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I'm A Celebrity...who are you?!



Christine Hamilton arrives at a Winesoc social event in Alcuin College, Wednesday Week 7. PHOTO: DAN PHILLIPS

Barbican Concerns

STUDENTS' UNION (SU) Officers could soon be in for a rude awakening when it comes to booking next term's Freshers' Bash at the Barbican write *Clive Crouch* and *Chris Mercer*.

In the wake of the recent Roses Ball with a minority of students making abusive comments to Staff, and also committing acts of vandalism, it now appears that there are some at the Barbican who are not convinced that student events should return.

Dewi Lewis, the Barbican Entertainments and Conference Manager, told *nouse* that although a final decision has not been made, the prospect of another student extravaganza at the venue "does not look likely at the moment". "I would be reluctant if it went ahead", he added.

More worryingly for students, Lewis also pointed out that "nobody at the University has phoned to express their concerns about the event (Fresh) yet", suggesting that the SU has not properly addressed potential problems.

On the contrary, James Byron, SU Services Officer, claimed that he had spoken to Barbican Officials other than Lewis and does not anticipate any major problems. Chris Osbourne, SU Services Officer in-waiting, agrees, emphasising past good behaviour of students and the Barbican's business interests. "There is a chance they could say no but [in reality] the Barbican like us as customers", he commented.

Osbourne and Byron say that Fresh has been "pencilled in" for Thursday Week 1 but that no-one has made definite contact with the Barbican as yet. Instead, work is focussing on reducing costs in lighting and sound so as to achieve Osbourne's personal goal of £15 tickets.

However, both appear to have overlooked the severity of Lewis' attitude which shows that a breakdown in relations with the Barbican is more of a reality than they assume.

The Barbican are currently waiting for a final assessment from the repair company regarding damage caused at the Roses Ball. The subsequent bill will then be passed on to the organisers of the event.

Campus 'Stunner' turns Hero

As campus cyclists turn vigilante, Clive Crouch gets tips on scally-hunting

WHEN HE BECAME a campus crime victim for the second time, URY DJ and wannabe student stunner, Adam Bell decided he'd had enough. The philosophy student wasted no time in taking matters into his own hands when his bike was targeted by a gang of young hooligans.

In an incident outside the URY hut in Vanbrugh during week 5, in full view of a CCTV camera Bell became the victim of a number of "scallies" who dedicated their half term break to roaming around campus. Having already stolen parts of the parked bike, Bell personally witnessed the group, aged between 8 and 10, "kicking it to pieces." The Halifaxer was first alerted to what was going on by another student. "I reported it to the porter in Vanbrugh," he explained. "He advised me to go to the security centre. I asked him for the door code into Vanbrugh."

Bell rushed upstairs in B block to enquire if anyone had seen the offenders. "I looked out the window and saw a group of kids out there," he continued. After trying to photograph the vandals demolishing the bike, Bell dashed to the security centre to raise the alarm.

A search of the campus followed. The trail of the kids led to the subway near the Bleachfield houses. Soon after, Bell was asked to try and identify the perpetrators from two groups of children that security had located. But the effort was ultimately in vain. "Because I could not say for certain who it was and had no physical evidence they couldn't really do anything about it" he conceded. He added that police action may have been impossible regardless, because the age of the criminals would have

made them immune from prosecution. Bell, who has previously had another bike nicked, consequently sees the problem as part of "an ongoing saga." The frustration was compounded by the extent of the damage and theft. "It was quite expensive stuff that was stolen off it" Bell explained.

While satisfied with the quick response of security personnel, Bell was critical of the fact that the youths hadn't been spotted automatically. "It seems a bit tragic that there's a CCTV camera, apparently with 360 degree rotation at the bike shed, which hasn't caught anything," he commented.



Photo: James Doughty

Prize Erection

YORK IS COMPETING against Oxford University for a prestigious new £10 million building, writes *Clive Crouch*. The project, funded by the Wellcome Trust, is part of a government initiative to establish a National Centre for Science Learning. The proposals include a 200-capacity bar and restaurant, in addition to a 300-seat lecture theatre. The building would open in 2005.

Eric Hannah, Strategic Projects Manager, explained that the venue may be utilised as a campus food outlet. However, hopes of SU or college events being staged there could remain speculation. Further negotiations will occur if York gets the green light in the autumn. "There may be some restrictions laid down by the Wellcome Trust that we're not aware of at this stage," Hannah commented.