## Deputy President (Welfare) Report - A Report by John James

In the two weeks since the last council I have done the following:

#### **Bandwidth**

The new management of personal computers on the college network has just gone live. Web, flash and internal college traffic are now completely derestricted and do not contribute to the 5Gb/24hr limit after feedback from myself and others.

#### **Info for Parents Webpage**

Having consulted others I fed back negative feedback on the idea of providing a similar webpage to UCL or Kings.

### **Disability Survey**

Over 200 people have completed the disability survey put together by myself and the disability advisory service. Please speak to me if you wish to see the summary of the results.

#### **Sub-Warden Interviews**

I have been on the interview panel for sub-warden interviews at Parsons House and Wilkinson halls of residence. Suitable candidates took up posts at both locations.

### South East Quadrant (SEQ) works in Skempton

The SEQ redevelopment is creating some cause for concern. Some postgraduate students have been significantly adversely affected due to unforeseen construction work. I have spent a large amount of time talking to people at all levels in the department to build up a picture of the situation which has been ongoing since March.

I have negotiated a review of lost time of all affected students and the Head of Department has promised equivalent extensions of bursaries and student status. They are also expecting any damaged equipment to be replaced either by the project overheads of by insurance.

The undergraduate community is relatively sheltered as the problems mostly exist outside of the controlled hours. However it is unreasonable to expect all study/research to be completed during the controlled times. There's also much fewer complaints from Mechanical Engineering which I believe is down to the resources and reputations of the contractors appointed on that site.

If anyone has information to the contrary or that the above promises are not being fulfilled please get in contact.

# Phase 3

I spent time in the JCR, Da Vinci's and the Union Bar finding out what students wanted from the Phase 3 redevelopment of Da Vinci's and dBs. Danny's report should be able to tell you more on that.

## **Green Week**

I helped out with official union things for Green Week that only I had access to; room bookings, events on the website etc. and then dogsbodied for Hannah during the week; carrying stall equipment, moving sewing machines etc...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hannah for all the hard work she put into Green Week. For a part time officer who has no remit in environmental conservation this effort was certainly above and beyond the call of duty.

# Halls Issues

The Southside security issue highlighted by felix in the Summer term of 2009 was not rectified by the replacement of the locks over the summer holidays. Each lock has now been retro fitted with a security device (an angled piece of metal) to stop the lock being tampered with.

There are ongoing problems with the lifts in Eastside which college is aware of.

In Holbein and Willis Jackson there's no way for students to dry their hands after using the communal toilets. The issue has been raised with college.

I'll keep you updated on all issues and if anyone has an update for me please get in contact: dpwelfare@imperial.ac.uk