

Voting Details

The names for candidates and positions they are running for as shown below:-

Job Title	Candidates name
<i>Sabbatical Officers</i>	
Student Governor	Alex Brown
Communications Officer	Chris Tams
<i>Part-time posts</i>	
Clubs and Societies officer	Naomi Meara
Social Secretary	Sian Rhys
Equal Opportunities Officer	Sally Rush
Anti-Racism Officer	Hayley Bogle
Students With Disabilities Officer	Erik Bean

Voting in the 1993 elections for NCSU Executive will take place at both Avenue and Park student union buildings as follows:-

	Avenue	Park
Monday 17th May	10am - 2pm	10am - 3pm
Tuesday 18th May	10am - 2pm	10am - 3pm
Wednesday 19th May	10am - 2pm	10am - 12.45pm
Thursday 20th May	10am - 5pm	10am - 5pm

Voting will be by Alternative Voting System ie. indicate your preference by placing a 'X' in the appropriate box. Please note that all candidates are running unopposed but that in each case RON (re-open nominations) is an option for your vote. You may only vote with a current Nene College Student Union card. Job descriptions are printed in the back of the Manifestos document. The count will take place Thursday 20th evening and results will be announced at that nights event at Park Campus. Details of the count will be posted up Friday 21st at both sites. There will be voting to fill the rest of the Executive posts at the beginning of the next academic year, so look out for details after the Summer break.

Thanks for taking part and showing an interest.

STUDENT GOVERNOR

Well, usual start to an election manifesto, accompanied by a horrible photo. My name is Alex Brown and I'm a third year combined studies student studying law. I have been here at Nene for four years and have been involved with student unions for three years.

The Strategic Plan that has been passed by ratification by the Student Representative Council is a progressive document, it is a start to what is going to be five years of building and gradually making our union stronger. It is not carved in stone, as situations change so the plan will be changed to keep pace with the changing circumstances. It will not bring any quick overnight solutions, a great deal of work has gone into it and a great deal more will go into it.

The spectre of voluntary membership is just one of those changing circumstances that will be a dramatic change for all unions, however, the Government have constantly put it off, but they will not do so for ever. As a Students Union my main concern is for the rights of students and as such I was elected at NUS Conference as the Public Sector Higher Education Rep for the East Midlands. This gives me a direct voice into the National Committee and I also sit on the Regional Area Council that enables consultation to take place between the Colleges, Unis and Polys in the area.

I was also Clubs and Societies Officer in 1991 and have also been President of the Hockey Club.

The fact that you the student body elect the Executive does not mean you have no say or no responsibility for the running of your union. You do and it is a very important role.

So vote for a stronger Union

Vote for experience and

Vote to keep the Union your Union.

GET IT RIGHT - VOTE ALEX BROWN

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Hello there, and if you don't know who I am let me introduce myself. My name is Chris Tams (or Tamsie to friends) and I'm in the final year of a Combined Studies degree majoring in Economics. I've been involved with the Students Union at Nene ever since I came here three years ago. I've been a very active member of the Football Society and for the past two years I've been President of BUNAC at College which has given me a very good understanding of how the Students Union should be run. I've also been heavily associated with the events at Nene whether it be as a DJ, quiz compere, member of security, stage managing gigs or even compering battle of the bands or the talent show. More recently I was elected to be a member of the Strategic Plan Sub Committee which involved a lot of work to produce a document which will be the way forward for the Union that you want.

If you elect me as Communications Officer I believe that I have the knowledge and qualities to run the internal aspects of the Students Union that you want. This would mean making Nene Scene a tri-termly publication so it is more relevant to things happening at the time of publication. I would also produce a weekly newsletter to provide everyone with up to the minute important info that wouldn't be in the larger editions of Nene Scene. Also, I would promote more student participation in the production of the paper by the use of competitions for writing articles. I would promote more active participation of students within NCSU by better publicity and promotion of the activities that students at Nene can get involved in.

By being on the Strategic Plan Committee I have been able to put down some of my ideas on to paper about how to run the union - a vote for me will make me able to put these plans into action. So vote for the man with the plan - VOTE CHRIS TAMS FOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES OFFICER

"I want to be elected.....

..... and I am right for the job."

Disability is a wide ranging problem that I am very much aware of. I have an arthritic complaint myself that most people would not even notice but sometimes even this gets in my way.

Since coming to Nene I have been living with a wheelchair bound peer who has made me aware of some of the problems that are faced by the more severely disabled.

I don't pretend to know it all but I feel that I have a head start over many others.

I would bring to the job my experience and skills gained in a wide range of past activities which

include a number of years working in an office environment, running my own department for most of this time, and serving on various sub-committees of the Hertfordshire County Council.

We are not all equal and no amount of pressure by the NCSU can change this, it is a fact of life. All we can hope to do is to try and remove some of the prejudice and unnecessary obstacles from the lives of those of us with afflictions.

My main aim, if elected, would be to ask questions (of my own and from others) and try and get some solutions.

Could that step be a ramp? Why is this information not available in braille? How is she going to get to the SLT? What about inter-campus transport for those who cannot board a bus? And so on.

These are just examples. I am sure that in a successful year there will be plenty more of those and hopefully about as many solutions.

Another big part of the job is to raise some awareness amongst those of us who think that only other people are disabled.

What if you broke a leg in a showering accident, how would you get up those stairs then? What about if you severed a nerve and developed movement control problems while opening a tin of corned beef, how would you type (or juggle) then? How about if an insect climbed into your ear while you were asleep and caused you to go deaf before morning, how would you hear your alarm clock and know that it was time to get up?

Life is full of hazards, lets be aware that any of us could develop a disability and lets learn how to help those who already have. Start by electing me, Erik Bean, to the post of Students with Disabilities Officer, in the forthcoming elections.

Vote Bean Vote carefully.

ANTI-RACISM OFFICER

Hi, my name is Hayley Bogle, I am 18 years old and as far as interests go, I enjoy reading, swimming, socialising like most students do, and talking. As a first year student at Nene College, currently studying for a combined studies degree in Business Administration, psychology and industrial studies I feel that I would like to be considered for the post of Anti-Racism Officer. If successful (optimism) I will be responsible for coordinating the NCSUs anti-racist activities which I feel should include all areas of college life. I would be a member of the NCSUs Equal Opportunities Committee therefore would have to liaise with the Equal Opportunities Officer frequently to formulate a strategic committee who would have to meet regularly to ensure the maximum potential activities are being arranged and put to good use.

I, being of mixed race myself, am fortunate in the fact that I have never been subjected to cruel

remarks and/or treatments from totally ignorant racist people who I feel must be totally lacking an appreciation of certain nationalities culture to be so vindictive in the first place. However, I can understand because I have heard time and time again talk about certain races of people as if they are worthless, the feelings of upset and hatred felt by subjected people to any verbal racial attack. It is essential that fairness in a sense is spread throughout the college both for students and lecturers. Touching upon this is the issue of anonymous marking, which should be used as part of policy by all influential lecturers - hence assignments being marked anonymously in order to ensure that no bias towards a grade takes place just upon the name of a student, therefore maybe their race.

Having also just come back from a visit to South Africa, and seeing shreds of Apartheid still in operation was to me not only highly degrading but also very disturbing. This has made me realise just how important it is to yes be united, but most importantly TO GIVE EVERYBODY A CHANCE AT EVERYTHING. Therefore, to combat this people-centred problem from continuing it is important to set up activities which increase the awareness of multi-racial positive thinking as opposed to sheer narrow mindedness. This could be obtained by encouraging all different ethnic minorities and racial groups to participate in activities and become involved in the Students Union so that they can express their opinions or their racial group as well.

Again, finally, I would very much appreciate your consideration for my application for this post as this is a matter vital hence I feel strongly that justice should be done on all levels including the colour of peoples skin.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES OFFICER

Hello everybody, yes you can skim over most of this as its really boring, but before you do, remember my name is Naomi for when you're voting. Clubs and Societies Officer is though a serious role within our Union which I will endeavour to tackle in a professional manner.

I am studying for a BSc Combined Degree in Human Biology, Sport and Recreation and Music and throughout this year have been an active participant in various clubs and societies. Through my involvement I have realised the need for continued effective organisation and am prepared to give some of my time to achieve this; please find the time to vote for myself and other new members of the executive.

So, have a BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Vote for me,

Naomi

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES OFFICER

I'm Sally Rush and I wish to become Nene College Students Union's Equal Opportunities Officer.

First of all who am I, well I'm 21 and doing BA Combined Studies (Economics, Business Admin and Sociology). I'm married to Ady who's a doorman at The Zone/Ritzys and am interested in reading, listening to music, going to gigs and going to the theatre.

Right now on to the position and what I feel I can offer. The role of Equal Opportunities Officer I feel is basically one of an active coordinator of the various representative views getting heard and put into action. This is where I feel the new Equal Opportunities Committee will be vital. It will be an opportunity for all groups to come together and share their needs and opinions whether they be women, LGB, disabled or whatever. It will, I believe, mean that where similar issues are faced by different groups (e.g. the need for anonymous marking to stop discrimination due to race or sex) a united approach can be adopted. In the setting up of this committee I will be working in partnership with the anti-racism officer, although I would stress **ALL GROUPS WILL BE EQUALLY REPRESENTED** and I would be doing my best to encourage active participation by everybody.

I believe that this position and the committee and I would be responsible for setting up are an important part of the way forward in a new representative NCSU. As I say my role would be basically to ensure everybody is heard and heard equally. This would mean that NCSU would make sure that it was not itself, however, unintentionally discriminating against any group. Following on from this if I got this position my first task, other than setting up the committee, would be to look at the college and union equal opportunity policy documents to see if the theory and good intentions are being put into practice in our college.

So all that said why do I think I'm right for the job? First of all in the last year I have been a Nene College representative at both the Anti-Racism Conference and Womens Conference of NUS nationally. At these conferences I learnt a lot about other peoples experiences and how they approached certain issues. Therefore, I feel I have a reasonable knowledge of several areas of inequality within the student world. I would also at this point say that through the conferences I have begun to learn about LGB and disabled students problems, besides racism and sexism. However, having said that I wouldn't say my knowledge is very extensive in these areas and I am always willing to learn and so would be hoping to be educated more by those who are part of any of these groups. The second reason I think I'm the right person for the job as I am totally committed to NCSU and the students it represents. My final reason I feel you should vote for me is I feel

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Hello everyone!

My name is Sian Rhys, I'm a first year BA Honours student studying on the combined course doing sociology, psychology and human biological studies. The position I'm applying for is Social Secretary.

As a student my interests in the NCSU lie mainly in the entertainments side of it. I feel that a good social life whilst at College is of utmost importance, and would certainly like to see drastic improvements in this area!

If I was to be voted in as Social Secretary I intend to do everything in my power to ensure SU entertainment and events will provide the necessary level of social life that students wish for. I have great belief and every confidence that together with the help of the rest of the committee there will be a marked improvement, not only in the variety of entertainment but also in the quality of it.

To ensure the standard and type of entertainment you want is met, efforts will be made to find out how you feel it can be improved, changes you want to be made, what you want to see and what you want to do. All these suggestions will then be used in compiling an organised open plan, the idea being to provide for all those, whatever your taste in music or preferences. Canvassing will be used around college particularly in halls, so that everyone will know what is going on and how great it will be! In so doing, the number of those attending the SU events will be boosted, which will set the ball rolling as a crowd attracts a crowd!

Endeavours will be made to see popular bands on a more regular basis, drinks promotions, 'fun' evenings - quiz nights, karaoke, blind date, theme nights, free drinks or free entry to future union events on raffle, comedians, spin the wheel, and extensions for example.

This college has great potential and for too long now it has not been met, that simply must change. I am determined and dedicated enough to make amends and to see the social life and entertainment at this college reaches that colossal potential!

Thank you very much for your time reading this, all votes will be greatly appreciated! Enjoy!

Sian Rhys.

Appendix 1: Executive Officers' Job Descriptions

1. Sabbatical Officers

1.1 Student Governor

- 1.1.1 The Student Governor shall be the primary representative of the students of Nene College. S/he shall be a member of Nene College's Governing Body and other relevant College Committees.
- 1.1.2 S/he shall be responsible for promoting NCSU to all relevant external organisations.
- 1.1.3 The Student Governor shall also be responsible for co-ordinating the activities of the Executive Committee, and for liaising between the Executive Committee and NCSU staff through the line management structure.
- 1.1.4 S/he shall be responsible for upholding NCSU's Constitution, and, where necessary, for making rulings as to the meaning and effect of the constitution.

1.2 Communications Officer

- 1.2.1 The Communications Officer shall be responsible for ensuring that NCSU establishes, maintains and develops effective methods of communications between itself and all interested parties.
- 1.2.2 S/he shall be responsible for the production of the NCSU publication.
- 1.2.3 S/he shall be responsible for promoting student participation within the activities and decision-making processes of NCSU.
- 1.2.4 S/he shall chair the Editorial Committee.

2. Non-Sabbatical Officers

2.1 Welfare Officer

- 2.1.1 The Welfare Officer shall be responsible for overseeing the activities of NCSU's Welfare Service.
- 2.1.2 S/he shall Chair the Welfare Advisory Committee.

2.2 Academic Affairs Officer

- 2.2.1 The Academic Affairs officer shall be responsible for overseeing the activities of NCSU's Academic service.
- 2.2.2 S/he shall Chair the Academic Affairs Committee.

2.3 Clubs and Societies Officer

- 2.3.1 The Clubs and Societies Officer shall be responsible for overseeing the activities of NCSU's Recreation service.
- 2.3.2 S/he shall be Chair the Recreation Advisory Committee.

2.4 Social Secretary

- 2.4.1 The Social Secretary shall be responsible for overseeing the activities of NCSU's Social/ Entertainments Service.
- 2.4.2 S/he shall Chair the Social/ Entertainments Advisory Committee.

2.5 Equal Opportunities Officer

- 2.5.1 The Equal Opportunities Officer shall be responsible for co-ordinating the activities of NCSU's Equal Opportunities Committee, and shall Chair this committee.

2.6 Internal Liaison Officer

- 2.6.1 The Internal Liaison Officer shall be responsible for assisting the communications officer with liaising between NCSU and the students of Nene College.

2.7 Anti-racism Officer

- 2.7.1 The anti-racism officer shall be responsible for co-ordinating NCSU's anti-racist activities, and shall be a member of NCSU's Equal Opportunities Committee.

3 Representative Officers

3.1 Mature Students' Officer

- 3.1.1 The Mature students officer shall be responsible for representing the views of all Nene College's mature students.

3.2 Student Parent Officer

- 3.2.1 The Student Parent Officer shall be responsible for representing the views of all Nene College's student parents.

3.3 Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Officer

- 3.3.1 The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Officer shall be responsible for representing the views of all Nene College's lesbian, gay and bisexual students.

3.4 Students with Disabilities Officer

- 3.4.1 The students with Disabilities Officer shall be responsible for representing the views of all Nene College's students with disabilities.

3.5 Overseas Students officer

- 3.5.1 The Overseas Students officer shall be responsible for representing the views of all Nene College's overseas students.

3.6 Women's Officer

- 3.6.1 The Women's officer shall be responsible for representing the views of all Nene College's women students.

3.7 Halls Chair

- 3.7.1 The Halls Chair shall be responsible for representing the views of all students who reside in Nene College's Halls of Residence, or properties managed by Nene College.

THURSDAY, MAY 20th

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