

Appendix 11

OPTING OUT OF STUDENT UNION MEMBERSHIP

Under Section 22(2) 'c' of the 1994 Education Act you have the right not to be a member of the University of Bath Students' Union.

To exercise that right you must inform the SU President of your intention to 'opt-out' in writing.

If you choose to opt-out of membership of your Union, you will be denied an NUS card and many of the benefits that it entails.

You will not be able to:

- Enter the membership only bar and night-club except as a guest who has been signed in by a member (as these are licensed as members clubs).
- Avail yourself of the numerous generous discounts local pubs, clubs, leisure and shopping outlets offer our students.
- Hold a position within an SU club or society, nor stand for election for any SU posts.
- Borrow a Union minibus, or use the free services of the Union's free legal advice service.
- Have a say in how your Union is run and elected.

Furthermore, Union officers will not represent you in any circumstances (eg an appeal on a degree classification/examination results).

If you opt-out you will *not* receive any funding that the University would otherwise have given the Students' Union to represent you.

We hope you will not feel the desire to opt-out of what is your Union. If you do, however, we will fully respect your decision. You may opt-out at *any* time, although you will not be able to opt-in again until the beginning of the following academic year.

In line with the annual registration procedures you will be required to notify the SU President at the start of each and every academic year in which you chose to exercise your right to opt-out.