

Council Report  
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Handover – July

July started off with Sabb training: two days at Royal Holloway, with one of the most informative sessions being a review of our manifesto pledges and ways to go about achieving them. Following this, it was an intensive month of learning on the job with many meetings to get to know useful members of College staff for the rest of the year. During this month I also started work trying to engage the members of the GSA in clubs by compiling a list of clubs active over the summer and collating this into an article for Postscript. This is something that could be improved for Summer 2010 by getting more clubs involved.

One World Week

This is a joint effort between myself and the DPW, John James as a week long campaign with heavy club involvement. This came as a result of the Rector suggesting an Interfaith Conference combined with many other groups also feeling the need for awareness of their cause. Having investigated legislation for work place equality, we chose 5 of the 6 areas and have allocated days to each. The week is set for the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> February. All the days now have a group informed and leading it up and we have a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October for all involved. Anyone else interested can let us know, and come along.

BUCS Conference (1-4<sup>th</sup> September)

This was 4 days, located at Keele University which I attended with members of the SportImperial Team. The conference was a chance to be updated on the current University Sports scene, hear from experts in the field as well as go to informative workshops and keynote lectures. I attended 4 workshops, one each on BUCS fixtures and BUCS points, as well as one about tours which reaffirmed my belief that the way that we do tours is the best for Imperial College Union. The final one was about securing sponsorship, and proved to be the most interesting as well as providing some useful insights which I then made into a training workshop for our clubs in collaboration with the DPFS, Daniel Hill.

Clubs & Societies Survey

During the Spring term of last academic year, the DPCS, Lily Topham conducted a Clubs & Societies survey. Over the summer I analysed the results, and held a meeting with many of the staff and senior student officers to see what we could glean from it and improve in the coming year. Some key things that came up were the room booking system, club forms and club training. Now that it's post-Freshers' Fair, I'll be compiling the analysis and the steps we are taking into a document for the student population, aimed at club officers.

Officer Training

I've been training Club Officers, primarily with the Principal Officers' Training, but also a session of Sponsorship training. This has been going well so far and I think has been well received. The validations have also been going well- probably less well received but there is a high pass rate. The other training that we did was of our CSC/FU Chairs & Treasurers. With the help of Phil Power, Alex McKee & Daniel Hill, we put together a day long programme for the CSC/FU's for the 28<sup>th</sup> September. On the day it turned out that I had food poisoning, but came in for the afternoon. This was done in collaboration with the Welfare and Education rep training at the same time.

New Clubs

Over the summer we held two New Club Committee meetings with interim committees consisting of first Lily Topham (08/09 DPCS), Jenny Wilson (08/09 RCC Chair), Peter Mabbott (08/09 SCC Chair), and second Jenny Wilson (09/10 DPCS), Andy McLellan (09/10 RCC Chair), Rikki Norris (09/10 CGCU VPFS) and Ali Mozaffari (09/10 GSA Chair). The first was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, with St. Mary's Social Club being successful. The second was held on September 28<sup>th</sup> where Cooking Society were successful in being set up. The latter of these chose to partake in Freshers' Fair and I believe have got off to a promising start.

### Freshers' Fair

The Freshers' Fair took place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, but the planning process started at the beginning of August. It began with collating any requests and asking for any permission to use the spaces. After this came making plans and getting them approved by the Fire Office and Security, and my thanks go to them for their helpful input. I believe this translated to a good relationship with them on the day, and to my knowledge no major issues arose. This year we also co-ordinated with the College's Estates department, who were very helpful in taking care of the behind the scenes details as well as being very informative.

Due to forecasted inclement weather, on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, we made the decision to revert to the Wet Weather Plan, for which I am grateful to the majority of clubs who were understanding and took this in their stride to ensure that despite the weather, the atmosphere of the day was not dampened. The Wet Weather Plan mainly differed by moving those clubs on the Queen's Lawn and Upper Dalby court to the Business School Foyer, Beit Quad and the Union Building. I believe that the change was well advertised, but the main glitch being the capacity of the Union website which broke in the process, but was satisfactorily resolved at the time. Nevertheless, appropriate steps were taken so that everyone affected was aware of the change.

I have to extend very warm thanks to all those who helped make Freshers' Fair happen on the day as it is not possible to approach this scale of event by yourself. I'm grateful to those clubs and groups who took the time to practice their performances and performed on the stage during the day, and to Tosin Ajayi and Jonny Beale who saved my bacon and volunteered to compare and stage manage respectively, as well as the amazing, and ever enthusiastic Dramsoc Tech Team who did the tech for the day and evening. In particular my thanks go to all of the CSC/FU execs as well as the Sabbaticals who met in Beit Quad at 7am that morning without a grumble, and their understanding over the delayed breakfast! Additionally, to those who willingly signed up to man the Union Stalls in Beit Quad as it was particularly taxing given the change of plans. Thanks also go to Security, the Fire Office and IC LINKs for ensuring the Health & Safety on the day. Most off all, I'd like to thank Alex McKee and Phil Power, without whom I have no doubt that the day would not have been as successful as their experience and attention to detail is beyond compare.

### Freshers' Fair Afterparty

On the advice of my predecessor, Lily Topham, this event went ahead for its second year. It consisted of a line up of Club performances including: Musical Theatre Society, String Ensemble, Dance Company, Capoeira, Dance Club, Music Technology, Jazz & Rock, Indian Society, Jacob & the Hill Billies, The Techtonics, MACE. My thanks to all of these groups who took the time to practice and perform on the evening after a busy day for the benefit of their peers. My thanks go to Malcom and the Ents and Stewarding teams who helped the night run smoothly, and Tosin Ajayi again for continuing his great work compering, into the evening. There was a great turnout and I think it was an apt and well received celebration of the day, and all that clubs & societies do. I also decided to give out awards to clubs in each area who had put together particularly innovative stalls. They were as follows: PASS, Geophysics, Ultimate Frisbee, EWB, Polish and Snow Sports, with the overall winner being Balloon Twisting. My congratulations to all of them for their efforts.