

Imperial College Union  
**NUS Referendum Report**  
*A Note by the Returning Officer*

With things now entering the final week, the debate and campaigns are really starting to kick off in earnest. There have been five hustings (although one did have to be cancelled owing to a slight lack of people) and one formal debate. On the whole, the hustings have been successful (except for the Reynolds Bar event) with people listening to the debate and asking some sensible and well thought out questions and the formal debate flowed well and produced some interesting questions from the audience.

Unfortunately, there have already been 16 complaints, one of which required the attention of the Referendum Committee, who found it to be ungrounded, and four of which were upheld by the Returning Officer with the rest having been found to be ungrounded, there have been no appeals against the decisions.

Most of these complaints have revolved around poster regulations and I have sent both camps a written reminder of the publicity rules and spoken to the campaign leaders in person so hopefully there will be far fewer complaints next week. So far, the returning officer has only been threatened once.

The referendum software has now been finished so all is in order for the vote to start in only a few hours time.

JM – 09/11/06