

VOTE TOM WILMOT FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Involvement so far;

- Sports President, 2009/10
- Chair of Sports Executive Committee, 2009/10
- Union Council Officer, 2008/09
- Social Secretary of University of Leicester Football Club 2008/09
- Ancient History and Archaeology 3rd Yr. Student
- Ancient History and Archaeology Society
- Leicester Lads Calendar Participant, 2008/09
- RAG Naked Calendar Fundraiser, 2009/10
- Participated in Camp America for 2 years
- Gap Year Student with Professional Experience
- Guest Presenter on LUSH
- Ripple Contributor
- 'I Love Mondays at Zanzibar' Bar Crawl Rep
- ULFC First Team Footballer 2007-10

What I Plan To Achieve

To Restructure the system for the funding of societies. In order to ensure that all societies receive the amount of money that they deserve for the effort they put in and services they offer I will be looking to form a system that allocates funding based on a number of criteria . Once these criteria are met societies could move up a rating or star system in order to show that they are worthy of extra funding. In this way societies that do not use all of their allocated funding due to lower expenses will not hinder the development of those that do.

To develop the Leicester award so that Sports clubs and Societies committees can benefit from it. I would look to ensure that those with positions of responsibility, such as a captain, president or treasurer, can receive a specific Leicester award which will be tailored to their needs and skills. In this way the committee will be rewarded for their work with an award which will go on their University transcript. This will also increase committee accountability which is important for the positive development of clubs and societies.

To increase the amount of training that is given for CV enhancement during the year. Skills such as public speaking and man management are crucial skills that an employer will be looking for. Attendance of a number of training sessions during the year can improve a student's CV greatly and could increase their employability which is, after all, what we are at University for!

Training for the use of Social Networking sites. Last year a number of teachers in Warwickshire lost their jobs because of their use of social networking sites such as Facebook. These sites have the potential to ruin job opportunities but I feel that they actually have the potential to be used positively with careful management of what is displayed to the public. I feel that this is a really important skill to learn and that it could have a direct impact on a student's professional life.

To talk to local media groups and Universities in order to ensure a more specific training for the media groups. Gearing the media group training and linking with local groups would not only improve the working practice standards of the Website, The Ripple, LUSH and LUST but would also create an opportunity for students to network with the local community and possibly get involved in local media projects. Linking up with other Universities would also help to create a system where ideas can be swapped in order to find the best practice.

To spend as little time in the Sabbatical Office as possible and to make it a less intimidating place to visit. I feel that the student body as a whole are largely disenfranchised from the sabbatical office and that this is an important issue that needs addressing as soon as possible. If elected I would strive to spend as much time as possible meeting students and finding out what they want from their Student Activities Officer.

To attempt to increase the opportunities given by the Come and Try scheme. I feel that rather than just doing events we could perhaps work in conjunction with societies in order to run more open or try out days. The societies themselves could set these up and this, in turn, could go towards their Leicester Award as mentioned above.

To work closely with the Students Union Evaluation Initiative (SUEI) in order to revamp our working practices as well as the building. SUEI is something which I feel is very important in the development of our students union, especially with the new building coming into effect next year.

To improve the methods of market research on campus. If needs be I feel that outsourcing in order to get a proper feel of student satisfaction could be a realistic solution. I feel that this money would be well spent if it highlights a number of areas in which we can improve the Student experience.

Proposed By;
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Seconded By;
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