

DPEW's Report
A report by the DPEW

NUS Conference.

This is probably the most important thing to update you all on since the last ICU Council, and one which will be covered elsewhere in this meeting no doubt. I think it went very well from the point of ICU and Imperial students. Respect and the far left as a whole got a pretty sound trashing with many motions going the way of ICUs steer – from targeted grants to governance. There is obviously a long way to go – conference was great but about half of the motions were never discussed – but I'm confident it will get a lot better. One downside would be the way conference was portrayed by the NUS president as a battle between left and right. Wanting to ensure NUS doesn't lose money isn't right wing saying so does not help the debate. Anywho – I hope next years Sabbs make the most of the opportunities NUS offers and fully engage with it.

NUS HE conference

This was a pretty awesome day of debates organised by NUS. It was great to have the opportunity to discuss HE policy in a full and frank way. The calibre of the speakers present was also very good. There is a similar event in the near future which I'm attending – and hopefully the incoming Sabbs can too.

Sabb orientation day

Held a one day session for the incoming Sabbs in which they were briefed on the current work and changes within the Union and College. Hopefully they found it useful and are now fully brainwashed. More Sabb training will be coming up real soon.

Safer Neighbourhoods

I recently attended a meeting of the local Safer Neighbourhoods Police team (Shiv does the same in Hammershit). This was quite a useful opportunity to meet the Police (though my sister got freaked out when they started talking to me the next day) and look at some crime statistics – basically Knightsbridge is a pretty safe place to live. If you have any feedback on crime in the local area, and I can use it to help the Police set their priorities.

The rest.

Continued to meet with College staff, interview subwardens, talk to students ect etc etc.

Annual Leave

I took a couple of weeks off work to go and have some fun. Especially fun was traipsing around Snowdon, only marginally marred by the fact that my boots fell apart after the first couple of miles. I also got sunburnt. Badly.

BTH – 27/04/07