Imperial College Union

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A note by John Collins

Pathetic excuse

Although this report is short, please be assured that I have been working extremely hard lately on all of the governance and Beit Masterplan matters that are being discussed at this Council Meeting.

Governance and Masterplan Roadshow

I perhaps naively thought that as the Union Council is about to make two of the biggest decisions of the year, it would be worth getting out there and speaking to students about our exciting building and governance plans. Somewhat unsurprisingly, not very many students find our governance reforms particularly enthralling, and so I endeavoured to speak to as many CSCs as possible instead. I managed to address four of the larger CSCs (ACC, RCC, SCC and A&EB) and I was pleased that students were willing to discuss the plans that are being proposed.

External relations

I have been involved in several disciplinary matters, the largest involving and external student union.

Bike Ride

I have been doing a lot of training – up to four sessions a week on the gym and over 100 mile a week on the road. On June 2^{nd} I cycled 65 miles to Wye on a hot sunny day and joined the WCUS Commemoration Ball at the end. This was hard going as the roads are pretty poor in Kent, I had to scrape melting tarmac off my tyres around the Brands Hatch area.

Please sponsor me if you can! http://www.justgiving.com/pedalingforimperial

<u>Colours</u>

I chaired the Colours committee and it only took three hours. I would like to thank all involved for helping to make this process smooth this year.

Centenary Ball

My involvement in the ball is more limited now and Jon Matthews and our staff must be credited with most of the work, but I have very much enjoyed helping this project progress to what I am sure will be a successful climax.

And finally

I would like to thank Council for your support this year. We have made some tough decision but I am hopeful that future generations will thank us for being as bold as we have been.

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