

## **Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report**

*A Report by Alistair Cott*

### **Freshers' Fair**

First off I would like to offer my thanks to all the clubs who came and made the day one of the most vibrant Freshers' Fairs that I had been to. Also special recognition must go to all the red t-shirted volunteers who came to help.

The day started early with setting up all the stalls the first job of the day. Most clubs and societies started to arrive at around 10 to prepare their stall for the day.

We were all worried about the weather; there was a wet weather plan in reserve just in case a sudden downpour decided to appear. Luckily it didn't drizzle for too much of the day, and when it did it didn't seem to dampen the spirit of the day.

All the different areas all had a different feel to them with the Great Hall, Upper Dalby Court and the Marquee all seeming to be the busiest. I think the stage in the marquee was well received, it provided an exciting insight into what some of the clubs and societies actually do.

Again this year there was a rotating climbing wall in Beit Quad, and again I think that it was well received and the club and societies near it benefited from having it there.

Moving over to the Queen's Tower the tours went well with helpful volunteers leading up several groups and giving them a slightly clouded view over London.

During the day all the clubs and societies that I managed to speak to had signed up over a hundred people to their mailing lists, this hopefully means most clubs and societies will be very active this year.

Overall I thoroughly enjoyed the day and hope that all the Freshers' who turned up and walked round also enjoyed it as well.

### **New Clubs Committee**

There were four new clubs and societies set up before Freshers' Fair, they all seemed to have successful Freshers' Fair. These were Indoor Hockey, Consultancy, Stop The War, and Medical Humanities. There are a few more who have expressed an interest they are Gymnastics, Liberal Democrats, Beaded Jewellery and Crafts, Boxing, Fishing, ICSM Table Tennis, 5-Aside Football, Atheist and Agnostic, and Krishna Consciousness.

### **Position with the Union Gym**

I have worked out how much it would cost the clubs which used the Gym last year to move into alternative venues with the Gym being out of action. There is some thought that the building project will not start until the start of next year and so whether moving clubs from the gym in the first term could be a waste of resources. To this end I asked all the clubs affected by the movement whether or not they wanted to move back to the Gym for the first term. All but one wanted to move back and I have organised the timings for the clubs. The last club is still wanted to use the Ethos studio for the first term.

### **Health and Safety Annual Report**

I went to the Health and Safety Consultative Committee where I presented the Annual Report of the Union for last year. The committee commented on the improvement of accident reporting and trip registrations; however there was some concern about the training given for the minibus introductions and the loading procedures for the roof racks.

### **Electronic Income Form**

Over the summer vacation I have been working on an electronic version of the Income form. I have completed the form and am now working on the link to the finance systems; this has unfortunately been pushed back as the final preparations for Freshers' Fair got in the way. Hopefully I can finish all the testing within the next two weeks.

### **Club Training**

There was training on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September and 3<sup>rd</sup> of October I took the principal Officer and Sport Teams Captains sessions. Hopefully now the people that went to the Finance sessions can fill in their Financial Responsibility forms and unfreeze their budgets.

### **Officer Training**

There was a CSC/FU training session on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September; I was slightly disappointed about the numbers who managed to make it. There is a possibility of running another one for the people who couldn't make it if people think they need it.