

City and Guilds College Union Report
A Note by James Fok, CGCU President

Mince Pie Party

This event has been a traditional event on the Guilds calendar. However, it has never been overwhelmingly successful in the past when the event was held at the Guilds Office. This year, we moved the location to Mech Eng concourse and was an instant hit. We gave away just over 600 pies within 12 mins, over 100 cups of instant hot chocolate were also given out. We had to make further pie purchases to cope with the unexpected demand, and in the end nearly 1000 pies were given out along with a lot of hot chocolate drinks. This was the most successful festive party CGCU has seen in recent years. Nick Simpson, Tristan Sherliker and I has worked very hard (physically) getting all the pies from Sainsbury's to Guilds.

ICU RAG/CGCU Slave Auction

This year's CGCU RAG effort was somewhat lacking compared to previous years. The CGCU signature Hit Squad and Valentine's Barbershop did not happen due to lack of involvement from the Vice President (Activities), Borja Sordo de la pena. However, the Slave Auction has raised nearly £900, including a very successful sell off of ICU President, John Collins.

Faculty Teaching Committee + EnVision Project 2010

CGCU Academic Affairs Officer (Taught), Alex Martinsson Dorff and I gave a well received presentation to the Faculty Teaching Committee. To source the students' feedback, Alex met with the Departmental Representatives in a number of meetings and I have hosted an Open Forum with the students. During the latter, we were given some feedback and a presentation from the college's EnVision Project 2010.

So far we have almost achieved a solution for one of the issues raised during the FTC meeting regarding student projects in the ISE course. The Department of Computing informed the CGCU that, the request of moving project dates for the ISE course is in negotiation between the Mathematic Department and EEE Department. I remain hopeful that this will be sorted by the next academic year.

Paintballing, Engineers vs. Scientists

Nick Simpson (Honorary Secretary) have worked very hard over the past 5 months organising this event with the RCUS and ICSMSU. However, the response from both of the Faculty Unions was lacking. As a result, the date for this event had to be postponed twice. In the end, the CGCU had 21 students attending and the RCSU supplied 8 students. The two Unions drew with a scored of 3-3 after 8 games with engineering students on both sides securing most of the wins.

Women in Engineering

Over 50 students from 5 schools came to a well planned joint event between CGCU and Imperial College Outreach. Once again a very successful event organised by Jon Crocker (CGCU Outreach Director) assisted by Eirini Spentza and other female students from across the faculty. These female students were ale to gain insight into working with younger students and also had the opportunity to network with teachers, the students also had an informative presentation from the keynote speaker about the industry. During the day, we explored the possibility of arranging a "Teachers' Day", the teachers' feedback were positive.

External visit and presentation to the Worshipful Company of Carpenters

The Worshipful Company of Carpenters, a donor to the CGCU Sabbatical Appeal invited me to attend a lunch with their Court and to present to them our activities as a Union. The presentation was very well received and the Court members were very pleased to continually support the appeal.

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