

Michael “MikeCobra” Clarke - Secretary Manifesto

I am applying for the position of secretary in the Computing Society. I want to fill this role as I have both enjoyed my time and learnt many new things during my time with the Computing Society so far. When I first came to the university, I expected that lectures and seminars would be my primary learning environment. However, even though I have found these very useful, I feel I have learnt more from talking with Computing Society members and discussing new ideas with them.

The society has allowed me opportunities to contribute to open source projects (*namely stopping dcs-get from crapping on scp connections and making it not die when backus is having surprise downtime*), to talk to computing professionals from such companies as IBM and to do what I enjoy the most; ~~break~~ reverse-engineer computers.

It is because of what the Computing Society has given me that I would like this position so I may both give something back and allow others to be given the same opportunities and experiences that I have been allowed.

My view for the future is focused on supporting the current direction of the society. I will be happy to support changes that are demanded by the membership, and suggest new ideas to them. However, I do not currently have any major changes to propose as part of this manifesto.

I feel I am suited to this role for many reasons, these include:

- Prior experience making large pizza orders
- A mild disliking of Python, especially significant white-space
- My growing lack of faith in humanity, giving me insight into how best to deal with those who feel the need to stare at screens for >95% of their life
- The ability to cope with the large amounts of Anime soundtrack that may be queued onto the music server

I hope that you will allow me this opportunity to contribute to the Computing Society.