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City and Guilds College Union

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City & Guilds Week

The City & Guilds Week was born this year under the mutual goal of all CGCU committee members: Integrating Engineers. The objective of this event is to bring engineers together in light-hearted competitions while providing good opportunities for us busy engineers to relax themselves during one of the busiest times of the year. The format of the event was engineers could play mini-games set up by us on Queen's Lawn daily to score for their departments; the highest scored department each day could win treats and the highest overall scored on the last day could win a free bar night.

The initial planning started in December 2013, when I first started to approach department representatives, presidents and events officers (or equivalent) of each engineering society for their collaboration in this event. 6 out of 7 of the departments were able to send at least 1 representing member to form the City & Guilds Week Organising Committee, also formed from several chosen members from the CGCU Committee and myself.

The first meeting was held in January and it took place weekly until the event commenced. Members were allocated with various duties and all were fulfilled beyond expectations. Slight communication issue was identified. A meeting involving relevant people was arranged and the issue was resolved successfully.

The event was held daily from 3rd March to 7th March. A marquee, generously provided by Team Bo, was set up on Queen's Lawn daily (except Wednesday) as a base for the event. Different mini-games, DJ's and performances were arranged each day to attract audiences. For instance, the following is the schedule of the week:

Monday

Tuesday

Thursday

Friday

RC-Helicopter Race

Space Hoppers Race + Performances by Funkology
and Techtonics

Shooting Range + Bar Night

Oculus Rift

The event received good reviews from various sources, but a lot of improvements can be made in the future, if the committee will organize it next year. For instance, the engagement of other departments could be a lot more if relationships with them were built earlier and stronger. Moreover two of the incentives for students to participate this year were the treats and bar night, which caused a certain burden on the finance of CGCU. This could be evaluated.



CGCU Awards and Colours

This year's Holbein Sportsperson of the Year is Victoria Solly, a fourth year mechanical engineering student. She was an integral member of Imperial's Cross Country and Triathlon Club for four years, organising the club cycle trip and Hyde Park Relays, UK's biggest student relay race. More than being one of the most passionate sportswomen, she is also chair of the IC Orchestra. As a guildswoman, Victoria is a prime example of how it is possible to combine successful academia and sport, and is more than deserving of receiving the A.M. Holbein Memorial Award. She was invited to attend the CGCA Annual Dinner, during which she was presented with a tankard with her name engraved a £100.



This year's FCGI Centenary Award has been bestowed upon Dominic Lo for his outstanding and wholehearted efforts in organising and spearheading events such as the revived CGCU Welcome Dinner (record-breaking attendance) and the inaugural City & Guilds week, both of which have benefitted the engineering community positively and promoted greater interdepartmental interaction. Together with his mentor (Lejon), Dominic was invited to attend the FCGI Fellow's Lunch at 170 Queen's Gate, where he was presented with a tankard with his name engraved and £300.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the following CGCU student volunteers have been deemed worthy of receiving CGCU Colours, based on the decision of the CGCU Colours Committee:

Half Colours are awarded to those individuals who have given significant and repeated outstanding contributions to the life of Union and student experience of its members throughout the year: **Charlotte Levin, Chris Browne, Christos Karpis, Dominik Sznajder, Thomas Lim, Giri Kesavan, Sean Bhumgara**

Full Colours are awarded to those individuals who have, in addition to the requirements for a Union Half Colours, gone above and beyond their role, repeatedly, to enhance the student experience and life of the Union across a broad spectrum of areas during the year: **Peter Hamilton, Timothy Munday, Alexander Johnston, James Murphy, Dominic Lo, Yuebi Yang, Hannah Riordan, Matthew Murchie, Peter Nugent, Juliet Kernohan, Lejon Chua, Pascal Loose**

Timothy Munday, Yuebi Yang and Juliet Kernohan have also been conferred the President's Award for having made a significant contribution to the affairs and fortune of the CGCU over the course of the academic year. The President himself further defines the following criteria as his basis of selection, as per the CGCU constitution:

- 1) A significant contribution in each term (Autumn, Spring) of the academic year
- 2) The quality of being interconnected to their fellow committee members and ability to provide synergy consistently across the year (at CGCU proceedings or events)
- 3) A novel idea and contribution, of which they have not only proposed, but played a key role in seeing to fruition.

Testimonials for each of the three awardees are available at request. The awardees will be receiving a President's Award Tie and Badge each.

CGCA Annual Dinner



The CGCA annual dinner was held on the 14th of March 2014, hosted by the CGCA President Professor David Nethercot, and was attended by several members of the committee and fellow guildsmen. The evening began with a reception in the lobby of the Cutler's Hall and provided an opportunity for both alumni and students to mingle over drinks. Once dinner was called, the mascots entered the room first, leading the procession behind the MC and of the president and distinguished guests. The mascots were made to circle the entire table past all of the guests to constant clapping. For the dining itself, students were mixed amongst the alumni (seating), as one of the rules of a CGCA event is you are not allowed to sit next to member your age. This helped make such an enjoyable event as we got to interact alumni from such a broad spectrum of life.

The highlight of the evening include speeches from Sir Keith O'Nions and Philip Dilley, the Chairman of ARUP Group, both of whom graced the event as VIPs.

The final involvement of the students was the calling of the Boomalaka by our CGCU President (Lejon), and with the tradition of the mascots being held above the Spanner Bearer (myself) and Bolt Bearers' (Annabel Felton) heads for its duration. The event in all was a great triumph and an excellent opportunity to forge stronger bonds with the alumni that we cherish for the years to come.



CGCU-CGCA Alumni Wine-Tasting Event

On the Tuesday 25th February the City and Guilds Union held a joint event with the Alumni Association at The Sampler in South Kensington. The theme of the event was wine tasting with a twist. Participants were given glasses of several mysterious wines, which they had to match to several descriptions they were given. The prize awarded to the winner was a bottle of The Samplers champagne.

While the attending students engaged in the game, they were also given the opportunity to network with a number of the attending alumni. Some of the most notable included Peter Chase, CGCA Treasurer, Chris Lumb, Chairman of the Old Centralian's Trust and John Collins, former CGCU President. This allowed alumni to share their experiences with the students in a relaxed and pleasurable environment.

The attending alumni enjoyed the experience to meet some of the City and Guilds current students. The students were thoroughly pleased with the opportunity to meet some of the City and Guilds alumni as well as the opportunity to partake in the typically expensive event at a highly discounted price.

