

Dear Stuart,

Thank you for hosting such a useful debate about Lampeter's future on the 16 Club website.

I only wish to make a few comments at this stage.

It seems to me that if there is serious doubt as to the methodology employed in compiling the Guardian league table then College must speak up about it, loud and clear and in public. Way back in 1969 "The Sunday Times" published a University league table which ranked Lampeter right down near the bottom. Lloyd-Thomas wrote to the newspaper objecting to the ranking and they published his letter. It helped to persuade me to go to Lampeter - something I have never regretted.

I am glad that Ray White is going to take up the issue of fund raising at Council level. It really must be addressed.

Brendan's poignant letter has touched all our hearts. My head tells me that we must do something, as a Club, to attend to the matter of Stuart Blair's injury. It certainly shouldn't have happened. The culprit must be dealt with firmly.

Finally, at the ripe old age of 52 I have just got a permanent appointment with my local Council. So far as I am concerned that tells me that my Lampeter degree is worthwhile and I can now look back on over 30 years of (more or less) gainful employment. Never let us forget how privileged we are to have had a University education. Whatever anyone tells you, it still counts for a lot. Perhaps we should think a bit more about all those people for whom it is an almost impossible dream and who struggle daily with literacy and numeracy problems. I have met some of them through charity work and it is a humbling experience.

Rob  
Lord High Registrar