

Imperial College Union
Deputy President (Welfare) Report
A Report By John James

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

Bandwidth

We have now reached the stage where about 150 students last year faced a college disciplinary through going over their bandwidth limit too many times. I am working with Arthur Spirling to find a solution which will most likely be that the 5Gbs/Day stays in place but certain high bandwidth programs are exempt from it (eg. iplayer). If anyone would like to help contribute to this, please check out my blog.

Stonewall Starting Out Launch

On Thursday 29th October the Stonewall Starting Out guide was launched at Imperial. It is an LGBT Recruitment guide for graduates and this was the first time that it has been launched from a Higher Education Institution.

University Challenge

91 people took part in the University Challenge Trials. From that we have managed to select 16 potential team members to play against each other on Monday 23rd November. From that event the team of four plus one reserve will be selected and the results announced at a screening of the next University Challenge 2009 on 30th November.

S.H.A.G. Week

S.H.A.G. week was on the 9th to the 13th November. Unfortunately due to a lack of funds we've not been able to put on the best S.H.A.G. week this year. In fact such were the budget cuts that we've been unable to hand out condoms and have had to resort to oral contraception. The way this works is that male students ask female students to sleep with them and the female student says no.

Disability Survey

I have put some time into making a disability survey. The college is legally required to receive

Year Rep Training

I helped Jon out with training the Year Reps on Monday 9th November, making sure that they realised they are supposed to represent Welfare issues of students as well as academic issues. We also made them aware of all the Support Services in college that they may want to suggest to any students who approach them.

Alcoholic Events

The Wardens committee have expressed concern over the level and manner in which alcohol is part of the start of university life, especially in the Faculty Unions. I will be looking to run a responsible drinking campaign towards the end of this term.