Publicity Secretary for Entertainments '74. Ent's Committee member '73/74. Leeds Student Advertising Assistant '73/74. Rag Ent's Organiser '73/74.

Participation of ordinary student members is essential to the running of the Union:

Arts Festival: The potential is unlimited as this year has shown. Participation of the Arts and Sciences departments and co-operation with Ent's can enable the Festival to prosper.

Network 4: Greater co-operation with the society could provide more communication to students about Union activities. Effective use of the caption service on the Union monitors can increase the value of television in Union communications.

Societies: Union Council members should maintain an active interest in societies. U.C. must not appear as a dictatorial body disregarding the interests of Union members.

Action is urgently needed on:

Senate: Not only were the recent elections undemocratic but even the basic need for a ballot box in the Union was ignored. Students elected are not representatives of the Union. This must be changed.

Lord Boyle, Grants and Hall Fees: Up £85 at a stroke! The University can pass the responsibility of being in the red to the student and expect him to pay. By actively pressurising Boyle we may eventually force him to adhere to his hollow words of support to the grants issue. Action on the Grants Campaign must continue.

Staff Wages and Services: The Union must insist that the proposed increases are accepted by the University, while a working party is urgently needed to make a re-appraisal of Union Services.

Like many student members who are interested in the running of their Union I am not affiliated to any political group, but my experience of organisation both inside and outside the Union has led me to believe that faults in the machinery can only be changed by **DECISIVE ACTION**.

VOTE Paul A. Loasby.

PROLONGS ACTIVE LIFE

Candidate's Name ... **STEVEN A. MINNER**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **FRENCH & GERMAN**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1973**
 Proposed by ... **P. LEACH**
 Seconded by ... **P. SWAINSON**

Union positions held: Grants Campaign Committee Member.

"I AM NOT A ..."

MY POLITICS

This seems to be the usual preamble to election manifestoes, to disclaim membership of any political group, to denounce the internecine political fighting in the Union and especially to condemn the Left for introducing supposedly irrelevant matters into Union affairs. I follow only the first clause — I do not belong to any political group—but this does not mean that I am politically unaware. What goes on in the outside world is our concern, as much as it is the concern of the Government. Were we to concern ourselves only with Student Affairs, Union politics would become a dodo. It is thanks to the Left that there is an awareness of what happens in the outside world; otherwise we would all be Tory students preparing to take over positions of power in our bourgeois world.

INVOLVEMENT

If people are going to criticise Union politics, they must become active. It is not enough to complain of Left-bias and then not to attend meetings where this can be rejected. O.G.M.s are poorly attended. The fault lies with Exec's and our apathy. We must have better publicity, leaflets handed out, a reduction in the quorum can be tried. Failing this, we may as well forget about O.G.M.s.

WITH THE COMMUNITY

The student world is too introspective. We feel cut off from the outside world. We can become part of the community if we devote ourselves to charity events—a week of marathon trampolining, card games, a walk round Leeds—like Rag, but more often. Collections of food for old people at Christmas always go well. This would involve more of us in the Union and give us a Union to be proud of.

THE UNIVERSITY

Accommodation — we must investigate Univ's expenditure to see where more money could be devoted to solving our worst problem. This to take place with Univ Committee on Accommodation. I would like to see the sharing of Univ property between us and students at the Poly, for whom the problem is far greater.

Student Numbers — this is a related problem. We must resist the planned increases to 15000 by 1980 until the Univ can show an improvement in the housing situation.

Courses — Many students are uninspired by the way courses are taught. Passivity characterizes the stuffing of facts into our sausage-skin heads. A Union investigation of every course, taking student evidence followed by constructive alternatives to Faculties — and support for direct action — is needed.

...GRANTS the campaign must go on. **CATERING** can we take over? Again, Univ's budget must be investigated. **SENATE ELECTIONS** The Univ is trying to by-pass the Students' Union here. We must elect our own reps, still on the faculty basis. **UNION COUNCIL** also to elected on a faculty basis. Better use of **ACCOMMODATION BOARD** — brighten it up, accommodation details on a WEEKLY INFO SHEET — it merits publication on its own.

IT'S YOUR UNION. TAKE PART.

Candidate's Name ... **ANDY MORGAN**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **POLITICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **PETE GILLARD**
 Seconded by ... **JANICE BAKER**

Union positions held: Union Council Member 1973/74. Delegate N.U.S. Conference Autumn 1972. Delegate N.U.S. University Specialist Conference, January 1973. Delegate N.U.S. White Paper Conference, March 1973. Acting Secretary, December and January 1973/74. Chairman Soc.-Soc. October 72, March 73. Committee Member Marxist-Leninist Soc. 1973 - President. Committee Member Palestine, Gul and Yemen Solidarity Campaign - Present. Temporary Convenor Grants Campaign Spring 1973.

As an active socialist, I believe that the Union should be waging militant campaigns on the main issues that threaten the interests of most students particularly grants and autonomy. I will attempt to work for more student involvement in direct action on important issues such as these, whether elected to U.C. again or not.

Politics in the Union: Many students feel that politics should be kept out of the union, but I feel that this feeling comes more from a reaction to the way in which certain 'Political' Groups have acted in the past, than to an objective assessment of the problems that most of us face. With regard to both educational problems and standard of living we have to come face to face with Government policies, which in the past have generally been against our interests, whether or not Tory or Labour. To actively defend ourselves we must as a Union involve ourselves politically, and give assistance to other groups fighting the same enemy — we must aim ourselves with the working class.

If you believe in a strong campaigning union, I ask for your vote.

Andy Morgan.

Candidate's Name ... **ANN MYATT**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **MEDICINE**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1971**
 Proposed by ... **DEREK SEEX**
 Seconded by ... **EMMA CUNDALL**

Union positions held: Union Council, March '72 - Summer '73. Publicity Committee 72/73, 73/74. Student Health Committee 72/73. Medical Society Committee 73/74. Medical Students Representative Council (MSRC) 72/73, 73/74. Accommodation Committee.

I was first elected to Union Council in March 1972, when Ken Hind was President. Since then I have acquired considerable experience both in running social functions and in representing the interests of medical students. Even in 1972 there were dark mutterings about 'the state of the Union'. The situation has undoubtedly worsened since. The fault lies not in lack of communication, apathy or a precarious financial situation. These are results of sheer bad management on the part of the people elected to run the Union. They gain office according to their personality, their political colour or their ideals, anything but their ability to ADMINISTER.

The only remedy is to elect people willing and able to do the ungenious routine duties involved in running the Union. YOU must elect members of U.C. capable of putting forward and implementing well-planned, practical proposals. YOU must elect a council with a flair for day-to-day organisation. It must represent all faculties and include a fair proportion of women. Above all, make sure that you elect a council which will act with common sense and on the wishes of the majority.

Please vote for me.

Ann Myatt.

Candidate's Name ... **BOB RAE**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **PAUL VALLELY**
 Seconded by ... **JOHN McMURRAY**

Union positions held: Bar Board 1973/74. Woodhouse Lane Management Committee 1973/74. Debates Committee 1972-74. Chairman Elect of Debates 1974/75. Pictures Editor of 'Leeds Student' 1974.

COMMUNICATION

During the past two years the credibility of the Union has decreased in the eyes of the Ordinary Student Member, in some cases to the extent that students believe that U.C. and Executive spend all their time discussing obscure political motions and never deal with student problems. This image must be dispelled, and the only way to do this is to improve the degree of communication between U.C. members and other students by personal efforts made by U.C. members.

ADVANCES BY INCREASED INVOLVEMENT

It is clear that we cannot separate ourselves from the rest of the world, nor should we wish to do so, for students have an important part to play in moulding society — however, the Union must increase its involvement in matters which affect students in particular situations in Leeds.

GRANTS, ACCOMMODATION, COURSE CONTENT

The grants campaign is already working hard to improve students' standards of living and to remove the anomalies of the present grants system. The Union must now move forward to meet the problems of accommodation and course content — two issues which appear to have been surprisingly disregarded by past U.C.s.

With reference to accommodation it is important that the Union should do its utmost to help students who are being exploited by shark landlords charging exorbitantly high rents and/or letting accommodation in appalling condition; for students must not be left to stand alone in such situations as pressure is frequently brought to bear on them by the landlord.

UNION STAFF

We must also attempt to put our house in order by examining the pay and conditions of our own Union staff who run the services which we benefit from; for no employer should wait for his employees to complain before looking at their conditions.

If I am elected I will, of course, obey mandates and will do my best to have the points mentioned in this manifesto investigated and action taken by U.C. and O.G.M.s.

Bob Rae.

Candidate's Name ... **MICK RIDLEY**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **PETE GILLARD**
 Seconded by ... **ANDY MORGAN**

Union positions held: Chem. Eng. Staff-Student Committee. Delegate to NUS Conference. Leeds Area NUS Conference.

Student grants have declined in real value. Many students already get less than the maximum rate. Hall and flat rents, catering prices and all the other expenses that we face are continually escalating. The cuts in expenditure on education recently announced will mean that staff-student ratios will get worse, fewer postgrad. places and overcrowding due to less new building. There are also proposals for more home based students.

ATTACK

The problems students face are not an accidental collection of separate items. They in fact form part of a large scale attack on what to the ruling class of this country is "wasteful" social expenditure. Our response must be that we are not prepared to pay for the problems of British capitalism. Our reply is that a decent education must be a right and not a privilege.

REPLY

In the union in Leeds and nationally in NUS, we must be ready to fight back with all the resources available. Although our direct power (using strikes, boycotts, etc.) is limited we do have political power when we are united in action.

UNION

If the union is to be an effective fighting force these two conditions must be satisfied.

- 1) The Union must be completely autonomous and prepared to actively veto decisions of University committees even when we have "representation" on them.
- 2) Members must be full involved in making & implementing Union policy. The domination of Exec. and U.C. with a largely passive student body must end.

These two conditions have to be worked for. The first step is to ensure that General Meetings take the policy decisions. The role of Exec. & U.C. should be to ensure that the members as a whole have an adequate understanding of the issues involved. I will fight against important decisions being taken in committees away from the mass of the students.

General Meetings have to be seen to be relevant before the majority of members can be convinced that they should participate in them.

POLICY

If elected, I shall fight for the following policies:—

- 1) The continuation of a militant Grants Campaign until the demands are met in full.
- 2) No deterioration of living standards or working conditions of students caused by Government cut-backs.
- 3) Opposition to assessment and examination in their role as "disciplining agents" in the learning process

WORKING CLASS

The attacks on students can only be seen as part of the overall strategy of the ruling class to prop up their ailing system. It must be seen in the light of jailing of the Shrewsbury building workers, fines on the Act, the "Fair" Rent Act and the incomes policy while prices have risen. The bosses are busy exploiting everyone more to keep them in cigars and Rolls Royces. In this situation the Union cannot remain neutral. I shall work to unite students with those sections of the working class who are actively defending their living standards and organisation.

MYSELF

I am standing for election as a socialist. I am a member of the International Socialists I have been active in the Union primarily on our major campaign, the Grants Campaign.

I believe that in the present situation we have no choice but to build a strong union and this can only be done if the Union as a whole adopts fighting socialist policies.

Conservatism, lack of involvement, refusal to actively fight means effective impotence in the face of gross deterioration of both living and educational standards.

Mick Ridley.

Candidate's Name ... **SEAN ROGERS**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **GEOGRAPHY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **ALAN LENTON**
 Seconded by ... **PETE GILLARD**

Union positions held: Union Council Member 1973/74. Grants Campaign Activist.

WHY SHOULD THE UNION HAVE A POLITICAL ROLE?

Last year one W. European country actually had a 5% rise in production and a 25% rise in profits — the country — Britain. Yet with prices rising by over 30%, the actual standard of living of people in this country is falling, and as students on the present miserable grant, we feel the pinch more, and quicker than anyone else.

Yet some students still say that the Union must be apolitical — what does this mean? (besides left-bashing):— it means that the government will be able to continue their present educational cuts without even a whimper. We talk about the state of the Union building, about the staff student ratio, about the lack of facilities — but how can these be improved without more money (never mind the fact that what we have, is being cut back).

The same is true of the Grants Campaign: it has to be a political campaign otherwise it will never succeed. We must actively help the trade unions in their attempts to keep their present standard of living — otherwise ours will sink even further.

The Union has to have a political role — to act as a form of trade union for its members — to put their demands for decent grants, for decent housing, for decent educational facilities, for decent recreational facilities, and to side with people in the local community and abroad (in places such as Ireland, Palestine, Vietnam, South Africa) who are pressing for similar demands.

And what has Union Council to do with this? Along with other socialist candidates I would like U.C. to have a minimal role in Union affairs rather than the bureaucratic stranglehold it at present shares with Exec. If elected I will press for "all power to O.G.M.s" with all important issues going to them to be decided by the ordinary student rather than an elected elite.

I ask then for all students who wish to see a more dynamic representative and democratic union next year to vote for me and for my socialist comrades.

Sean Rogers.

Candidate's Name ... **ROGER SEDDON**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **LAW**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **DAVE KILLEEN**
 Seconded by ... **NICK LAMMING**

Union positions held: Union Council (since March). Accommodation Committee. Senior President, Bodington. University Committees: Standing Committee of Hall Councils. University Accommodation Committee. Senate Group on Hours of Work of the University.

I am concerned at the present all-time low the Union seems to have reached in the eyes of too many students, as evidenced by general meetings being barely quorate and a Presidential election in which the runner-up was a joke candidate.

Non-communication is only a symptom of the real problem, the highly unrepresentative (though hypothetically democratic) structure of Union government and its domination by a small number of political cliques. I believe that Union Council members ought to be elected by particular halls, flat units, departments and other large identifiable groups.

On some occasions the ordinary student's opinion is blatantly disregarded — many students in halls regard the Union as a big play-pen where a group of narrow-minded kids play games, and prefer to leave them to it. I do not share this view but I think the Union should note its prevalence.

The only solution to all this lies in a change of the attitudes and some of the people who currently dominate Union politics.

I have moderate socialist inclinations but I don't have a fixed set of political beliefs.

I consider that co-operation is generally more productive than confrontation. In the recent elections to Senate, for example, nothing could have been gained by the boycott which was initially proposed: it is far more sensible to make the best of the system introduced by the University and to press for more representation and more democratic procedures next time.

As I said in my last manifesto, I think I would be a useful member of Union Council and make it more conscious of the feelings of the large number of students who rarely go near the Union, despite the damage that further involvement in Union affairs will inevitably do to my reputation and credibility.

And I'm sorry this manifesto is boring.

Candidate's Name ... **BOB SHEPHARD**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **PHYSIOLOGY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University ... **1973**
 Proposed by ... **KEVIN DRURY**
 Seconded by ... **CHRIS PIKE**

Union positions held:
 At North-East Essex Tech: President of the Union. Student rep. Academic Board. 3 N.U.S. Conferences (1 Specialist). Initiator Overseas Students Society.
 At Leeds: Acting House Secretary. 2 N.U.S. Conferences (1 Specialist). Active N.U.S.P. and G.C.A.C. Assistant Treasurer Rent Fund. Entertainments Committee.

I feel that I could make a useful contribution to Union Council for a number of reasons. My major activities so far in the student movement are listed above, I have already attended several U.C. meetings.

A Union Council member is a vital link between the student body and the major union officials — if elected I will try to improve this often tenuous relationship both in my personal capacity and by helping with publicity such as leaflets and posters.

Recently there has been a lot of concern about the conditions in the Union Building which I agree are very bad and have for some time. During my time as House Secretary I gained experience of both some of the causes of this and possible solutions. On thing is for certain, these are problems which cannot be solved solely by edicts from Exec. office.

The Grants Campaign is another issue of vital importance to students in which I have been actively involved for some time. I am opposed to tactics which lose more support amongst students than they gain.

If elected, I will carry my experience of student affairs to a number of Union and University committees and report back to the student body.

In general, I think that I have the experience, energy and honesty to make a good U.C. member. If you think so too, then please vote for me.

Best Wishes anyway,

Bob.

Election for 25 Members of Union Council for Session 1974/75

Candidate's Name **CHRISTOPHER HEMMINGS**
 Candidate's Dept. **COMBINED STUDIES**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1973**
 Proposed by **K. G. CROWLEY**
 Seconded by **N. J. COSBY**

Union positions held: Debated Committee Member.

They've said it all

Yes, I must admit that, when I noticed that I was the 57th candidate, I despaired of writing an original manifesto. They'll have said it all, the other 56. But then I thought about their "All" and what it would be. Fascist statement, scattered like confetti telling us "what's wrong". For instance:—

"The Exec hacks don't care a . . . about the ordinary student". "We must fight the Government for higher grants", and so on, ad nauseum. They are all wrong because

THE UNION IS AN APOLITICAL CLUB

both by its constitution and this year's A.G.M. vote. The Union is not a branch of the IMG — IS — Communist bloc. As a club it functions fairly smoothly. U.C. is present as the regulatory committee, to sort out any minor injustices and imperfections. We must rid the Union of all the PSEUDO POLITICAL GAMES.

EXAMPLE OF ACTION

1) O.G.M.'s which "support the working class" with monotonous regularity should be reduced to **oneperterm** with a higher quorum. U.C. must be the effective administrative body.

2) **Grants Campaign Action Committee** is a disruptive body; it causes chaos within the university and does the student image great harm. What's more it's based on a fallacious claim for increasing the grant by £5 to £20 per week. G.C.A.C. and other similar organisations should be wound up. Remember:—

THEIRS IS THE HOT AIR

MINE IS THE COOL ACTION

Candidate's Name **STEPHEN L. HERBERT**
 Candidate's Dept. **ECONOMICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1973**
 Proposed by **DAVE KILEEN**
 Seconded by **PETER CHAPMAN**

Union positions held: Devonshire Hall Entertainments Committee. Devonshire Hall Shop Committee.

"It is the duty of your representative to sacrifice his repose, his pleasures, his satisfactions to yours; and above all, ever, and in all cases, to prefer your interest to his own. But his unbiased opinion, his mature judgement, his enlightened conscience, he ought not to sacrifice to you, to any man, or to any set of men living . . ."

I'm rather conservative in my attitudes and make no apology for the fact. I will always strive to voice the view of the ordinary student and will always hold myself responsible to you, through the electoral ballot box; not to some anonymous clique at an O.G.M.

Unfortunately, I am no magician and can offer no more than that I'll stay the course and do my best to represent you.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Herbert.

Candidate's Name **NIGEL J. HOLT**
 Candidate's Dept. **FOOD SCIENCE**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1971**
 Proposed by **JOHN CHANNON**
 Seconded by **JOHN MENDZELA**

Union positions held: President of Flat unit, 73-74, Joint committee Council and Senate on student accommodation, Assistant treasurer of Rent Strike fund, Ents 71-73.

Originally I had prepared a manifesto full of the suitable platitudes, but, sure enough, the other candidates were parading these anyway. Let me therefore do without the environment, man's responsibility to this or that, our obligations to society here and now, and in this day and age.

I want to be elected to a position as a member of Union Council. I believe — and I hope the sufficient majority will concur with me in this, — that I am better than the other candidates for the following reasons:—

There should be some opposition to the 'closed-shop' running the union at the moment. I am prepared to provide the opposition. I am against pointless political posturing and feel that union should exist for the benefit of its members, not to gratify the egos of a few power-hungry bureaucrats. At the moment, as the great Bard puts it, The union is

"Full of sound and fury, but signifying nothing."

When I am elected, the union will still be full of sound and fury, signifying nothing, but at least YOU, will be represented.

Nigel J. Holt.

Candidate's Name **DEREK HOWL**
 Candidate's Dept. **ECONOMICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1971**
 Proposed by **CHRIS GREEN**
 Seconded by **JON SILSBY**

Union positions held: Rag Committee 1971-72, 1972/73. Film Soc. Committee 1973, 1973/74. (Treasurer) Third World Group 1973/74.

Thank you the 158 who voted for me in the U.C. bye-election, for the rest of you I shall repeat what I said in my manifesto for that election.

I believe that General Meetings must be the decision making units of the Union. They must decide upon Union policy whenever possible. No longer must U.C. be given the power to make policy decisions when there is the chance of getting an O.G.M. policy instead. When General Meetings cannot be called, or are inquorate U.C. will, of course, be left with the responsibility of decision making. This is a political responsibility and should be viewed as such. I reject totally the 'apolitical' platform of some candidates in recent elections.

I undertake to assist members of Exec. in the day-to-day running of the union.

CRISES

1. INSIDE THE UNION.

The problem of disillusion and apathy towards the Union is getting worse. Less than 3000 members of the Union voted in the presidential elections. This is not enough. It is easy to say why there is this rejection of the Union (lack of communication) but not so easy to solve it. My actions as a Union Council member will be to do all possible to make the O.G.M. more powerful and to assist all attempts at the devolution of power.

2. OUTSIDE THE UNION.

Again I take issue with the 'apolitical'. We cannot and must not retire to the ivory tower of the academic seclusion. We are an integral part of the community and must see ourselves as such. We are in a time of great struggles and must make clear our position on these. I believe we should do all possible to support the working class in their battles against wage restraint and the curtailment of their trade union rights (e.g. the right to picket effectively — endangered by the Shrewsbury judgements)

However the present parliamentary instability is solved a solution to the underlying economic problems will be attempted by squeezing the wage-earner. This is why we have no right to remain silent.

D. HOWL.

Candidate's Name **TONY HYNES**
 Candidate's Dept. **CHEMISTRY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1971**
 Proposed by **PETE GILLARD**
 Seconded by **MARK TURNBULL**
 Union positions held: Delegate N.U.S. Conference Easter 1973. N.U.S. Policy Committee. Member L.U.U. I.M.G. Soc.

UNION DEMOCRACY

Most students are probably ignorant of the powers of UC which can be seen at any of its meetings. It is important to elect the right people, not because they will make the right decisions but because they want everything out in the open.

At present UC elects secretaries for sub-committees, delegates to most of the smaller conferences and takes important decisions about the Union. This must end!

Interest in OGM's is minimal but of UC it is nil and so people don't know what goes on. If elected I would move that all posts are elected at OGM's and all important decisions EG. Pete Readers re-instatement as secretary.

STAFF/CONDITIONS

The Union is UNDERSTAFFED. We can get more by paying realistic wages and better conditions. Any attempt by the Univ. to stop this must be fought. £25 for 35 hours must be the minimum. They must have better washroom and restroom facilities. So must the staff the Univ. employ especially cleaners, catering and security staff.

GRANTS AND EDUCATION

So far the Exec. have shown no leadership or involvement in the grants campaign necessary in a college like ours. UC must change this and become a leading figure in the fight for a decent education. Students are facing attacks on all fronts with inflation eating at the value of the grant, cuts of over £250m. in education and Union autonomy on again being threatened.

The new Soc. Studies and Physical Education Buildings have been shelved for at least a year. Labour rent freeze or not, Boyle still has to find £85 per unit of accommodation. This can only be at the expense of other facilities. We must fight all erosions in our education as and when they occur. A militant campaign is a pre-requisite to success. We'll get nothing free — we must fight with occupation and pickets as at Essex University.

SMASH RACISM AND SEXISM

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 Candidate's Dept. **CIVIL ENGINEERING**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1972**
 Proposed by **J. NICHOLSON**
 Seconded by **J. SILSBY**

Union positions held: House Secretary, March 1973/74. Union Council Member, March 1973-74. Vice-President Engineering Students' Representative Council. Ents Committee, and various other University and Union committees.

Once again we find elections for yet more boring Union hacks who will claim that the Union is once again in a state of crisis which they will solve "at a stroke". I don't claim to be able to do any such thing. I have, however, worked quite hard for Union members over the last year on Executive and Union Council and I hope that the work that I have done especially in the Union building e.g. introduction of new T.V.'s laying of padded seating on the extension steps, work at the Lipman building, etc. will induce you to vote for me once again for a place on Union Council next year.

Carol Jelley

Candidate's Name **GRAHAM JOHNSON**
 Candidate's Dept. **BIOPHYSICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1972**
 Proposed by **AUDREY MORRIS**
 Seconded by **D. H. JACKMAN**
 Union positions held: None.

WANTED: A REALISTIC UNION

Too much time and money is wasted in the union on projects that are of dubious value or are not wanted by the student body as a whole. What is required is a more realistic approach to union affairs. I will try to encourage such an approach. These are my main policies:

THE UNION BUILDING:

This is in a sorry state! I will attempt to rectify this and will also strive for better launderette, television, games and bar facilities. Most important of all, refectory standards and prices will receive much of my attention.

THE GRANTS CAMPAIGN:

Of course I am in favour of this, but let's have a grants campaign with a little more intelligent planning and imagination.

UNION STUDENT RELATIONS:

These can only be improved by the union taking more interest in affairs that affect students at this university directly, not by spending time on issues that are beyond our control.

I believe that the most important business carried out in Union Council does not involve politics. Of course I do hold my own particular political opinions and these may or may not coincide with yours, however, I feel that this does not matter. What is important is that I am always willing to listen to other peoples opinions and will be fair and honest in my decisions.

Candidate's Name **SIMON C. JONES**
 Candidate's Dept. **ECONOMICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **?????**
 Proposed by **JON SILSBY**
 Seconded by **ALAN LENTON**

Union positions held: Entertainments Committee 1972/73. Rag Committee 1973/74.

If elected I do not promise to transform the Union, though what I do promise is to represent the views of anyone who wants some help, or has any ideas.

Thanks in anticipation.

Simon Jones.

Candidate's Name **NICK LAMMING**
 Candidate's Dept. **COM. STUDIES IN SCIENCE**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1971**
 Proposed by **STEPHEN TWEEDIE**
 Seconded by **CAROL A. SHAW**

Union positions held: Ex-Officio Union Council Member 1974. Secretary Arts Festival.

UNION COUNCIL

With the continuing decline in interest in Union affairs, Union Council is becoming more and more powerful. It is, therefore, essential to elect efficient and skilled people, who are prepared to fulfil their obligations to their electors.

EXPERIENCE

I am an ex officio member of U.C. and am an observer on the Staff/Student Committee of the University. I am also the Arts Festival Secretary, whose activities continue, culminating in the post examination festival in June. I am also active on numerous open committees.

O.G.M.'s

I believe it is important to radically improve Union democracy. O.G.M.'s should only be held from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. or be conducted in the evenings, so that those with heavy lecture commitments are not poorly represented. O.G.M.'s should occasionally (but periodically) be moved around the campus, e.g. to the Medical School or the larger Halls of Residence, in order to attract more people to make use of their vote. Business concerning people likely to attend these meetings should be prioritised. A system of registered votes could be introduced, enabling people to participate in Union decisions without staying the whole length of long meetings. In essence, people power must be increased.

OTHER IDEAS

At times, the Union appears little more than a dull sombre drinking house. At the least, we need a live, exciting drinking house. Wall paintings and other Arts Festival happenings help disguise architectural incompetence. Coloured lights, live music and cushion-rooms could add to this camouflage. The Union needs to reach its members; Union Council should be the bridge.

Nick Lamming.

Candidate's Name **SARAH LANGRIDGE-SMITH**
 Candidate's Dept. **COMPUTER STUDIES**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1973**
 Proposed by **ALAN LENTON**
 Seconded by **MARTIN LEWTON**

Union positions held: None.

THE UNION

At the moment our Union is in a very bad situation, not so much from the various crises that arise, but from the dissatisfaction of students with the bureaucratic and elitist nature of Executive and U.C. To much time is spent in writing reports that are subsequently lost in other committees than in bringing issues which concern the student to her/his notice so campaigns can at least be formulated — remember the Senate Elections!

We need a U.C. which will fight for the needs, welfare and demands of the student body.

I believe that U.C. should fight for the following:—

- i) For an **Autonomous Union**. Before we can fight many of the issues which face students, we must be an independent Union. Therefore any infringement of the University on our Autonomy must be fought if we are ever to satisfy the needs of a steadily increasing membership.
- ii) **Involvement in Educational issues that face students within the University**. The Union must begin to investigate alternatives to the present system of assessment. It is insufficient just to be critical of Exams, now that we have an Educational and Welfare Officer, we should be able to mount a campaign posing an alternative to them.
- iii) **Against the Education Cuts**. The cuts that have been made in the Educational expenditure must be fought. The withdrawal of subsidies for Student residences and catering establishments, will mean a severe drop in our standard of living.
- iv) For a **militant Grants Campaign**. The demands of the NUS must be met before all students will receive a fair grant. This will not be achieved by sitting back and hoping that the situation resolves itself. Only a militant campaign recognising the political situation can hope to succeed.
- v) For **involvement outside of the Union**. The working class and other groups such as pensioners are also facing attacks on their living standards and rights. We must recognise our common aims with these groups and actively support those in struggle.

MYSELF

I am standing as a Socialist, and as a member of the International Socialists I have fought for and will continue to fight for those campaigns which I believe have to be waged for the welfare of the members of this Union. I believe that a refusal to actively fight will result in our loss. Our loss of both living and educational standards.

Sarah Langridge-Smith.

Candidate's Name **ALAN LENTON**
 Candidate's Dept. **SOCIOLOGY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1973/74**
 Proposed by **ALI SOUTHERN**
 Seconded by **PETE GILLARD**

Union positions held: Accommodation Secretary. Ex-Officio Member of Union Council 1973/74.

THE ROLE OF THE UNION COUNCIL MEMBER

At the moment most Union Council members consider that their job is done if they go to the fortnightly union council meeting and sit it out until 3.00 in the morning, or when ever it finishes on that particular night. I **CONSIDER THIS TO BE A TOTALLY ERRONEOUS ATTITUDE**. U.C. members must be more than just armchair pushers. They must be active campaigning members of the Union. They are given no specific responsibilities so that they can help out the executive committee members and the sub-committee secretaries when needed. It is also very important that they take part in union campaigns. As far as the present U.C. goes, most of them are most conspicuous by their absence.

THE GRANTS CAMPAIGN

Undoubtedly the main problem facing students at the moment is that owing to the pitiful level of the student grant they are housed in slums, underfed, poorly clothed, half frozen, and generally not in any fit condition to study. From this it would follow that we need more money. Unfortunately the government is not prepared to just hand this to us — we have to fight for it. Whence comes the Grants Campaign. It is important that the Grants Campaign receives as much support as it can get, as it is essential that members of Union Council give this support. As an active member of the Grants Campaign Action Committee I will give it my full support.

CRISIS

The fact that the Grants are at such a low level is not something which is an isolated, "unfortunate" fact, it is part of a series of other "unfortunate" facts which together make up the crisis which society is undergoing. The fact that our grants are low, like the fact that the vast majority of people are badly paid is part of an attempt by those in power to solve this crisis. But we are not the cause of the crisis, it is caused by an economic system which puts individual's profit before the wider needs of the community. Since we did not cause the crisis, there is absolutely no reason why we should pay for it. Let those who have benefitted most pay for the crisis of their own causing.

The fact that our problems are not isolated ones, make it quite clear that we must link up with those other sections of the community who face problems akin to those facing us. We cannot fight alone, we do not have the industrial strength needed to go it alone.

As a socialist I will do my best to ensure that we don't fight alone.

Alan.

Candidate's Name **MARY A. LITTLEFIELD**
 Candidate's Dept. **ENGLISH/FINE ART**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University **1972**
 Proposed by **G. DURHAM**
 Seconded by **PETE GILLARD**

Union positions held: Member of Entertainments Publicity Working Party.

CRISIS IN THE UNION

The Union at the moment is stagnant. This is not only due to the inefficiency and lack of activity on the part of Exec., but the noninvolvement of Student Members in the running of the Union. General meetings are important if we are to take decisions concerning the Union, whether they be on Grants or Dope in the bars. The General meeting is the body we can use to make sure that Exec., and U.C. carry out policies which are important and relevant to this Union. Thus General meetings should be used as they are the most important means of ensuring that Exec. and U.C. are bodies not above students interests but there to carry out the policies that ordinary members want.

THE ROLE OF U.C.

Therefore U.C. should also be a body of people who are prepared to actively support and participate in Union Campaigns and issues. It is utterly important that U.C. is not just a small number of people who sit round a table once a fortnight and do nothing else. They must ensure that all students are aware of what is going on and encourage them to participate in Union Campaigns and Activities.

AUTONOMY

Issues that affect us as students can only be fought if we are a completely autonomous Union. Cuts in Government spending have meant massive cuts in the Educational budget. This means, the worsening of staff — student ratios, the halting of much needed new building programmes, and a forcing up of Hall and Catering fees. All these things we can only fight if we are a completely autonomous body. We can only fight for improvements of course content and an improvement in the examination system if we as a Union are independent of the University who dictate them. This is why the fight for issues such as representation and election on Senate and the control of our own Sabbatical Officers is vital.

GRANTS

Students cannot be isolated in the struggle for an improved standard of living. Now we must show that along with the Miners and the Pensioners we are not prepared to be neutral. Despite the election of a Labour Govt. of February 28th the fight must continue to improve living standards. Students cannot fight alone, we must unite with all members of the working class who are actively defending their living standards and organisations.

I am active in the Grants Campaign and believe that the Union must be an active union to be a strong one.

I am standing as a Socialist and a member of the International Socialists. I will continue to fight for Socialist policies which I believe are essential to the Strength, Purpose and Welfare of our Union.

M. A. Littlefield.

Election for 25 Members of Union Council for Session 1974/75

Candidate's Name ... **BRIAN SMITH**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **HISTORY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University ... **1973**
 Proposed by ... **CLIVE CLAPSON**
 Seconded by ... **DAVE KILLEEN**

Union positions held: None.

The most important points I would like to bring to your attention are:-
 1. The need for a Union which is more concerned with student needs and problems than with petty political propaganda.
 2. The need for much closer communication between the Union officers and students to explain what, if anything they are trying to do.
 3. The need for a drastic clean-up and improvement in the Union Buildings.
 4. These aims can only be achieved, and Union activities channelled into the fields you want them to be in, if you are prepared to vote in a moderate Union Council for next year. If you voted for me before, please do so again. If you didn't, please consider what I have said.
 Thank you.

B. P. Smith.

Candidate's Name ... **JULIAN H. STACEY**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University ... **1973/74**
 Proposed by ... **DAVID BOOTHBY**
 Seconded by ... **TOM BURKE**

Union positions held: Ents Steward and Technical Services.

AIMS IF ELECTED:-

- 1) Union Building — Clean it — keep it clean.
 - 2) Maintain publicity for more doubles bar staff — reducing the workload and thus waiting time in the other bars.
 - 3) Re-emphasise politics so the disenfranchised 'average' student will come back to the (continually) inoperative O.G.M.'s & kill general Union apathy.
 - 4) Unive Rents should go up less than inflation — not grossly more.
 - 5) Serious? Yes. I've been to all possible O.G.M.'s, reconvened A.G.M. etc. — encourage others to go to meetings, votes, etc — member of Tech Services and Ents Stewards.
- Any Questions — ask me.

Julian H. Stacey.

Candidate's Name ... **CHRIS STOPA**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **LAW**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University ... **SEPTEMBER 1972**
 Proposed by ... **ABDUL HAI**
 Seconded by ... **W. TATE**

Union positions held: Student Rep-Faculty of Law Staff/Student Committee in 1972-73 and 1973-1974.

We are together facing a deteriorating problem of contact between the hierarchy and the membership. I believe this stems from two main problems, namely (i) the exclusiveness and remoteness of Exec and U.C. and (ii) the seeming impossibility for members to exert any meaningful control in the Union. A democratic Union is not something that can be given to us but is something that we must work at. We must accept the responsibility of membership of this organisation and make full use, unlike now, of the machinery to influence the running and policies of it. To this end I propose that the venue of O.G.M.'s be changed to the evening to ensure adequate and unrestricted discussion of motions. Also, if elected, I would attempt to ensure that no main policy decisions were taken without the prior or subsequent approval of an O.G.M. If these points were accepted I hope it would mean that we could eventually say that the O.G.M. was the normal policy making body not some remote committee.

I see Union Council as exerting a controlling influence over the Executive, as a forum for working out the details of policy arrived at as I have detailed above and as having an originating function dependant on approval from O.G.M.'s.

A democratic Union can only be achieved when we refuse to abrogate our responsibilities as members and become involved. If we can achieve this then, perhaps, we will be in a position to make a start on the major problems that face us.

Candidate's Name ... **IAN SWAIN**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **ECONOMICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University ... **1927**
 Proposed by ... **IAN DREWETT**
 Seconded by ... **RALPH PAGE**

Union positions held: "Labour Student" Editorial Board. Generally active on N.U.S.P. and G.C.A.C.

As I stated in my manifesto for the post of General secretary of the Union, it is often said in Union elections that politics should be left out of the Union; that students should be non-political, and hence everything in the garden will be rosy. But the issue of grants is a political issue! If political pressure is not put on the Government of the day, students will simply be ignored.

What is the real motive behind those who say this—
 These people are in fact Tories, although they don't want to admit it. The reason why?

Well students should know — with their fastly depreciating living standards. I am myself a member of the Labour Party and I stand for the full implementation of Clause Four of the Party Constitution, and an end to the capitalist system.

THE UNION

At the moment the Union is in Crisis. O.G.M.'s too frequently cannot get a quorum; the A.G.M. this year was barely quorate; certain sections of the student body feel isolated; and many more reasons.

The reason why?

Union officers seem to be failing in their duties. Instead of staying in Exec, all day, they should be out, amongst the students, trying to combat this growing apathy and getting the ordinary student member involved in the Union. All members of U.C. must ensure that all officers must be pressed to bridge this expanding communications gap.

I will fight for greater democracy in the Union — the O.G.M. to become the supreme body. This can only be brought about through the abolition of the quorum of the O.G.M.'s or, for the constitutionally minded, a maximum number of 40. Union Council must be abolished. Disciplinary Tribunal abolished — their powers to be transferred to the O.G.M. All Exec. officers must be fully accountable to O.G.M.'s and be subject to immediate recall. ALL student posts including Entertainments, Network Four and Editor of Leeds Student, must be open to free election.

GRANTS.

Unfortunately due to the decision of the last S.G.M. the Grants Campaign has become defunct for the rest of the term. However it must be rebuilt for next year to ensure the possibility of future success. I support the present campaign of the N.U.S. to obtain a grant level of £655. The iniquitous Discretionary award system must be brought to an end. Married women students should get the full award. The means test must end. But this cannot merely be done simply by writing letters to M.P.'s and then leaving it to them. Direct political action has to be taken, but this must not be done solely in isolation. It should be combined with the struggles of the Labour movement against the Government in their fight to obtain better living standards.

TO FIGHT IN ISOLATION MEANS FAILURE. TO COMBINE WILL BRING SUCCESS!

If you still believe that the Union should remain a-political then your hope for a higher grant is a false one.

Also residence fees and catering prices must be stabilised, and if possible be reduced, until a realistic grant level is obtained.

I.S.

Candidate's Name ... **WILLIAM TATE**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **LAW**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **G. FOSTER**
 Seconded by ... **C. SHOPA**

Union positions held: None.

IF YOU ATTENDED THE LAST O.G.M. DON'T READ THIS

If you didn't, isn't it about time you asked yourself why? We have probably the best and most well equipped union in the country, but do you use it? do you care? If attendance figures at O.G.M.'s are anything to go by, presumably not. I would like to see O.G.M.'s packed, because after all the O.G.M. is the supreme decision making body in the union, your union. Let's see people exercising their right to fashion union policy.

To achieve the objective of a strong union capable of making its voice heard we must get together and work for our common goals.

It's an old cliché but we must strive for a democratic union, as opposed to one dominated by minority faction politics. I may not have all the answer but I'm prepared to try.

Candidate's Name ... **KEVIN THOMPSON**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **COMBINED STUDIES**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University ... **1973**
 Proposed by ... **NICK LAMMING**
 Seconded by ... **ANNIE ATKIN**

Union positions held: Publicity Secretary, House Committee, Arts Festival Committee, Grants Campaign, NUS Policy Committee Ex-Officio Union Council.

Union council has a number of important functions, the main ones being control of the finances of the union, i.e. spending your money, and controlling executive. Both these functions must be carried out responsibly and with the views of the membership in mind.

The control of union council is your responsibility, and as a member of union council I will vote responsibly and according to my own conscience, except where I am under a General meeting mandate, which I shall obey or else resign.

Although only a first year I have experience of NUS through my activities on East London Area, and in other student unions. In Leeds I have been active on a number of union committees, including union council and have attended Leeds Area meetings as an observer. I feel that the way to expand the present services we have is through the area organisation through joint ventures with the poly.

I feel the experience I have would be invaluable to both council and students in general.

Finally, I believe in negotiation with the university, and only using disruptive tactics as a last resort, but I am not afraid of supporting these tactics, should it become necessary. I support a constructive attitude to the Senate elections, and as a member of council would press for policy on this very important issue to be brought before the student body in good time for debate, before the next elections to Senate and other University committees.

I support the grants campaign, am myself on rent strike, and have been actively engaged in publicising the aims of the campaign through Radio Leeds and by lobbying M.P.'s.

Kevin.

Candidate's Name ... **MARK TURNBULL**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **ECONOMICS/POLITICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University ... **1973**
 Proposed by ... **TONY HYNES**
 Seconded by ... **GREG BENTON**

I am a Member of the International Marxist Group.

Union positions held: NUS Secretary Loughton College F.E. 1972/3. Academic Board Loughton College F.E. 1972/3. J.C.C. Loughton College F.E. 1972/3. Delegate to NUS National Conference April and June 1973. Delegate to South Essex Area NUS 1972/3. Delegate to Leeds Area Grants Action Committee 1973/4.

I am also a member of Publicity Committee. I was elected to this Committee by U.C. when I was not present and did not ask, even to be a member of Publicity Committee. This is the sort of power UC have — all elections to OGM's!

UNION DEMOCRACY

Most students are probably ignorant of the powers of UC which can be seen at any of its meetings. It is important to elect the right people, not because they will make the right decisions but because they want everything out in the open.

At present UC elects secretaries for sub-committees, delegates to most of the smaller conferences and takes important decisions about the Union. This must end!

Interest in OGM's is minimal but of UC it is nil and so people don't know what goes on. If elected I would move that all posts are elected at OGM's and all important decisions EG. Pete Readers re-instatement as secretary.

STAFF/CONDITIONS

The Union is UNDERSTAFFED. We can get more by paying realistic wages and better conditions. Any attempt by the Univ. to stop this must be fought. £25 for 35 hours must be the minimum. They must have better washroom and rest-room facilities. So must the staff the Univ. employ especially the cleaners, catering and security staff.

GRANTS AND EDUCATION

So far the Exec. have shown no leadership or involvement in the grants campaign necessary in a college like ours. UC must change this and become a leading figure in the fight for a decent education. Students are facing attacks on all fronts with inflation eating at the value of the grant, cuts of over £250m. in education and Union autonomy on again being threatened. The new Soc. Studies and Physical Education Buildings have been shelved

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Candidate's Name ... **SARAH WARD**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **ENGLISH**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University ... **1973**
 Proposed by ... **IAN MUIR**
 Seconded by ... **CHRIS GREEN**

Union positions held: Union Council 1974. Delegate N.U.S. Area Committee. N.U.S. Policy Committee. Grants Campaign Action Committee. University Halls of Residence Committee. Secretary, Community Society..

It seems obvious that many student members do not identify with the Union, either as a strong campaigning union that will fight in their interests, or as a centre for the expression of student interests, social, cultural and political. The question of violence and illegal practices, although fundamentally different issues, both threaten the autonomy of our union. If students are to identify with the union we must encourage participation in running the union. I would like to see U.C. and Executive holding informal discussion forums where students can discuss the running of the union, their participation in union campaigns, and the sort of cultural events they would like to see in the building.

The difficulty in gaining active support for the grants campaign and other union activities cannot be seen apart from the general alienation of the student body from the union. The recent election of a Labour Government does not mean that our grants campaign is over; on the contrary. It is more necessary to force that Government to meet our demands; how that Government will react will depend upon the strength and unity of the working class and student movement outside Parliament, each section fighting for its own right to a decent living standard.

In fighting the grants campaign we are not simply fighting an economic demand; we are fighting for the opening up of access to education, and we cannot see the question in isolation from the nature of education itself. At present union activities are separated from the process of education in which all students are involved, I would like to see the union encouraging discussion on course content and the whole structure of education which increasingly is in conflict with the changing social experience of students and, therefore, inadequate to meet their needs.

Students, together with academic staff and campus workers should be able to participate in the running of the university. Student representatives on Senate and other university committees should be mandatable and accountable to the union, as the student body which elected them. However, until we overcome the problems of present student alienation from the union by identify with it as theirs, we cannot create the strong democratic basis necessary for such representation.

I believe that students can be actively involved in issues which affect them; I also believe that we have done far too little on issues of anti-imperialism — Chile, Greece, and the liberation struggles in Southern Africa and Asia with which students can strongly identify.

Union Council candidates should be elected on the basis of clear policy — my role on U.C. will be within the framework of the policies outlined above.

Sarah Ward.

Candidate's Name ... **BARRY WARDLE**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **HISTORY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **P. M. TAYLOR**
 Seconded by ... **M. BRADLEY**

Union positions held: Secretary, History Society 74/75. Ents. Steward 73/74.

As a member of Union Council I would be prepared to try and satisfy the wishes and objectives of the majority of students. I am basically apolitical but if the majority wanted the Union to be a political force, as a representative of the students, I would feel obliged to satisfy their demands, as, it is the students whom should set out the lines of policy, and, Union Council should act upon these and no other.

My main interest, if elected, would be the smooth functioning of the Union and the facilities it has to offer. If elected, I would enquire into the general running of the Union Supermarket as it would appear many find its prices too high, and if possible, would attempt to make this service more amenable to student's pockets. Thank you B. Wardle.

Candidate's Name ... **PETE WHITE**
 Candidate's Dept. ... **BOTANY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds
 University ... **1972**
 Proposed by ... **J. McCLEAN**
 Seconded by ... **J. NOBLE**

Union positions held: None.

I feel justified in standing for Union Council for the following reasons:-

(i) I consider myself able to adequately represent the views of the student body of this university.

(ii) Although holding fairly strong political views, I see no reason why politics should play any part in the running of Union affairs.

Basic aims if elected would be:-

(i) **Improvement of Union Facilities** — There has been a noticeable deterioration in the quality of union facilities and as a result every member suffers. A general improvement in facilities with special emphasis on Halls of Residence and the Union Building itself would not be overdue.

(ii) **Communication** — At present there seems to be a decided lack of communication between the elected U.C. members and the ordinary student. This situation will have to be changed if U.C. is to function efficiently in future.

(iii) Continued support for higher grants, which I believe are essential — this will always be an important issue.

Thanks for bothering to read this. Please use your vote. Pete White.

Election for 25 Members of Union Council for Session 1974/75

Candidate's Name SIMON J. R. WILSON
Candidate's Dept. LAW
Year of Entry to Leeds
University 1973
Proposed by DAVE SMITH
Seconded by ED WOODCRAFT
Union positions held: Social Secretary Archaeological Society
1974-75.

THE UNION FOR ALL STUDENTS

For too long has the University Union been dominated by elitists who aim simply to implement their own extremist political doctrines, totally ignoring the views of the vast majority of students. This has led to a natural growth of apathy towards the Union, reflected by both the abysmal turn-out at O.G.M. meetings and the present state of the Union building itself. Obviously, politics must play an important part in University life, but political dogmas should not overrule the interests of students, and if elected I shall do all in my power to remain above political in-fighting.

My major concern if elected will be to look into the problem of student accommodation which I feel is being totally ignored by the University. This is especially prevalent when one considers that the University has plans to increase the intake of the University despite the already acute deficiency of student accommodation.

Above all, I hope to restore the Union to its rightful position: a Union for ALL students and representative of ALL students.

Please vote for me. Thank you. Simon Wilson.

VENCEREMOS

HASTA LA VICTORIA SIEMPRE

Candidate's Name GRAHAM SIDNEY
WORTHINGTON
Candidate's Dept. COM. STUDIES (SCIENCE)
Year of Entry to Leeds
University 1971
Proposed by S. E. SMITH
Seconded by FIONA HESELTINE

Union positions held: Combined Studies Staff/Student Committee Representative.

Having been here since 1971 I have witnessed the gradual decay of the Union throughout the terms of office of Ken Hind, Abdul Hai and Andy Jarosz. I think it is clear to the majority of students that now some common sense is needed in the running of the Union.

Most students do not care about any issues that do not affect them directly. I therefore feel that OGM business should be confined to that which is pertinent to the running of the Union and discussing things that have important consequences for all students of this university and not some extremist minority amongst us.

The Union's state of health is a matter of concern for us all. We need a strong Union, a Union which represents all students views equally and fairly. I think I represent the views of the average student, allow me to prove that I do.

VOTE FOR COMMON SENSE.

VOTE WORTHINGTON. Graham S. Worthington.

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Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April 1974

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 BUILDING - 12 noon to 2 p.m.

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

Voting will be in accordance with the Constitution and Bye Laws and will be by means of a stamp on the current Union card.

USE YOUR VOTE!