

Officer reports Andy Wheeler

SUMMER TRAINING Firstly I can not believe that I am giving my officer report and its February already! It was only yesterday that I had just come into office and was whistled away to the BUSA conference in St Andrews in Edinburgh. This gave me a great chance to meet people from our BUSA division and network with the other sports administrators that I work with throughout the BUSA season. I also went on two NUS training conferences, Activities in action and action on finances and resources. I learnt a lot from these two training courses, how to try and activity promote Union activity and also the financial side to a student Union. Again like the BUSA conference it was a good chance to network with other student officers and find out how other Students' Unions run. Have a good network of other Sabbatical officers is great because it gives you a chance to relate to other in your situations and another resource to help you with your work.

MORE SUMMER Over summer we took a few of us down to bar end for the start of developments photo shoot. We also did a small radio interview as well. This was a great chance to get involved with the start of the development and also to mix with some of the people that will be using the new facilities. Also since summer I have sat on the bar end development meeting where I have been voicing the student opinion of what we would like to see down there and have an influence on how things are run. It's been a really good chance for me to get involved in this as it's something that will affect sport and student sport in Winchester for years to come.

START OF TERM Moving onto the start of term it was great to see the students back as over summer it can be a bit of a ghost town here. The students are what motivate you so it was great to do societies and sport training to start off the year and see some new and old faces. Also moving into the new building was a bit crazy however an exciting time for all

VARSAITY Before the BUSA season started we hosted a Varsity against Bath Spa which we won. This was a great test for me and gave me a real insight to how to run an event although everyone got there games played I felt it didn't run as smoothly as I had hoped, however I learnt a lot from this and am now more prepared and aware of how to run future events such as Winton!

BUSA We then started the BUSA season which runs all the way up to Christmas. Also quite a few teams had game to finish up afterwards which we have only just finished now. I feel overall we have had a great BUSA season with many teams finishing at the top end of there table and one team with a league win! Over this time and through the rest of my time in office I have sat on the south east and western BUSA divisional meetings. This gives me a chance to catch up with the people you meet at conference and also speak to the different sports administrators and VP's that are involved with BUSA and voice our opinions on how BUSA is run from the big issues right down to the nitty gritty things. We have entered 20 teams into BUSA this year which for our size of University is Fantastic. I know I say it a lot but if you look and

Southampton Solent University, which has 16,000, 3 times the size of Winchester however it has 19 teams in BUSA, it just goes to show the amount of commitment and dedication that our students give to playing sport at this university. Also the great camaraderie and companionship that Team Winchester has!

SOCIETIES Also I have regular meetings with societies to understand the running of them and to aid them in their different needs. I have been working with the societies this year to administrate things such as the ski trip. The ski/snow board societies took a record breaking 39 people on this trip to France. Societies have been achieving lots this year and often they go unheard of. For example PAW have just finished a successful 3 night performance of Peter Pan. The dance squad have danced in the union at Flirt and are soon on their way to Loughborough to compete against other universities.

WINTON One of the biggest events in our sporting calendar which is Winton. Obviously it will be a little different with all of the bar end developments this year however it should be a successful event with sport going on at campus, bar end and at Winchester Rugby Club. Also another sporting event coming up that I'm sure many of you are excited about... Tour.

OLIVE I just want to say a big thank you to Olive Fulton who has been a great help to me over this academic year. Unfortunately Olive is leaving the Exec and the university this year to recover from ill health. I know she will be sorely missed by many. Obviously the SDO works closely with the VP A&S so I have noticed the amount of work that Olive has helped me with over this year. She will be greatly missed. The rest of the Exec team have been fantastic this year, we couldn't have landed with a nicer bunch. Also it has been great to see people stand up and get involved with union council this year too.

CORE STAFF FINISH It has also been great working with the core staff at this University, who without, this university could not function. The Shop, bar, finance and entertainment and of course our General Manager all contribute to make this SU run. My role is VP of A&S services, and the services side of my job is what links me to these staff members.

Just want to say a big thank you to all of the captains vice captains, chairs and vice chairs and all of those who are involved in sports teams societies, and the SU in general. It has been great to get to know all of you much better this year and thank you so much for giving up your time!