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About me: Why people should vote for me ...again

During my first year, I was immediately drawn to the position of Entertainments Officer as I was sure that this would be a worthy manner of not only enjoying student life myself, but also contributing to the enjoyment of other students. Thus I set to work campaigning which paid off as I was elected as Entertainments Officer 2007/2008. I was over the moon when elected and this made me eager to channel all my energy into organizing social events.

Currently, I am a 2nd year Media Studies student. I would like to go into advertising after I graduate as therein lies my passion. During the past year I have nurtured that passion by helping, amongst others, to organize and promote events ranging from competitions such as 'Winchester's Got Talent' to bigger events such as the Christmas Ball. Although the aforementioned events were successes, I have also learnt not to overestimate awareness and popularity of regular events and to keep it "fresh" with creative new stimulation.

During my High School acting days I learned confidence and time management which was enhanced during the past year as I juggled a full time degree with the demands of being an Executive Officer. I feel that this is reflected by my good grades and commitment to the Executive Team. I have also demonstrated my willingness to cooperate and function well within the bounds of a team, lending a helping hand where I can with the other Executive Members.

Being an Executive Officer is rewarding as it has earned me a lot of new friends and taught me many new skills such as actively engaging with students. Unfortunately, I feel that this past year has been too short and that I therefore did not explore the new SU building's potential. I believe that if elected again, I will be able to draw from my previous year's experience as well as my own strengths to further the successes of this year.

My aims:

1. I would like to be more actively involved with the students. This could incorporate more student lead nights or even students as the entertainment for the night. The best way for this is to have more entertainments forums, where students can view their thoughts. Even though I tried it this year I feel the event can be better advertised.
2. I would like to improve upon the unsuccessful events, by applying student feedback.
3. There is still so much that can be done in the new building, for example more live bands. I feel a year was too short to show the building's full potential.
4. I would like to further promote the 'SSHH' campaign as this is what allow later licenses which extends the entertainment occasion.
5. Last but not least, I love the Student Union and if elected again, I will continue to be involved as much as I can.