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Students' Union

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SABBATICALS 08/09

PRESENTATION

- Review of first semester
- Aims for the year ahead

- What conference did the Sabbs bid to host as well as successfully hosted in Autumn?
A: NUS South Regional Conference
- What election did Elizabeth Simos win in October?
A: Regional Officer- to sit on National Council
- What campaign has Jack Symons launched, to be taken up by the National Union of Students?
A: TV Licensing
- What sporting event organised by Tof Mathers was included in the Cultural Olympiad?
A: River Sports Day

- Name something sabbaticals have done with the support of staff in order to improve issues concerning students in Guildford.
A: Community Officer on Exec, attending local residents meetings, securing Union presence in Civic Ceremonies, focus group with Walnut Tree Close Residents, Charity work with old peoples' homes, Accreditation Scheme for Student Landlords, Hogs Back Run, having formal relationship with Community Wardens.
- Name an event/conference/project/committee traditionally University led which a sabbatical gained a prominent role in this year.
A: Sustainability Conference, Union President comparing Fireworks, President on Student Experience Strategy Group, Students Union welcome on Live Guide presentation to Freshers.

- Which group of students received praying space after successful SU campaigning?

A: Islamic

- Name a building students gained 24 hour access to after a successful SU campaign?

A: Library and PATS

- What did Natalie Forrester give 1000 of to students in order to raise awareness on World Aids Day?

A: Condoms

- What is the slogan of the TV licensing advert which Sabbs have put a motion against to National Conference?

A: 'We like your excuses we use them as EVIDENCE'

- 'Students in the - what?' is the campaign on student debt Nick Entwistle is leading on?

A: Students in the RED

- Name a group of students that the SU organised special welcomes/events for?
A: Postgraduates, Special Entrants, GSA, Freshers
- Where are photos of the sabb team located in an effort to become known to students?
A: Rubix Boards, Chancellors Screens, Union Website, Union Offices, Publications.
- What publication will there be a re-launch of after Christmas after students asked for it through the Sabbs?
A: Events Wallplanner
- How many times has the Union been positively mentioned in local media in the past month?
A: 5

- What training has the Union provided students with?
A: Committee training for Clubs and Societies, Chairman's Briefing , DAVE, Academic Representatives.
- How many students have already signed up to the Guild?
A: 800
- What bus service was re launched for the safety of students?
A: NightBus
- What is the name of the Union mascot?
A: Steve the Stag
- How many candidates were there for Exec elections?
A: 27
- What is the name of the report published by the Union used to raise awareness and bring positive change for students?
A: QAA Student Written Submission

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**LEAVING 2008 BEHIND AND LOOKING FORWARD
AIMS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD**

FOR STUDENTS

- To push for the Landlord Accreditation Scheme in Guildford
- To implement plans for the Legal Clinic for students
- Push for a safer campus in terms of lighting and Manor Park route
- Raise awareness on student debt

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AIMS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

- Students Rights Guide
- Developing 'A Guide to Guildford' highlighting student friendly aspects
- Mongol Rally
- Social Sports Day and Varsity Games against Roehampton
- Give it a Go, events aimed at International Students
- See successful delivery of Re-freshers, iFestival, Chinese New Year

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AIMS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

- Review Constitution and Governance
- Publish Union Strategy
- Create Alumni Network – Ex Sabbatical event, reunions during summer, emails etc
- Continue to develop societies and sports
- Continue to simplify process for students to get involved in all Union activities
- Support Exec in carrying out their aims

THE UNDERLYING AIMS

- **To continue to raise the profile of the Union on a local and national level.**
- **To continue to represent students passionately and push for their interests and benefits.**
- **To continue to create opportunities for students to develop whilst at University.**