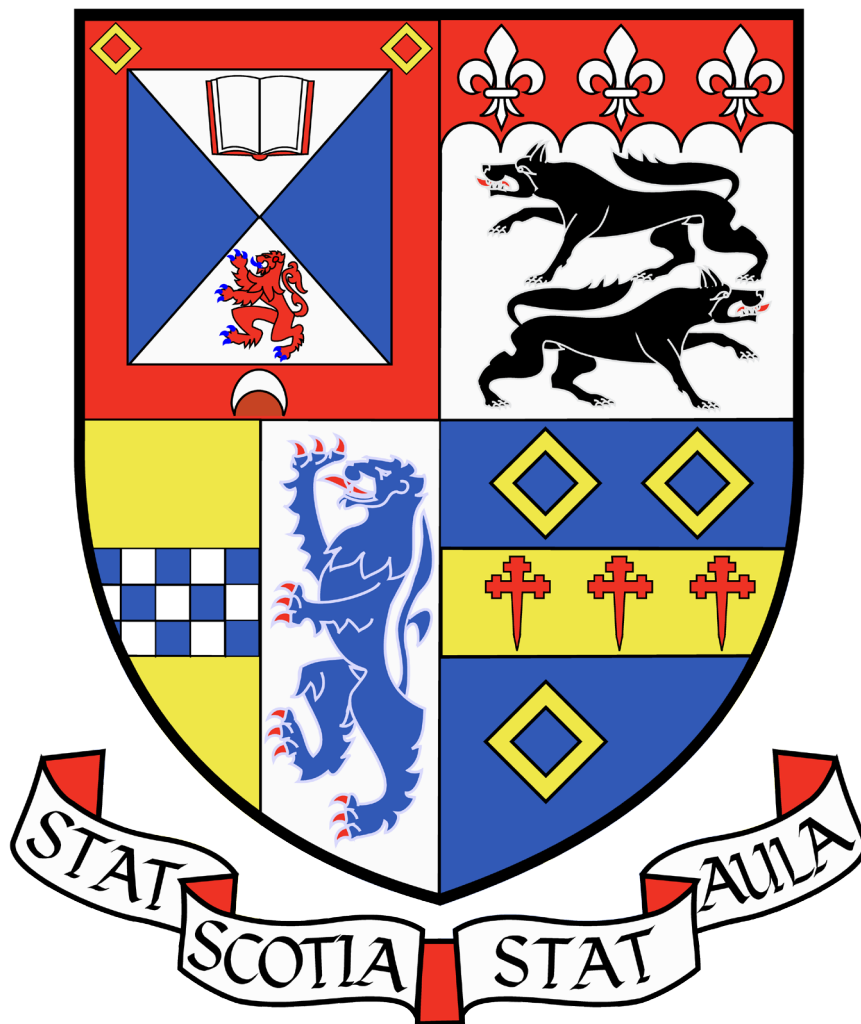


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Association Alumni Officer: Rebecca Ryce

I attended several alumni events (London Christmas choir service, St Andrews Christmas choir service, and Edinburgh dinner). This has been one of the major successes of the year. Alumni have responded well to the association having an alumni officer, and they seem to enjoy having a young student contact dedicated to them.

My aim to improve the festival by including events that are not tied to specific societies or sports team has been accomplished. We have a ceilidh, a dinner, and tea and cake in several student halls. I hope this will improve attendance and attract alumni who don't usually attend these types of events. We have also implemented a registration form so we can monitor attendance properly and to help plan the events better.

The Societies Committee have been very helpful with increasing our engagement with students. We have joined them at their drop-in clinic and plan to do so again this semester. At our request they have made it part of their standing orders that affiliated societies must retain their membership lists. The intention is for the committee to collect these records so we build a database of alumni society affiliations and target future marketing.

We have also achieved our aim of doubling our likes on Facebook.

I have been trained by CAPOD on how to use SUMAC their mentoring administration system. The Association's Alumni Mentor Scheme is now set up on the system, giving it a professional look and keeping all data within the University. A workshop has been arranged to introduce our pilot scheme students to the scheme and get the pilot scheme up and running. CAPOD, Development, and the Careers Centre are involved in this.

I have also written a guide for the scheme that will be given to participants.

Challenges

Actually reaching out and engaging with alumni has been more difficult than I expected.

Development are very restrictive when it comes to what can be emailed to alumni, and they don't have the specific data needed to target marketing or find guest speakers from particular careers. In future I intend to use Saint Connect and LinkedIn to contact alumni directly.

We've also had trouble attracting students to events we're ran.

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Association Community Relations Officer: Aine Bennet

Raisin - In semester one we worked on a single, Union branded Raisin campaign along with the President, Wellbeing and Member for First Years. We emphasised the parenting and family aspects of Raisin to incorporate both looking after each other and holding each other accountable for anti-social behaviour. This seemed to be much more effective than the individual campaigns run by different subcommittees in previous years as all kinds of incidents were down on previous years according to data provided by the police and the University Discipline Officer.

Community Council - This semester Charlotte and I took steps to have students taken more seriously in the Community Council as they make up close to half of the population but only three of 15-20 council members. To this end, Charlotte joined the Planning subcommittee and my committee and I volunteered at Community Council run events. Charlotte and I both participated in a working group to set up a Community Council Facebook page which, despite meeting with hostility in the group when initially suggested, has had considerable success.

Cycle safety - Dangerous cycling is a topic that is complained about time and again by locals. I wrote a report on cycle safety that was discussed in collaborative solutions which resulted in suggestions to bring to the Bicycle User Group. We also worked with Lara, the Campus Cycling Officer to produce a campaign to encourage students to use bike lights. The posters were distributed across both University and town venues and permanent ones will remain in bike shelters. We are talking to Lara about potential events to continue this campaign in the coming semester.

Town engagement - One of my aims for the year has been to increase interaction between locals and students. We have therefore collated a mailing list to contact locals groups with regarding events run by students and have started advertising events on community noticeboards. We have also been working to encourage other union subcommittees to consider ways they can incorporate locals in their projects. As a result, the planned Charities Christmas Fayre was targeted at locals as much as students; LGBT are setting up a schools programme and Debates are holding a debate on the HMO ban this coming semester. The drop in session we held last semester also generated a number of ideas for possible future community projects with locals, such as a community hour on STAR.

In Semester Two I took part in UDS's Town Gown debate 'This House Would Repeal The HMO Ban' and we held a town gown afternoon tea in collaboration with Populus.

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Association Environment Officer: Mariya Simeonova

Fresher's Fayre - 28 student societies, external organisations and university departments were invited to take part in Green Fayre, 15 of which were able to participate. More than 500 students visited both the Green Fayre and The Big Giveaway, 103 of whom signed up to our newsletter.

Green Week - 33 student societies and external organisations were invited to take part in Green Week, 21 of which got involved, organising more than 40 events. As part of GW, I organised a free film screening of the film "Cowspiracy", which was attended by 50 people. For Green Week we achieved our goal of engaging with a diverse audience by inviting many arts and degree-based societies in addition to all the environmentally-oriented ones. The week went extremely well and was packed with a variety of events, where everyone could find something interesting to attend.

Employability Skills Workshop - I assisted CAPOD with creating an online workshop focused on teaching current and prospective employees how to be more sustainable in their personal and professional lives. I helped shaping the focus of the workshop, sourced content and arranged for various people within and outside of the University to be interviewed. Lastly, I arranged for some of those interviews to be filmed and edited. CAPOD is due to release the workshop on Feb 27th.

Sustainability policy for the Student Association -The policy has been revised and updated I have submitted a motion to vote on its implementation at the last JCs on 14th February. So far, the policy has been approved by my line manager (SU president), the catering manager, the building supervisor and the design team for the SA, additionally the university Environment Team was consulted. I am awaiting approval from the general manager of the SA. In line with the policy, a number of action points have been identified in a separate document for the upcoming Environment Officer and Subcommittee to pursue - I find this new addition will facilitate continuity between subcommittees and will better focus the efforts of the upcoming officer and subcommittee.

Food Survey - The Sustainability intern and I co-designed a survey examining both catered and self-catered students' eating habits and preferences in an attempt to identify potential areas for improving environmental practices, for e.g. providing catered students with more fairtrade options, improving food waste collection and recycling for both hall and private accommodations, etc. This survey is awaiting approval by RBS and will be launched in semester 2.

Online Presence - We increased the following of our Facebook page by almost a 100 people and managed to be online active throughout the semester. In addition to our social media presence, I created a website for the subcommittee, a preview of which can be found on <http://bit.ly/2jx3cTk>. I am in the process of registering the website to be

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hosted by the university server and acquiring a domain name.

Motion for paperless councils - The Association Community Relations Officer, SSC Broadcasting Officer and I wrote a motion proposing a transition to paperless councils due to the amount of paper being printed and subsequently wasted. This motion will be voted on at the last JCs on 14th February.

Divestment - After campaigning in semester 2 of 2015/2016 academic year and obtaining over 500 signatures by students and staff members, the issue of Divestment reached the University Court for discussion. Both asset companies managing the university endowment fund have announced they have/will divest from fossil fuel extracting companies. An official announcement of Divestment will take place on 14th February in the St Salvator's Quadrangle with local and national media coverage.

Fairtrade Fortnight - For Fairtrade Fortnight (27th February - 12th March) I have organised a free film screening of the film "The True Cost", taking place on 6th March at the Byre Theatre. Throughout the two weeks I will also be helping out with the smoothie bike which will be stationed in front of the SU.

World Community Grid - This initiative was led by one of the subcommittee's project officers and is still underway. The WCG is a piece of software which allows computers, when out of use, to perform complex calculations essential for scientists' research into health and sustainability. We are exploring the possibility of this software being installed on all university computers and are awaiting response by the IT department.



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Association LGBT Officer: Lewis Wood

Saints LGBT+ has experienced an unprecedented level of success in the last year.

My year began with a complete reform of the subcommittee. We re-evaluated multiple positions, removing the External Speakers Convenor and the Outreach Officer, and creating two new positions; a Welfare Events Officer and a Campaigns officer. The introduction of a Campaigns Officer was in line with the desire to politicise the subcommittee more, and facilitate an expansion of the campaigning undertaken by the group. The Welfare Events Officer allowed us to expand and develop our welfare events, making sure that both the welfare and social sides of the subcommittee received equal attention.

At the start of the year, I also undertook an entire rebrand of the subcommittee. Lightbox were contracted to redesign our logo and image, and the remainder of the 2015-2016 budget was spent on publicity materials that would highlight this redesign. The redesign has been overwhelmingly successful, and is what I credit the increased popularity of the past year to. Our Facebook page has increased its reach by 400%+, GLITTERBALL doubled in size (and continued to sell out rapidly), and we organised an extraordinary events calendar of 68 events (more than most other subcommittees), and had significant turn out at each one. It was a very successful year in terms of engagement, and one that the committee are, and should be, very proud of.

An especial stride that we've made this year is in the diversity of our representation; past criticism that our events are male-oriented has been counteracted by an extraordinarily far ranging programme, from our newly introduced TRANS FEST, to bisexual and asexual visibility day events, to collaborations with UDS, Knit Soc, the WAX Collective etc. etc. The diversity of our events and the collaboration that we've carried out has been a great asset to the subcommittee this year, and has been partly responsible for the high engagement we've seen.

Welfare wise, we have made a significant contribution to the wellbeing activities of the Union. Not only did we host the most popular event of Sexual Health Awareness Week, but we continued our Anonymous Welfare Email service, and introduced bi-weekly drop in sessions.

Otherwise, much of the work that the subcommittee has undertaken has been continuing and improving upon our events. I'm happy to say that as well as the new TRANS FEST in Semester 1, we continued QUEER FEST in Semester 2, which was incredibly popular and saw record attendance. Likewise, Drag Walk received the best reviews and attendance yet, Queer Question Time was similarly applauded, and our events calendar, although ambitious, has been massively successful, and I believe that it has allowed both the subcommittee and LGBT+ students in the town to thrive.

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Association Equal Opportunities Officer: Robert Aston

There are some excellent people on this committee, and overall I'm very happy with the work and progress that has been made so far the year!

Robert has been meeting regularly with the chaplaincy as part of the interfaith steering group - helping organise the establishment of scriptural reasoning groups and the 'Light for Aleppo' event. Liaised with the careers service for widening access events for students with disabilities for investment banking and management consultancy firms. The masculinity and mental health event was held during revision week attracted nearly 100 people.

Lorraine has been excellent in orchestrating the creation of a Forum for Life Long Learners - with the motion passed at councils we will be meeting early next semester with the DoRep to discuss the logistics of everything. This in particular has been a great success - and will be the first formal representation such students will have within the university.

Chris has been active as a member for widening access. He was successful in securing overnight accommodation for commuting students on a pay-per-night basis (when available). He also traveled to Holyrood to give evidence of the experiences of disabled students at the University for the Equalities & Human Rights Committee. He has been attending the re-established forum for widening access - alongside the Robert, the Student President, Principle Ambassador and Rector's Assessor - with the main aim of how to best target disadvantaged schoolchildren. We hope this important line of communication remains open for years to come.

Sam as member for first years has been incredibly busy - hosting tours during freshers week along with a Q&A session. She is now very much devoted to Populus - which undoubtedly has been a great help to many students - especially first years who may feel isolated in a new environment. Currently she is in discussions to bring free sanitary towels in halls.

Throughout the year Catriona has been working alongside Ben Peddie in order to improve perceptions and gender relations amongst sports teams. Further, was very helpful in coordinating the Masculinity & Mental Health event. She is currently working on a poster campaign in collaboration with FemSoc + LGBT+ - and working with Charlotte to

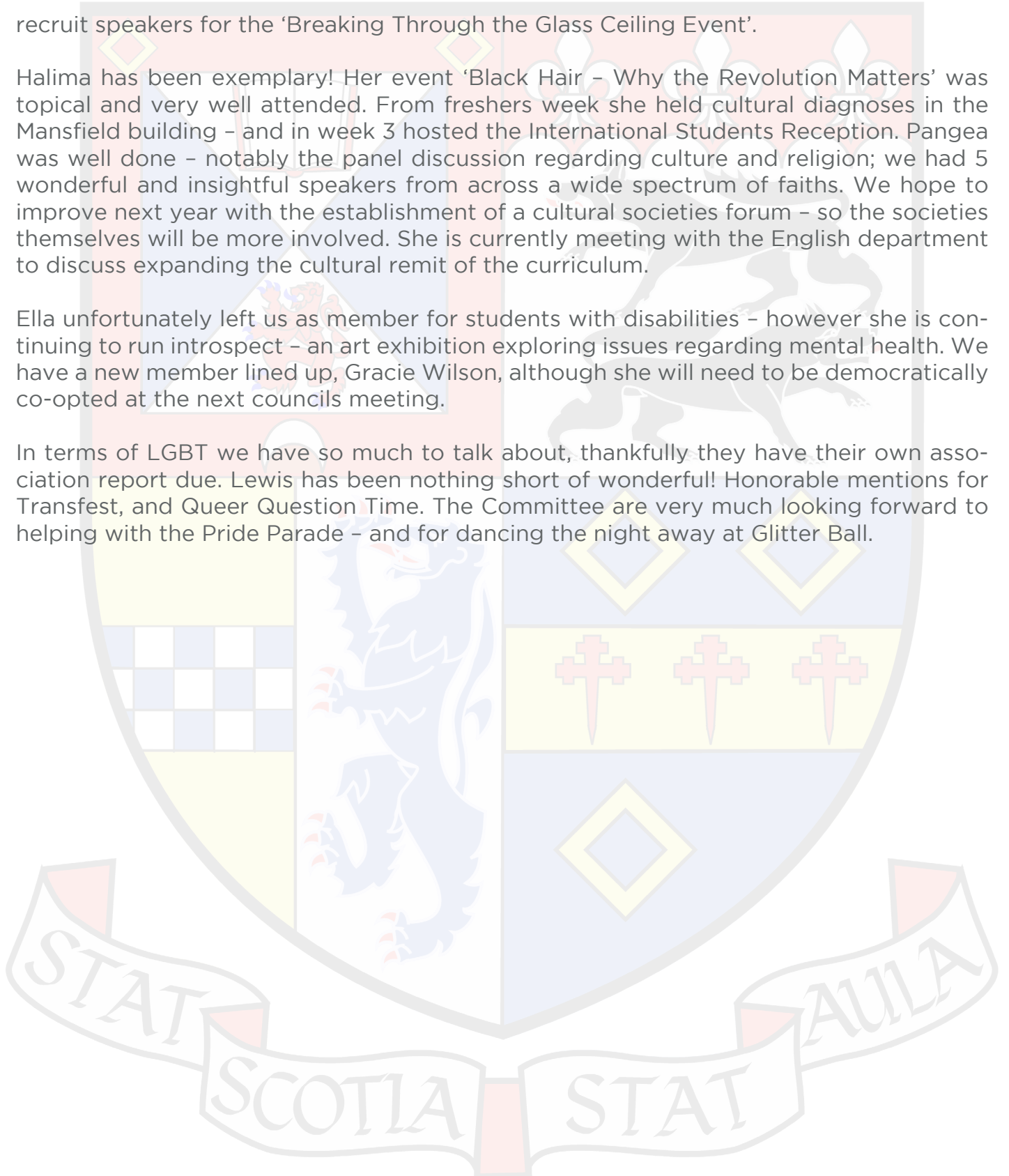
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recruit speakers for the 'Breaking Through the Glass Ceiling Event'.

Halima has been exemplary! Her event 'Black Hair - Why the Revolution Matters' was topical and very well attended. From freshers week she held cultural diagnoses in the Mansfield building - and in week 3 hosted the International Students Reception. Pangea was well done - notably the panel discussion regarding culture and religion; we had 5 wonderful and insightful speakers from across a wide spectrum of faiths. We hope to improve next year with the establishment of a cultural societies forum - so the societies themselves will be more involved. She is currently meeting with the English department to discuss expanding the cultural remit of the curriculum.

Ella unfortunately left us as member for students with disabilities - however she is continuing to run introspect - an art exhibition exploring issues regarding mental health. We have a new member lined up, Gracie Wilson, although she will need to be democratically co-opted at the next councils meeting.

In terms of LGBT we have so much to talk about, thankfully they have their own association report due. Lewis has been nothing short of wonderful! Honorable mentions for Transfest, and Queer Question Time. The Committee are very much looking forward to helping with the Pride Parade - and for dancing the night away at Glitter Ball.



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Arts/Divinity Faculty President & Science/Medicine Faculty President: Sally Allmark & Louise McCaul

At the start of the semester, we helped the Director of Representation train the incoming School Presidents, providing guidance based on past experiences of the role. The School Presidents seemed to benefit greatly from the sessions, relishing the chance to ask us any questions and raise any qualms they might have before the semester began in full.

Next, we turned to the task of advertising and running the Class Rep Elections with the Director of Representation and the Postgraduate Academic Convenor. We made sure information about the elections was disseminated online, as well as through the School Presidents to their respective schools in person and by email. The four of us running the elections kept the online portal for nominations and voting up to date, inputting data and resolving any issues raised by the system or students over email. We had an amazing number of nominations, with most positions contested. For the positions that were not filled, we encouraged School Presidents to hold in-class elections.

As the convenors of the SSCC for ID4001 and ID4002, we went about recruiting Class Reps for these modules in their joint introductory lecture; all the positions were filled. It was decided over the summer, in conjunction with the module co-ordinators, that we would only hold one ID4001/2 SSCC this semester, whilst encouraging students in the modules to reach out to their departmental reps as and when any problems arose. The SSCC was held towards the end of the semester and the modules received largely positive feedback from the student representatives.

Throughout the course of the semester, we attended regular meetings of Education Committee, discussing issues with the Director of Representation, Postgraduate Academic Convenor and School Presidents. In one such meeting, several School Presidents reported that concerns had been raised from postgraduate tutors regarding their lack of mental health training -- we decided to take the problem to School President's Forum to see what could be done to further support their capability to deal with students in certain situations. A presentation from Dr Chris Lusk (Director of Student Services) was given, after which she agreed to see what additional training could be made available to the postgraduate tutors.

Another subject discussed at School Presidents Forum this semester was Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF). The Proctor invited members of the forum to a further meeting to get feedback on things that were particularly good about the St Andrews student experience with regard to teaching and how to express them in our application.

Finally, we attended the first session of Academic Council, which saw the new Principal chairing for the first time, though neither of us could make the second (#examweek). There was hearty discussion and debate on a variety of subjects including TEF, Widening Access, Equality & Diversity and Brexit.

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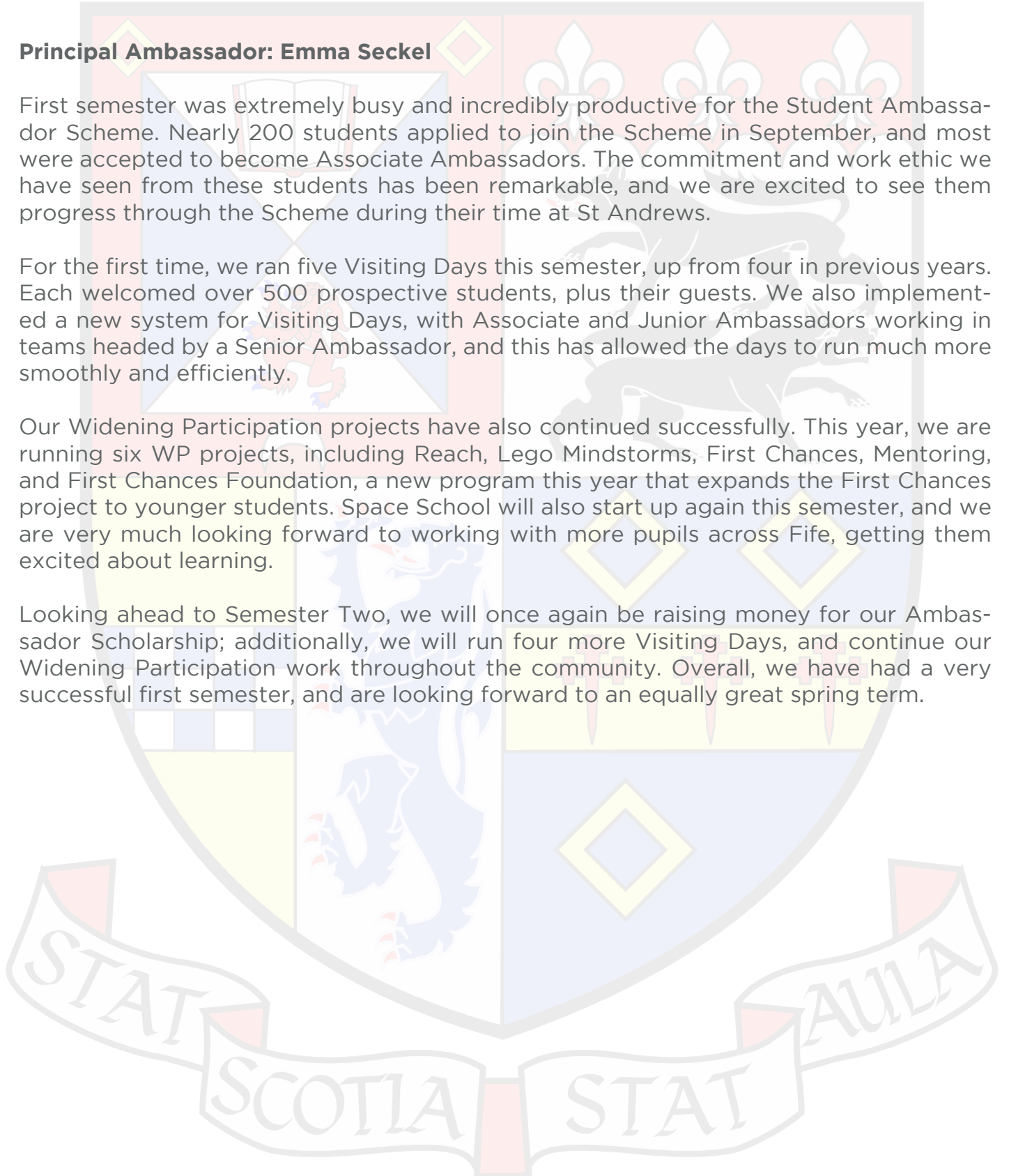
Principal Ambassador: Emma Seckel

First semester was extremely busy and incredibly productive for the Student Ambassador Scheme. Nearly 200 students applied to join the Scheme in September, and most were accepted to become Associate Ambassadors. The commitment and work ethic we have seen from these students has been remarkable, and we are excited to see them progress through the Scheme during their time at St Andrews.

For the first time, we ran five Visiting Days this semester, up from four in previous years. Each welcomed over 500 prospective students, plus their guests. We also implemented a new system for Visiting Days, with Associate and Junior Ambassadors working in teams headed by a Senior Ambassador, and this has allowed the days to run much more smoothly and efficiently.

Our Widening Participation projects have also continued successfully. This year, we are running six WP projects, including Reach, Lego Mindstorms, First Chances, Mentoring, and First Chances Foundation, a new program this year that expands the First Chances project to younger students. Space School will also start up again this semester, and we are very much looking forward to working with more pupils across Fife, getting them excited about learning.

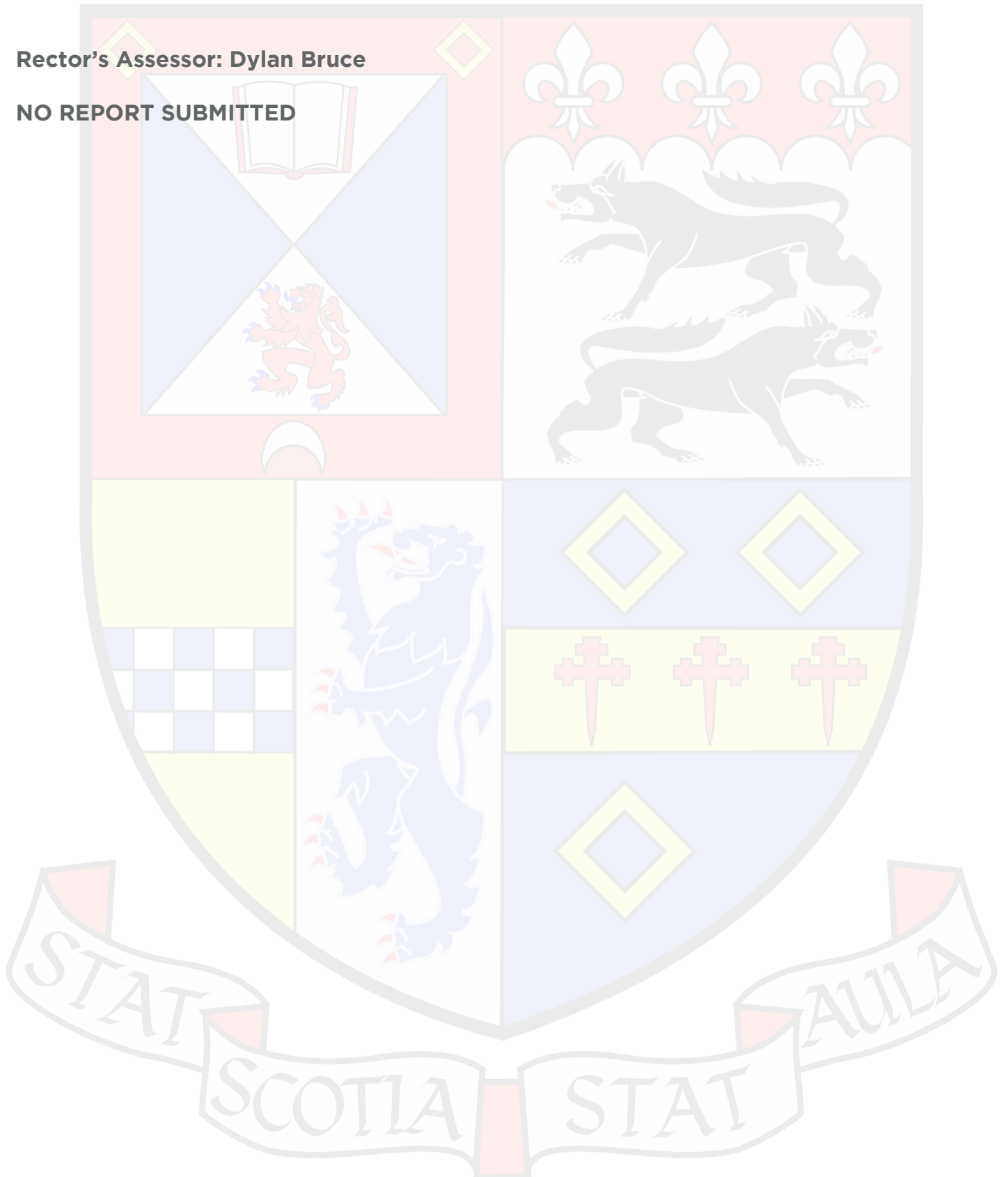
Looking ahead to Semester Two, we will once again be raising money for our Ambassador Scholarship; additionally, we will run four more Visiting Days, and continue our Widening Participation work throughout the community. Overall, we have had a very successful first semester, and are looking forward to an equally great spring term.



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Rector's Assessor: Dylan Bruce

NO REPORT SUBMITTED



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SRC Accommodation Officer: Jennie Matthews

A subcommittee was interviewed and appointed in October. The committee consists of Bri Chu, Matthew Cregan, Kelly Lynch, Maud Rush and Frankie Borderie. This year I had members focusing on private accommodation, on halls and then added a third position of a Communications Representative who worked on the rebrand.

The rebrand of the Accommodation Subcommittee has been successful and a lot of the groundwork has now been laid. We now have a new logo and a consistent brand colour of yellow, both of which are visible across all of our marketing. We also changed the name of our Facebook page to 'Accommodation St Andrews' and have since then seen a sharp rise in our likes. When I was co-opted our Facebook page had 689 likes and now we have 1030 and this is expected to continue steadily growing. We also now have a 100% reply rate on Facebook messages and emails. We have also been working on increasing our presence and now have committee jumpers, an accommodation pop-up banner, have updated the YourUnion website, have taken committee photos and also hold weekly drop-in sessions in the union main bar

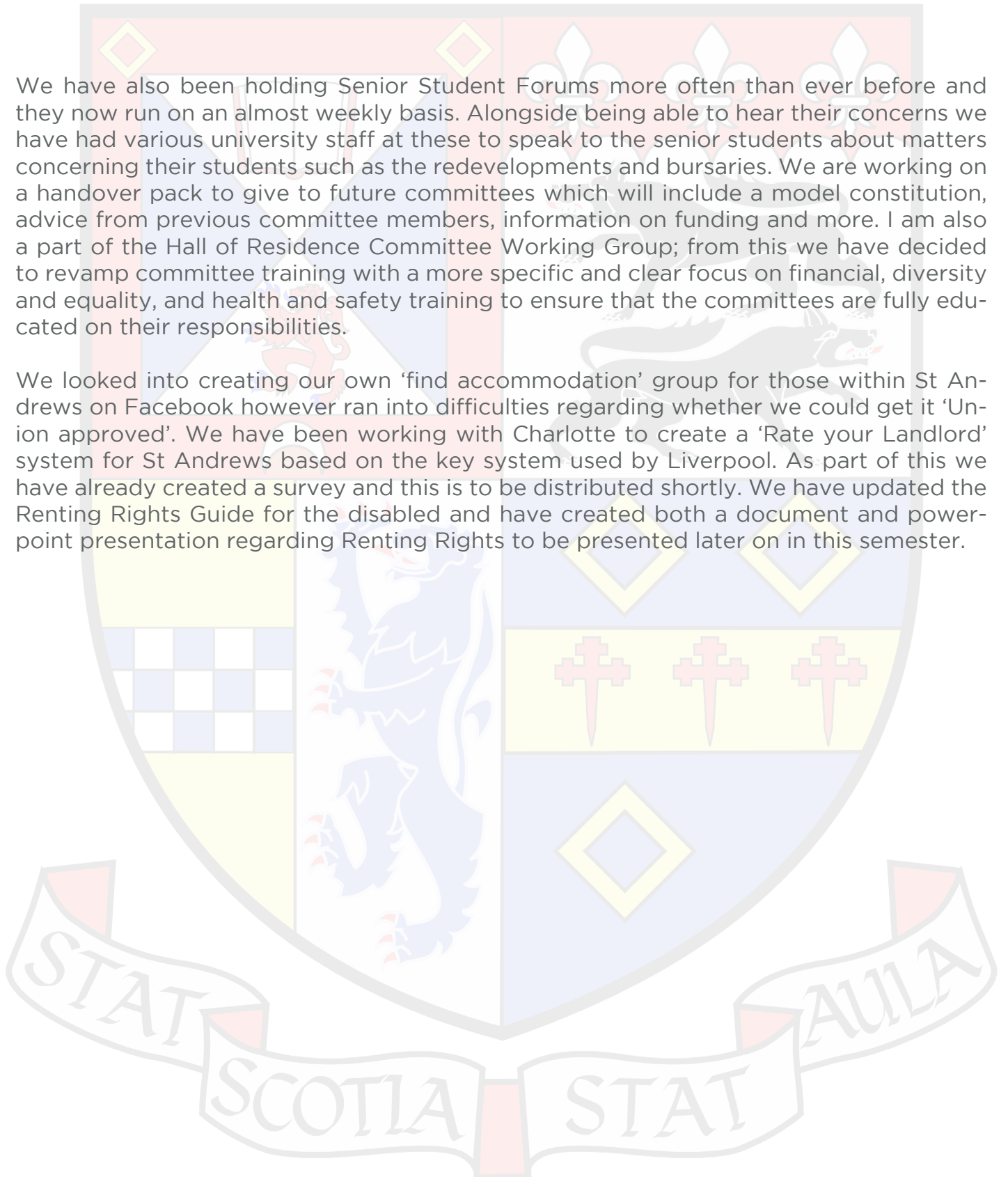
Accommodation Week this year was highly successful. We printed 500 copies of the How to Rent guide, which is more than usually printed and had already given out over 450 of them in Semester 1 with the rest given out at Refreshers' Fayre. The guide was itself longer than usual at 32 pages; this is because we have included more information than ever including 1/2 page analyses on each of the letting agencies and private halls. The guide is findable on issue when searching 'How to Rent 2016'. Alongside this we held a very well attended How to Rent Talk in Beacon Bar on 21st November; the room was packed out and we created a mailing list to email our powerpoint presentation to. We also visited each of the halls and held a variety of talks and drop-in sessions where we spoke to first year students about renting in St Andrews.

We ran a Flatmate Matchmaking scheme towards the end of the semester where students filled out a questionnaire, we matched them up and sorted them into groups and then we introduced them to each other at a social event in the last week of term. This went well and as far as we're aware multiple successful pairings came from this. We also collaborated with Populus to hold a Flatmate Matchmaking Social this Semester. Over 50 people signed up to take part and the event went very successfully.

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We have also been holding Senior Student Forums more often than ever before and they now run on an almost weekly basis. Alongside being able to hear their concerns we have had various university staff at these to speak to the senior students about matters concerning their students such as the redevelopments and bursaries. We are working on a handover pack to give to future committees which will include a model constitution, advice from previous committee members, information on funding and more. I am also a part of the Hall of Residence Committee Working Group; from this we have decided to revamp committee training with a more specific and clear focus on financial, diversity and equality, and health and safety training to ensure that the committees are fully educated on their responsibilities.

We looked into creating our own 'find accommodation' group for those within St Andrews on Facebook however ran into difficulties regarding whether we could get it 'Union approved'. We have been working with Charlotte to create a 'Rate your Landlord' system for St Andrews based on the key system used by Liverpool. As part of this we have already created a survey and this is to be distributed shortly. We have updated the Renting Rights Guide for the disabled and have created both a document and power-point presentation regarding Renting Rights to be presented later on in this semester.



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SRC Member for Gender Equality: Catriona Crookes

At the start of the year I met with Ben Peddie to discuss increasing awareness of gender related issues in sports and the athletic union. I was initially in contact with the organisers of GoodLad workshops and hoped to organise a day of workshops that involved multiple Scottish university athletic unions. However, the workshops proved to be too expensive and so we opted to work on increasing participation in similar programmes based in St Andrews such as Got Consent.

I also met with Jack Carr to discuss the incorporation of more gender equality and sexual harassment issues into class rep training. I was interested in involving more male students in projects related to gender equality and helped Robert with his Masculinity & Mental Health event.

Over the year I have been working on a visual campaign, which I hope will increase awareness and understanding of gender and sexuality, related terms. I worked with LGBT+ and FemSoc to produce definitions of these terms that will be used to create a series of posters. I hope that these will be published and displayed in the union over the coming weeks.

I have been working with Charlotte on the Breaking Through the Glass Ceiling lecture series. This series features inspiring professionals who have overcome social barriers and had highly successful careers. The event started with a talk from Ruth Hunt, CEO of Stonewall and we are in the process of inviting other people to speak at the university and are hoping that the talks will run until the end of the semester.

I am currently working on expanding the Zero Tolerance Policy to include non-university business such as bars and clubs. I am creating an information pack and will be going round establishments in town to discuss the policy with them and encourage them to opt in. Once several venues are part of the policy I hope to create a list on the union website, similar to the list of responsible letting agents.



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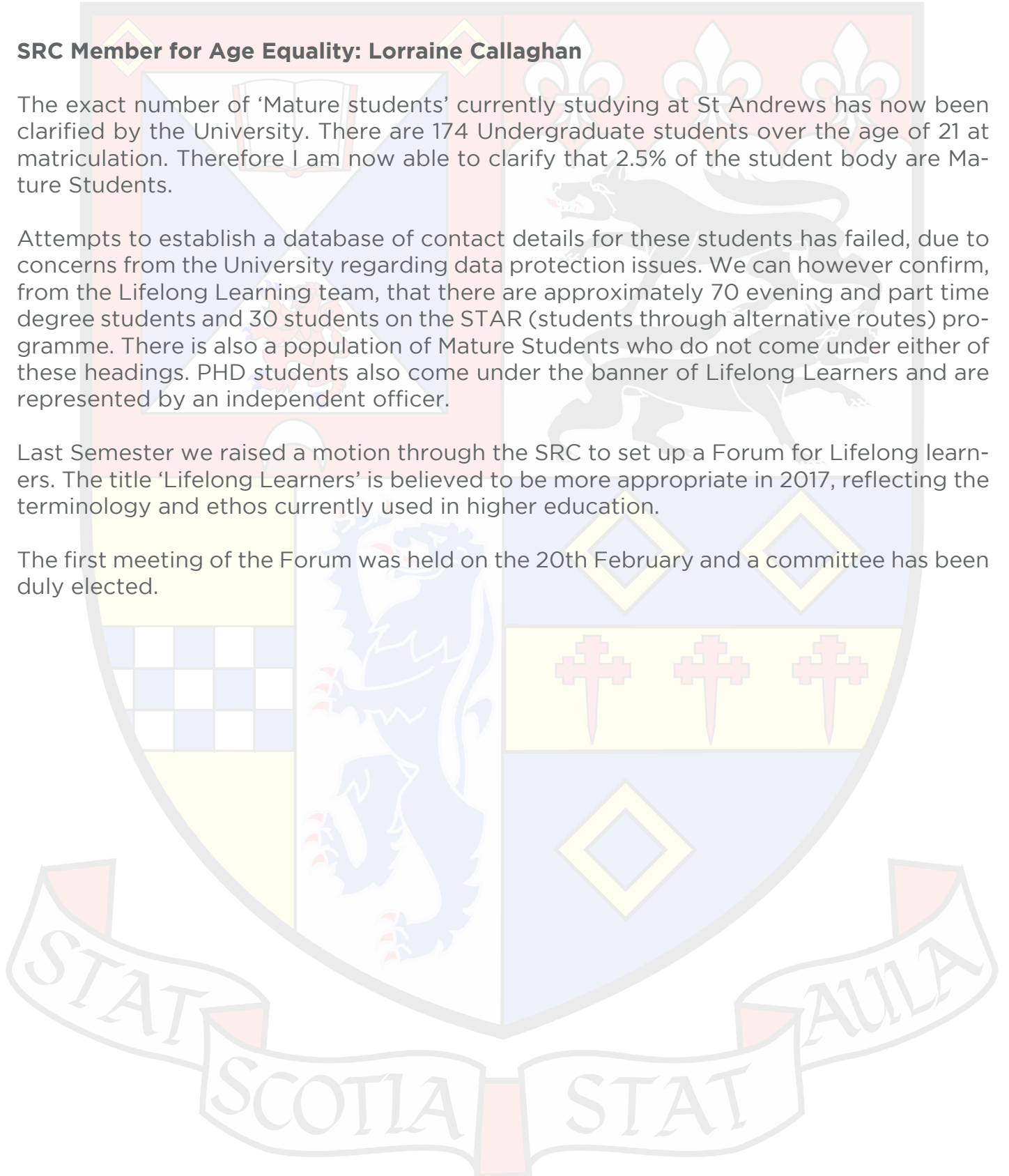
SRC Member for Age Equality: Lorraine Callaghan

The exact number of 'Mature students' currently studying at St Andrews has now been clarified by the University. There are 174 Undergraduate students over the age of 21 at matriculation. Therefore I am now able to clarify that 2.5% of the student body are Mature Students.

Attempts to establish a database of contact details for these students has failed, due to concerns from the University regarding data protection issues. We can however confirm, from the Lifelong Learning team, that there are approximately 70 evening and part time degree students and 30 students on the STAR (students through alternative routes) programme. There is also a population of Mature Students who do not come under either of these headings. PHD students also come under the banner of Lifelong Learners and are represented by an independent officer.

Last Semester we raised a motion through the SRC to set up a Forum for Lifelong learners. The title 'Lifelong Learners' is believed to be more appropriate in 2017, reflecting the terminology and ethos currently used in higher education.

The first meeting of the Forum was held on the 20th February and a committee has been duly elected.



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SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener: Euan Grant

As Postgraduate Academic Convenor, I have served postgraduate representation in the Students Association and within the structures of the University.

Within the Association, I found the setup for postgraduate representation which I inherited unclear and unfocussed, and my intention for July is to hand over a system in which the various school representatives are aware of the university bodies which directly affect their interests (namely the Learning and Teaching Committee and the Postgraduate Research Committee) and, by meeting in preparation for these committees, able to more effectively shape a common response and agenda for submission to the University's senior academic officers. One very early fruit of this new approach is the welcome which postgraduate representatives gave the recent revision of policy on submission of published work as part of theses, a theme which was raised early in the year at the Postgraduate Executive Forum for research students. For the remainder of the semester, the work of postgraduate representation within the Union will be expanding on this new system of representation, and letting new habits bed in.

At the University level, I will soon be attending my first meeting of the Academic Council, while over the past semester and the beginning of this one, I have been a regular contributor to the Learning and Teaching and Postgraduate Research Committees. A great deal is achieved at these committees - including a new policy for postgraduate tutors as well as the improvements to the policy on publication noted above - but for the remainder of the semester I will be considering how to make the 'information gathering' aspects of these committees (generally groups of academics speculating about what would be best for or most appealing students) more effective. This goes alongside the continuing process towards the planned lecture capture policy - which I am determined should be suitable for its broad scope of application, including the PGT students - and the question of library provision for postgraduate students which will, should I continue in any academic-representative post next year, be one of my central concerns.



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SRC Postgraduate Development Convener: Alison Holiday

The Postgraduate Development Officer role was formed in March 2016 with a remit to liaise with services relevant to Postgraduates which are not covered by the remit of the renamed Postgraduate Academic Convenor or Postgraduate Society President. These services include: CAPOD, Careers, Accommodation, Student Services, Registry, Admissions, St Leonard's College and any other service relevant to Postgraduate life.

My success during last summer of establishing regular meetings with key members of staff from services covered by my remit was continued throughout the year. These meetings, termed Postgraduate Development Officer meetings, are chaired by myself and are attended by members of staff from CAPOD, Student Services, St Leonard's college and the PGT pro-dean, as well as the Postgraduate Academic Convenor. More recently members from Registry and Careers have also been in attendance. Within these meetings we have: highlighted areas where student services may consider postgraduate targeted events at specific times of year; encouraged the repetition of thesis boot camp for PGR students both in January and the end of summer; discussed the issue of multiple start dates for PGR's and how to target them with inductions to the university; and discussed services provided to postgraduates returning to studies after a leave of absence. These meetings have been praised by staff in attendance and have enhanced communication between important Postgraduate services.

An important aspect of Postgraduate life is St Leonards College and as part of the Postgraduate Society we want to encourage this community. This year the committee appointed a St Leonard's liaison officer to build a stronger relationship with the college. I contributed to a policy document formed by the St Leonard's liaison officer and other members of the society as a way to communicate how we envision the future of St Leonard's may look. Alongside this we are in contact with Andy Murphy the newly appointed head of the Graduate School, whose focus is interdisciplinary master's courses. This is important to the Postgraduate community, to ensure future students will get the most out of this school, and the Postgraduate Society and St Leonard's college as a potential new area for collaborative events.

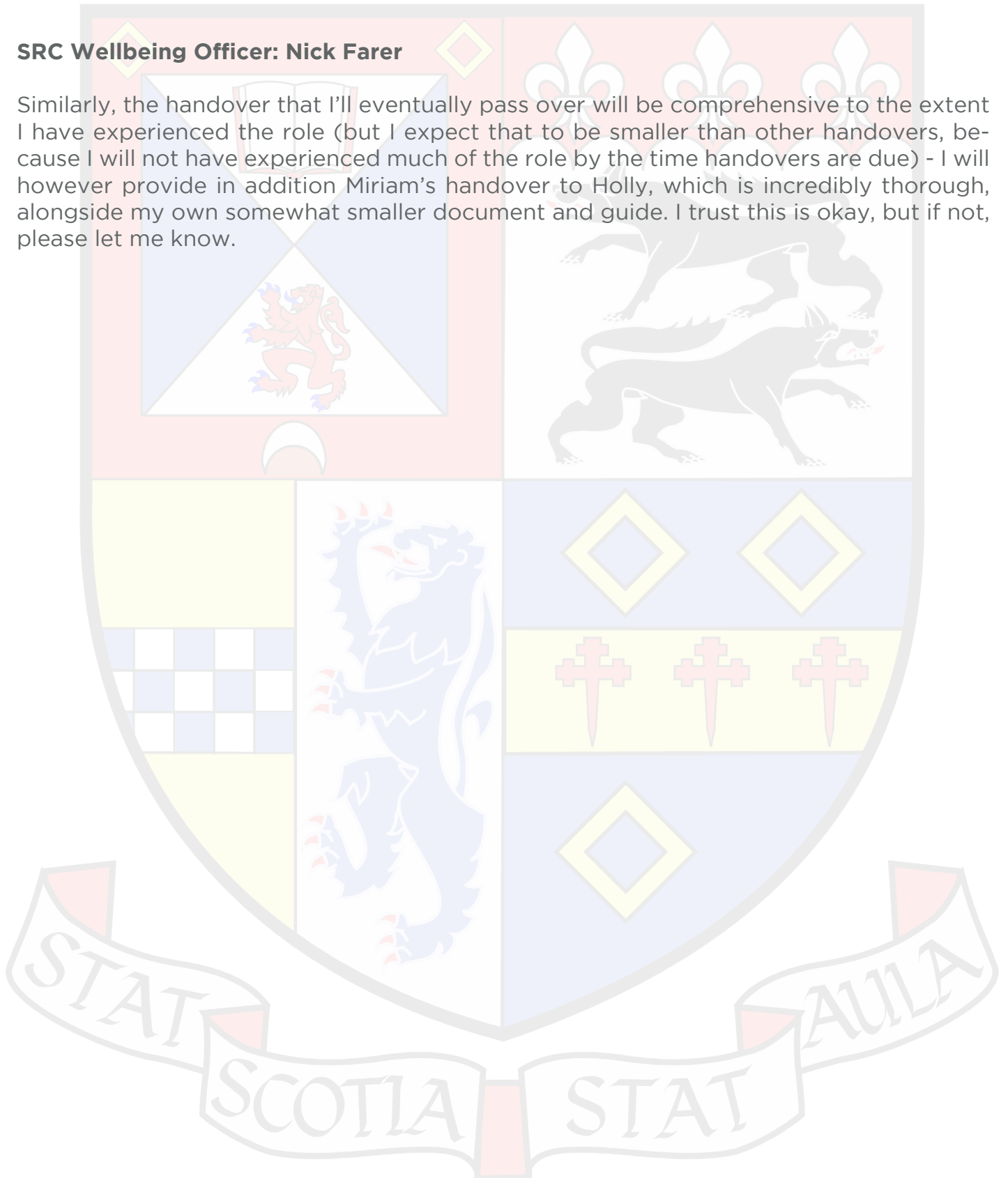
During the first semester I approached Lorraine Callaghan the Member for Age Equality after having met several Postgraduates during induction and orientation sessions with both young families and who were older than the majority of incoming student who wanted to know if there was a mature student's society. Lorraine was keen to start such a society and was excited to have Postgraduates involved in the process. Lorraine has since begun the process of forming the lifelong learners' forum.

Finally in my role as Development Officer I have been the student voice on the CAPOD Innovation Grant judging panel and have been invited to replicate this role for the St Leonard's prize lecture series.

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SRC Wellbeing Officer: Nick Farer

Similarly, the handover that I'll eventually pass over will be comprehensive to the extent I have experienced the role (but I expect that to be smaller than other handovers, because I will not have experienced much of the role by the time handovers are due) - I will however provide in addition Miriam's handover to Holly, which is incredibly thorough, alongside my own somewhat smaller document and guide. I trust this is okay, but if not, please let me know.



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SSC Broadcasting Officer: Charlotte Flatley

While I believe that one academic year is not always enough time to fulfil everything a candidate outlines in their manifesto, I am proud of what I have achieved with my subcommittee over the course of my tenure. I made an active effort to make sure STAR was more inclusive than it had been in the past by providing students with multiple different ways to get in contact with committee members. We sent out weekly emails with vital information for show hosts regarding what is going on in the studio as well as information targeted at students who are not yet involved with STAR who want to learn more about the various ways to get involved. We maintained our buddy-system in which committee members are paired with a few shows so that show hosts have direct access to the committee, and we also hosted drop-in sessions for students to come meet the committee and speak with us in an informal setting about the different opportunities available. We hosted different events and collaborated with societies in new and innovative ways that I believe have improved STAR's presence within the university as a fun and welcoming subcommittee. We have spent the past couple of months working on our website to re-brand our image as a more professional radio station in order to encourage listenership and enable our show hosts to feel proud about having a show on STAR.

Now that my tenure is almost over, I am able to look back on how much I have learned through the role of Broadcasting Officer. Being the head of a subcommittee is probably the most responsibility I have had throughout my 3+ years at St Andrews and I am so grateful that I have had the opportunity to build on my skills as an organised, task-oriented, diligent, and motivated worker. I am extremely passionate about radio/broadcasting and being able to oversee every aspect of this subcommittee and identify its weakness is something I have valued greatly. I have really enjoyed providing support for my committee members when they have struggled to accomplish various tasks or simply needed someone with whom they could talk through different ideas. While it may sound cliché, I honestly believe that I have gained invaluable experience that has prepared me for life after university and any career opportunities I pursue in the future. Being Broadcasting Officer has been one of the most stressful and rewarding experiences of my university career. I am both sad to leave my post and excited to see what next year's committee will accomplish.



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SSC Charities Officer: Kristen Tsubota

This year has seen a lot of exciting things for the Charities Campaign: we ran our first event in the Balgove Larder, had more engagement than ever before, and have sent over 60 teams of students to Prague. Our committee is continuing to grow and evolve, which is wonderful. We have over 80 active committee members who have put in countless hours towards fundraising for our 3 nominated charities. We have reintroduced careers focused events, where people can learn how to get involved with different charities for a job in the future. Additionally, we have begun to implement a system where the charitable society presidents can get more face time with the Campaign.

As we are such a large committee, one of the biggest continuing problems with the Campaign is the lack of interaction between the different subcommittees. In order to rectify this, I encouraged us to have more biweekly socials that is open to everyone. There has been quite a bit of backlash recently in regards to our transparency, so I am tirelessly working on improving that which will be soon seen with an Open Letter.

What I'm especially proud of this year is the fact that we have increased and improved many relationships with different societies. We've become much more accessible to students whether it is through Race2 or candy cane grams or even throwing an event in RAG Week. We are constantly trying to improve the ways in which we can contact the community while also raising money. Also, we've been able to really highlight our local charity, Frontline Fife. They've been to many of our events, participated in our RAG Week + STAR Radio 16 hr broadcast, and spoken as a featured speaker. It's great to be able to provide a platform to truly highlight our local charity.

Pertaining to what I've done specifically: As much as I would like to take credit for everything, I can't. I believe that I've been able to provide a strong support system within our committee. I've been able to handle crises as they came. I encouraged all our committee members to attend another committee's events. I also strongly requested everyone to volunteer during RAG, and I'm proud to say that our executive committee volunteered more than any other year I've been a part of the Campaign. I think the sense of encouragement and support is stronger than ever, and I'm glad that I was able to facilitate it. Additionally, I have started to implement a new administrative system for meetings. I've also changed the format of our General Meetings to make it more fun and interactive. Personally, I've attended most of the meetings or my Vice, Lauren Lam, would go in my absence. This means we'd go to 6+ hrs of meetings a week just for the Campaign, and I wouldn't have it any other way. We've been able to bridge strong relationships with the heads of the subcommittees along with meeting the different committee members.

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We're also not done! This semester, we have a ton of upcoming events including our annual bungee jump, a Valentine's candy gram, and our voting. We're trying to create a campus-wide campaign that will hopefully inspire students to vote for the next 3 charities.

I'm so proud of all our accomplishments this year, and I will continue to love it beyond my time at uni because #chazzaforlife.



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SSC Employability Officer: Francis Newman

Over the course of my tenure as SSC Employability Officer, my work and that of my committee has focussed on two areas – representing student views and opinions to university institutions, and helping to organise events to advance career opportunities for students.

At the beginning of my term I met with representatives from the Careers centre and CAPOD, two institutions which are crucial to student development of employability-related skills in St Andrews. We discussed the services currently provided to students, and I suggested how some, such as the Professional Skills Curriculum, could be improved to attract more students. Throughout the year we remained in close contact with both institutions to try to work together to tackle challenges in engaging the student body.

In May 2016 I was invited to join the University Working Group on Employability, chaired by the Dean of Arts, which is seeking to write a university-wide employability strategy document which could have significant ramifications for the way employability is treated. The process of creating this draft is ongoing, but the committee was consulted at every stage and continues to be consulted to try to add in the best ideas for the student experience. Specifically, I am working to include contains an explicit focus on minority student groups, e.g. disabled students, mature students etc. as these are groups that currently have very little specific provision for them.

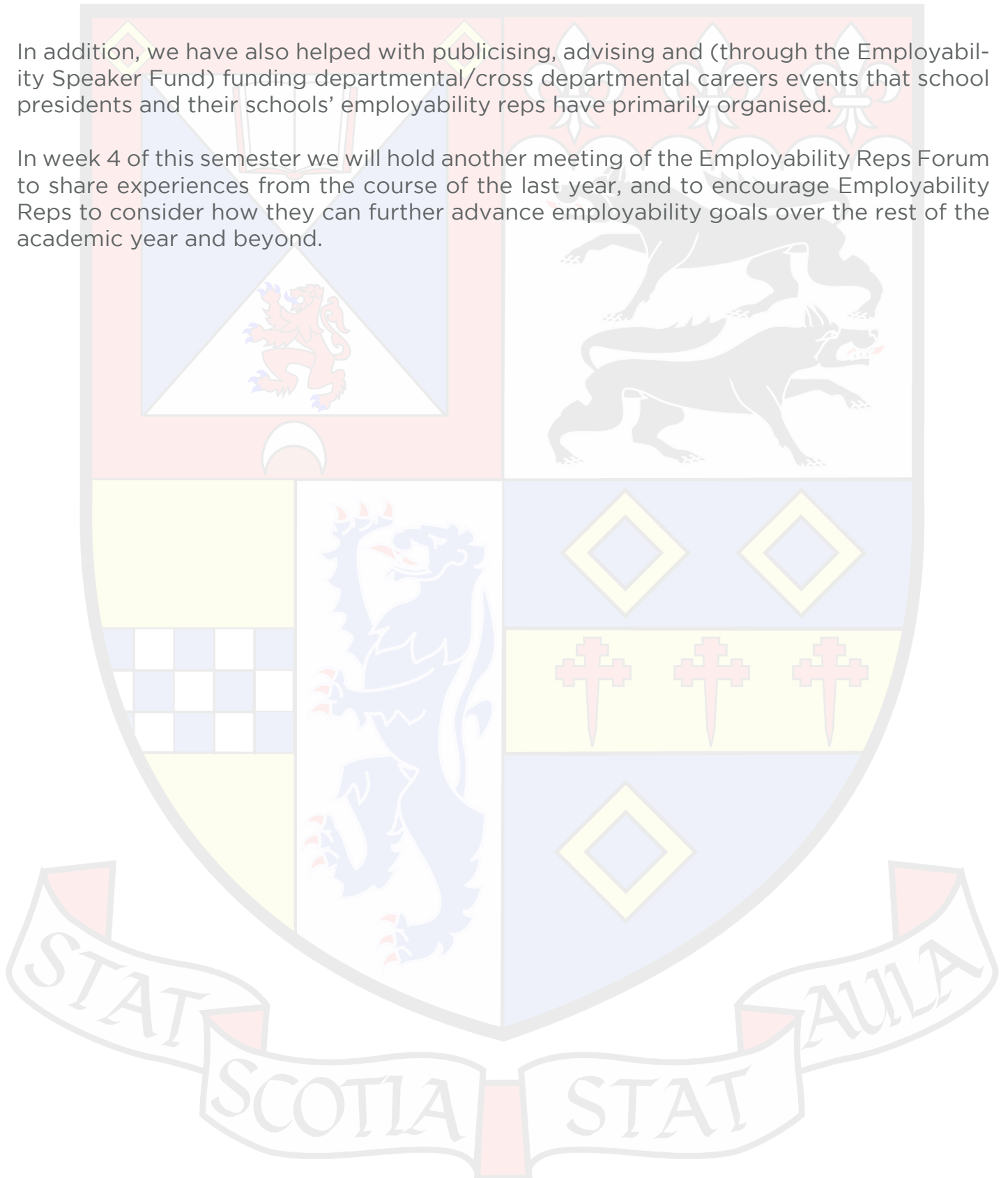
The Employability Committee ran training for the departmental Employability Class Reps, which was successful, with high attendance. The Employability Reps Forum then met to allow reps to share their concerns with the committee and with the careers centre, and to share ideas of best practice between departments. I also communicated with school presidents over the course of first semester to ensure that their collective views could be communicated to the careers centre. This resulted in surveys being sent out to students in most departments, which enabled careers events to be more specifically targeted to students in such a way that they would be more likely to attend and find events useful. Many departments have acted on the results of these surveys.

The committee was involved in brainstorming ideas for and publicising the Employathon, an event which set students timed challenges to solve problems identified by members of staff, organised by CAPOD. This was successful and we hope it will be repeated next year. We also helped fund a third sector careers event, working with the Charities Campaign, SVS and the Careers centre to deliver an event that represented the voluntary and charities sector, which is often missed out of traditional careers events. Another event was held in second semester: we hope next year it will be expanded into a full-on careers fayre.

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In addition, we have also helped with publicising, advising and (through the Employability Speaker Fund) funding departmental/cross departmental careers events that school presidents and their schools' employability reps have primarily organised.

In week 4 of this semester we will hold another meeting of the Employability Reps Forum to share experiences from the course of the last year, and to encourage Employability Reps to consider how they can further advance employability goals over the rest of the academic year and beyond.



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SSC Debates Officer: Beckie Thomas

This year has been an eventful one for the UDS, marked by competitive success, diverse public debates and a growth in regularly attending members.

This year the UDS aimed to put on fewer public debates of higher quality. It is incredibly difficult to get speakers to come to a town with few public transport connections on a weekly basis and a switch to student-led debates have alleviated some of this problem. This has meant we've been able to hold debates on motions that it would be difficult to obtain speakers for, like This House Would Assassinate President Trump, but which have proved attractive and engaging for the student community. This year we've also pioneered town and gown outreach, hosting a debate on the HMO ban towards the end of my tenure as President and worked with the LGBT society and History society.

As in previous years the UDS has suffered in attendance numbers when deadlines encroach or when events beyond our control make hosting public debates difficult. Hosting an event aimed at around 200 people on a weekly basis is an impressive, if

intimidating, tradition, and is one that probably needs to adapt more flexibly to changing student trends and demands.

We've also been gifted with an abnormal amount of competitive success this year. We've won three competitions including the Strathclyde Presidents' Cup and Aberdeen and have achieved a final or semi-final finish at almost every competition we've attended. At the European Championships one of our teams were in the quarter finals. Particularly pleasing was our victory at Bogwall, the Scottish national novice competition which was held in St Andrews this year. Our ability to support and encourage freshers when they join the society sets us apart from our other Scottish counterparts and is hopefully a testament to the welcoming environment the Board of Ten work hard to provide new members in the first few weeks. As part of that we hosted our first annual Pro-Am competition. This internal competition involved over forty speakers and provided a wonderful training experience.

In these last few weeks we hope to amend our Constitution to mandate that two people are Chief Whips of the society every year. Over recent years the society has grown to an extent that one student running our training programme places an unreasonable burden on their time. We hope to maintain and develop our training programme as a result of this.

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Over the past semester two members of the society have been asked to be Chief Adjudicators at national tournaments, a huge position of responsibility and acknowledgement of the quality of our training. This year we hope to send a number of teams to the first Women's Euros competition, and have put in place an Affirmative Action policy temporarily to address perceptions of the hobby being male-dominated. The society is building up a strong core of competitive talent, putting it in prime position to excel at international tournaments over coming years. Once again we hosted a successful schools competition, and for the first time ever, a training day allowing students from schools that wouldn't usually receive our support to come and hone their debating skills. Two members of the society were invited to visit a school in Dubai and run a debating competition in November. The UDS is gaining an international reputation for outreach and training that we are incredibly proud of. We hosted a public speaking session in collaboration with CAPOD, and a workshop for Admissions' First Chances scheme. These events require a large amount of voluntary commitment from over thirty regularly attending members of the society and are always received very well.

In April we will run our second annual St Andrews Open. Our registration is very nearly full and we've secured a generous amount of funding from ISSOS, an organisation providing summer schools that include debate coaching based in St Andrews, Cambridge and Yale. We hope this can eventually grow to be a source of revenue for the society.

Members of the UDS work incredibly hard to improve their own rhetorical and persuasive skills but also engage with the community around them nationally and internationally. It has been a pleasure to lead such a committed group of individuals for just under a year, but by far what I am most proud of is the society's welcoming atmosphere, it's leaders' genuine investment in the improvement of members and the committee's ability to make the entire society feel like a family. If, as President, I have contributed at all to that, the year has been a tremendous success.



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SSC Entertainments Convener: Hannah Jacobs

This year has been particularly eventful for the Ents Committee. We started off the year with a hectic Freshers' Week and 5 active Ents, a challenge that I initially saw as borderline impossible. However, we made it through and have come on leaps and bounds from an incredibly successful Freshers' Week - we had 15 volunteers in total help us with Refreshers' and RAG, which we had both recruited and trained in the first semester.

We've worked with multiple societies and subcommittees this year to help run their events; from Saints LGBT+'s dRAG walk, to Dementia Friendly St Andrews' ceilidh, we've seen a great variety of events in our Union and that is something I hope continues in the future.

We've finally got around to choosing a new Ents Crew logo, and soon we'll be donning it on some new crew t-shirts which I hope will be appreciated by all our volunteers. One thing I wish I had worked on more this year however is publicising the crew and what we do. I hope my successor will be able to do a better job of this.

Lastly, I have a few small successes from the last year that don't really belong anywhere in particular, so I've created a list.

- We have not had a false fire alarm (or a real one!)
- We appear to have kept Phil and Bruce somewhat happy.
- Cascada came, I ran the lights, Calum did the sound, we are amateur technicians, life was awesome.

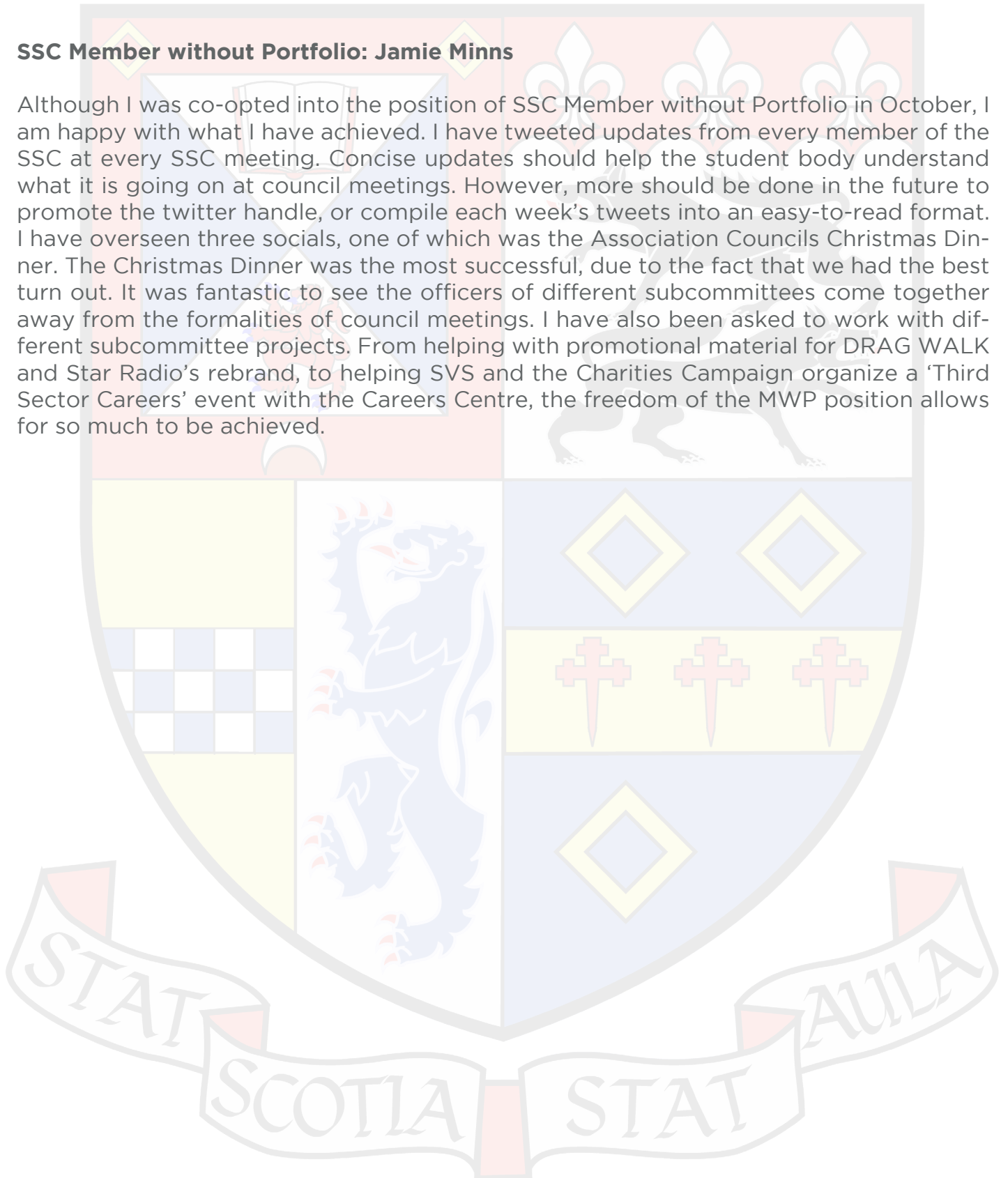
This year has been an experience that I will truly value and never forget. It has been possibly one of the most stressful years of my life, but working with such a fantastic group of people makes everything seem worthwhile. I hope the incoming committee have as much fun (if not more) than we have had this year, and continue the good work of the Ents.



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SSC Member without Portfolio: Jamie Minns

Although I was co-opted into the position of SSC Member without Portfolio in October, I am happy with what I have achieved. I have tweeted updates from every member of the SSC at every SSC meeting. Concise updates should help the student body understand what it is going on at council meetings. However, more should be done in the future to promote the twitter handle, or compile each week's tweets into an easy-to-read format. I have overseen three socials, one of which was the Association Councils Christmas Dinner. The Christmas Dinner was the most successful, due to the fact that we had the best turn out. It was fantastic to see the officers of different subcommittees come together away from the formalities of council meetings. I have also been asked to work with different subcommittee projects. From helping with promotional material for DRAG WALK and Star Radio's rebrand, to helping SVS and the Charities Campaign organize a 'Third Sector Careers' event with the Careers Centre, the freedom of the MWP position allows for so much to be achieved.



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SSC Arts Festival Convener: Lottie Haswell-West

On The Rocks has had a great first half of the year, working towards our festival that will run 31st March to 9th April 2017.

We have kept in contact with our patrons from previous years, and reached out to new names to invite them to become patrons of the festival. As well as this, we have kept in contact with Edinburgh Student Arts Festival (ESAF), and have organised an exchange of artists for our two festivals. We have also been fortunate enough to be approached by the Scottish Arts Club in order to organise a collaboration which is still ongoing. Reaching out to sponsors locally and further afield has been successful, with some great interest from businesses and individuals in Edinburgh, which we hope to foster into established and ongoing support in future years.

Having recruited our executive committee at the end of the last academic year,

and the wider committee during the first semester, we have enjoyed opening up our search for the Art On The Rocks co-ordinator. This is a new role on the wider committee, who works with the Community and Outreach subcommittee, to ensure that the visual arts focused part of the festival can continue to grow. We had an amazing turn out for volunteer applications - with over 90 applicants. We have taken on 40 of these volunteers to help out through the festival with the different events that will be running. We are also looking into the possibility of creating the role of volunteer co-ordinator amongst the volunteers so they have another main point of contact through the festival.

We are now fully programmed with over 40 events set to run throughout the 10 days, all across the town. We are so excited to host another diverse festival that is crammed with talent and creativity. We will be printing the programme in the next week or so and the design team are just making a few last edits before it is completely finished.

Our programme launch is set for 7th March and we have invited our local sponsors along to this event. With the great help of the Union and the Byre, and many other spaces around the town, On The Rocks is able to make the very best of student and town spaces in order to display and support the talent of St Andrews. On The Rocks 2017 is looking to be another fantastic festival that showcases the very best of the St Andrews artistic community.

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SSC Performing Arts Officer: Annabel Ekelund

Happy 100th Birthday Mermaids! Mermaids was founded at this university all the way back in 1917. It is an apt time to now look back on the work we have done last semester and plan for the work to come. This year, Mermaids: The University of St Andrews Performing Arts Fund has continued to facilitate countless productions and strengthen its ever-growing performing arts community. First, I will provide you with Mermaids in numbers.

Mermaids has:

- Provided financial and logistical support for 25 productions o 7 of those shows are student written
- Funded 4 Stage productions (2 more than past years)
- Generated a revenue of £6,000
- Coordinated the first Christmas Ball online ticket sales
 - Demand was at maximum capacity in two minutes o 12% profit increase from last year

Mermaids started off this academic year with its annual trip to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. We funded and supported 6 shows over a wide variety of mediums, including the Hummingbirds, an A cappella group and the Gilbert and Sullivan Society. Mermaids also supported a new student theatre company, Wanton Theatre, as they took Tis' Pity She's a Whore to the Fringe. Our improv comedy group, Blind Mirth, won the Derek Award for Best Improv Show and Delay Detach, a Mermaids funded production, was runner-up for the Scottish Arts Club "Flying Artichoke Award".

Mermaids engaged with the student body by hosting workshops on Wednesdays and Sundays, to aide in students' creative development. We continued our yearly Fresher's Drama Festival which aims to involve students who have never participated in Mermaids events. There were six productions; Beyond the Dreamline, Punk Rock, Café on Murder Street, The Zoo Story, Rope, and The Actor's Nightmare. Two of the productions (Beyond the Dreamline and Café on Murder Street) were student written.

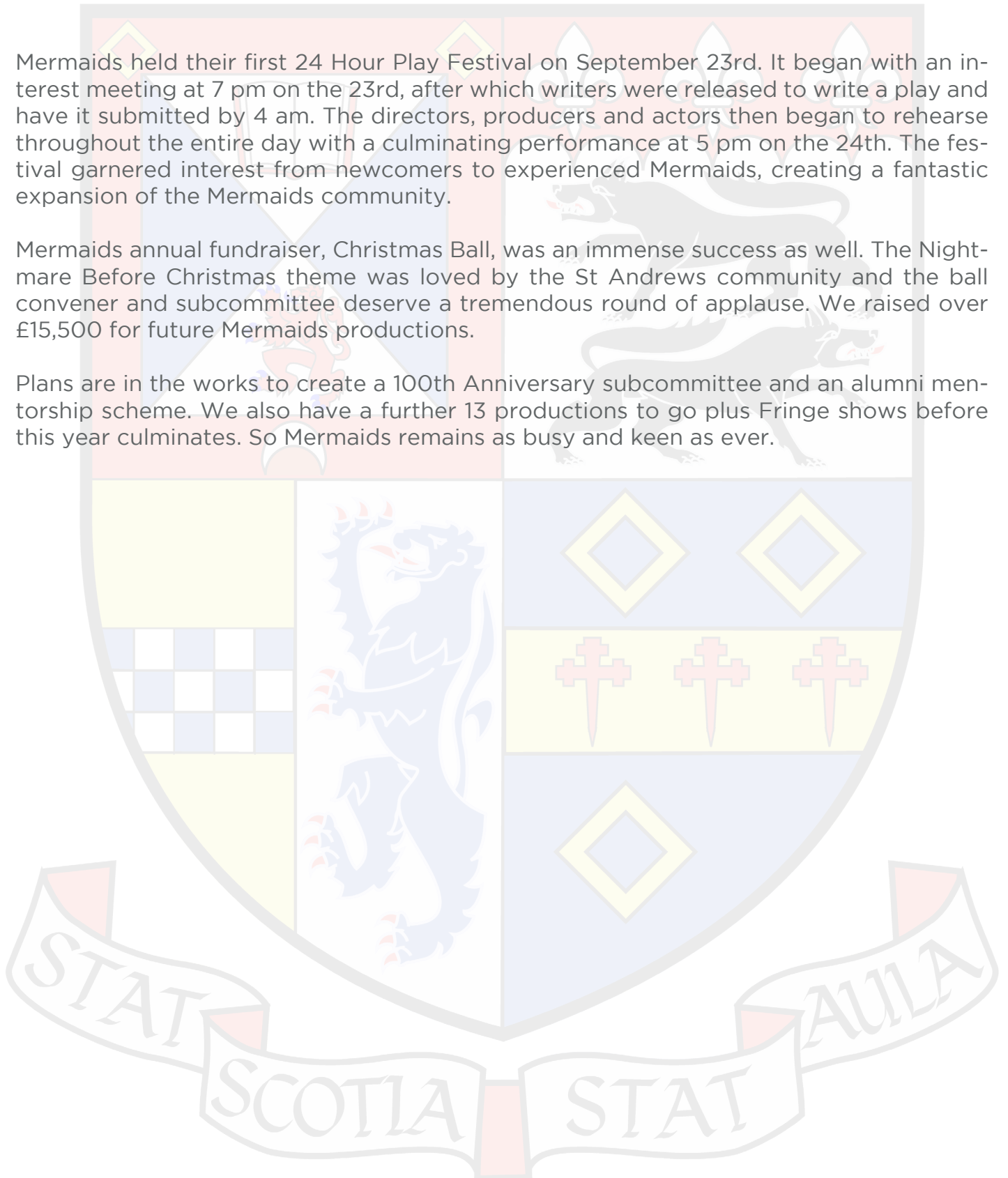
Mermaids focuses on promoting and encouraging student writing. Last year, Mermaids added two student projects to its organization. St Andrews New Drama (SAND) is a project that provides development and performance opportunities to student playwrights. Their acting company allows writers to have their pieces workshopped, so they can be adapted and edited for performance. SAND auditioned for a new company last semester and organized several scratch nights. Our other student project is BlackBox, a student-run devising company. It introduces students to the technique of devising and the use of physical and ensemble theatre in creating an organic performance, further exposing students to new performing arts avenues. Last semester, BlackBox had their first performance which tackled the current political atmosphere around the globe. They have selected two new directors for this semester and are planning a workshop for the Sunday of Refreshers' Week.

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Mermaids held their first 24 Hour Play Festival on September 23rd. It began with an interest meeting at 7 pm on the 23rd, after which writers were released to write a play and have it submitted by 4 am. The directors, producers and actors then began to rehearse throughout the entire day with a culminating performance at 5 pm on the 24th. The festival garnered interest from newcomers to experienced Mermaids, creating a fantastic expansion of the Mermaids community.

Mermaids annual fundraiser, Christmas Ball, was an immense success as well. The Nightmare Before Christmas theme was loved by the St Andrews community and the ball convener and subcommittee deserve a tremendous round of applause. We raised over £15,500 for future Mermaids productions.

Plans are in the works to create a 100th Anniversary subcommittee and an alumni mentorship scheme. We also have a further 13 productions to go plus Fringe shows before this year culminates. So Mermaids remains as busy and keen as ever.



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SSC Postgraduate Officer: Ariana Brighenti

This past semester, since October, the Postgraduate society has been successful in providing events for postgraduates every week during term time. In an effort to integrate postgraduates with the traditions of St Andrews we hosted a Raisin Weekend Speed Adoption that was met with significant, if not slightly disproportionate success. It was very popular with women and many undergraduates were also keen to participate, however there was a lack of men. We also advertised the St Leonard's Dinner which sold out within the first three days of tickets being made available. Following the St Leonard's Dinner, we hosted a pub quiz and a Bus Trip to Stirling, which was popular and also sold out.

In November we hosted a Guy Fawkes bonfire and Ceilidh. Our bus trip to Pitlochry also sold out. Additionally we hosted a joint whiskey tasting social with the Quaich Society. We received positive feedback from the people who attended this event and will look to host joint social events in 2017.

The Ball was a success - we attempted to host two balls so we could accommodate all postgraduates graduating. However, there was a huge difference in demand for these two nights, so in the end it was only hosted on one night. People enjoyed themselves, and we made a greater profit than originally expected which will go to providing postgraduates with more events this semester at a better price.

In December we did not provide as many events due to increased deadlines and unlikelihood that postgraduates would have time to attend event. However we hosted a Christmas Pub Quiz, and attendees appeared to enjoy the break from revision. Additionally, our last event, which was an Edinburgh Christmas Market Bus Trip, also sold out.

Our goals for 2017 are to host a greater number of events to build more presence among postgraduate students, work with other societies to host joint events, and try to create events that will integrate students from different disciplines.

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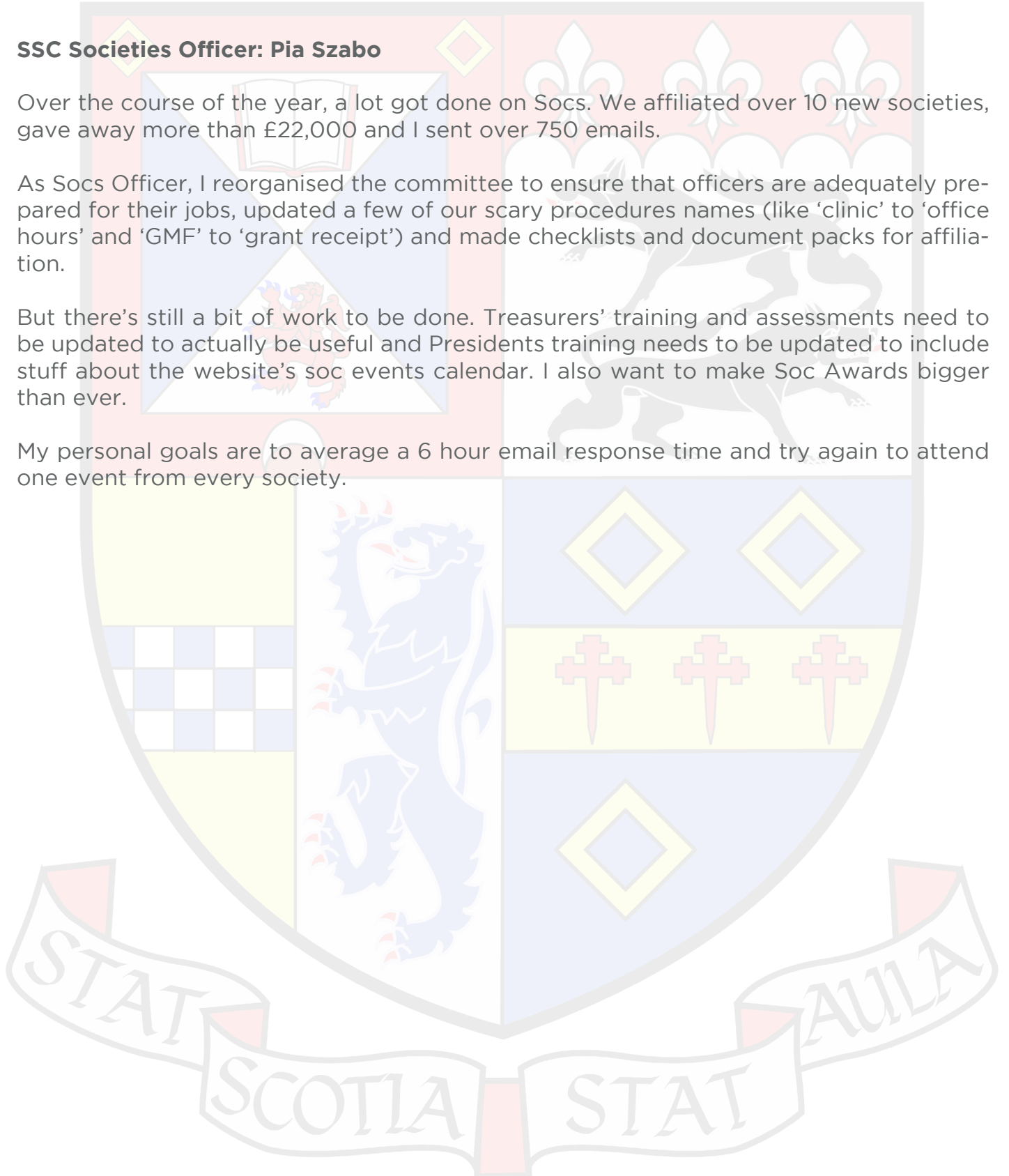
SSC Societies Officer: Pia Szabo

Over the course of the year, a lot got done on Socs. We affiliated over 10 new societies, gave away more than £22,000 and I sent over 750 emails.

As Socs Officer, I reorganised the committee to ensure that officers are adequately prepared for their jobs, updated a few of our scary procedures names (like 'clinic' to 'office hours' and 'GMF' to 'grant receipt') and made checklists and document packs for affiliation.

But there's still a bit of work to be done. Treasurers' training and assessments need to be updated to actually be useful and Presidents training needs to be updated to include stuff about the website's soc events calendar. I also want to make Soc Awards bigger than ever.

My personal goals are to average a 6 hour email response time and try again to attend one event from every society.



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SSC Volunteering Officer: Sarah Rodway-Swanson

We have 48 active projects, across 7 different project areas. We currently have 201 active volunteers. More volunteers are being added continually. I am considering adding a new project area, with a to-be-determined name, as we have added several new projects that do not necessarily fall in to any of the current project areas.

Committee - I combined Events & Publicity into one role this year. Reflection within committee has suggested this was a positive move. We also recruited a Project Officer dedicated to running our Poppy Club project in October to ensure its success.

Freshers' Week - Before Freshers' Week we purchased a stand-up banner and 1000 small leaflets. We distributed an estimated 700 of these leaflets during the week. During Freshers' Week we had one of our most successful socials ever, and gained over 200 email sign-ups from the Charities Fayre and Freshers' Fayre.

Recruitment - We opened applications at the beginning of Freshers' Week and kept them open for 2 weeks. We advertised for recruitment during Freshers' Week, and also through hall and lecture shout-outs. Some projects have had rolling recruitment throughout the year, and we had another smaller recruitment push during ReFreshers' Fayre. We recruited volunteers from every year, both undergraduates and postgraduates. We also recruited a significant number of male volunteers, noticeably on the Youth with Additional Needs projects. There is typically a gender bias towards female volunteers, and feedback from the organisations themselves suggest male volunteer recruitment is highly desirable.

Training - In the past all volunteers have had to attend a single training session, which looked at the operations of SVS, rights & responsibilities of a volunteer and child protection. Feedback last year pointed out that for a volunteer on an environmental project, child protection training is irrelevant. Taking this feedback on board I wanted to focus on reconsidering and reorganising how our training operates.

This year I held three training sessions. All three sessions covered the basics as before. The first session was for volunteers on the Elderly and some Befriending projects, looking at Dementia awareness, and awareness of other comorbid conditions that come with old age. Myself and the Elderly Project Officer met with Maggie Ellis - a dementia fellow in the Psychology department to get advice on how to run this training. The second session was for volunteers on the Youth, Youth with Additional Needs, Adults with Additional Needs and some Befriending projects. Over the summer I did an online NSPCC Child Protection course which I based a lot of the training on, plus guidance from vulnerable group laws. The final session was for volunteers on Animal and Environmental projects, which covered health and safety also.

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Some projects also run their own in-house training specific to the organisation. The Elderly Project Officer also organised a specific information evening for Stratheden Dementia Ward volunteers, since this project is one of our most challenging. We have also held 1, and will hold another, activity planning session for volunteers.

Give Back Weekend - As well as training, I wanted to focus on Give Back Weekend this year. Give Back Weekend is our annual weekend dedicated to raising funds, awareness and host voluntary based events. In the past Give Back Weekend has begun to fall by the wayside, so I was keen to revive it. We held a bake sale, pub quiz, family fun afternoon with MUSA, post-welly-ball bacon roll delivery and third sectors careers talk. We also had a community cinema and one-off environmental volunteering day planned, but these unfortunately had to be cancelled due to travel logistics and weather respectively. The other events went really well however, and I am very pleased with how Give Back was received. It was a great opportunity to raise our project and make some more connections around town. I have reflected on this years' experience and will hand those reflections on to next years' committee.

New Projects - We have introduced several new projects this year: Code Club, Balgove Larder, Kilmarron School, Isle of May, Marie Curie helpers, Fife Zoo, Scottish Deer 17 Centre, Storehouse NE Fife, Home Start and TechnoSMART. Most notable of these is probably TechnoSMART; founded by the Elderly Project Officer after receiving an email from a current scheme in Aberdeen this project runs in the Cosmos Centre to teach elderly people how to use technology.

One-off Projects - We have held a number of one-off projects this year: beach cleaning, Cruise ship tourist analysis, Care Home coffee mornings, MUSA family fun and present wrapping with BID St Andrews.
Publicity

I suggested, and was supported by committee, in a move to begin to scrap the penguin mascot from most of our publicity material. The mascot has not been marketed much in the past, and in general people do not associate the penguin with SVS - in fact it seemed to create more confusion than publicity awareness. The head of our mascot costume was also misplaced last year so...! We are building up a bank of photographs from volunteers on projects that we can hopefully use for publicity in the future.

Connections - I have been sitting on a group in town, including community nurses, social workers, local MPs, etc. looking at how a community café can be set up in St Andrews. After running an event with MUSA during Give Back Weekend, we have built good connections with MUSA and have set up bi-monthly family fun activity events with them. We

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have also grown our existing connections with the Charities Campaign and the Careers Centre whilst I was working on Third Sector Career information with them. I have recently been invited to take part in a Volunteering in Fife strategy group.

I met with, and was interviewed by a visiting professor from the University of Shenandoah who was researching Service Learning at Universities. I was interviewed in my capacity as SVS Convener to discuss how our organisation works, and also in my capacity as a volunteer. Other committee members were also interviewed in both their capacity on committee and as volunteers themselves.



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SRC Member for First Years Final Goals and Handover

What your position entails

Maintaining a friendly and accessible presence on the Facebook page for the duration of your time as SRC Member for First Years. Particularly during Fresher's week, it is important for accessibility to hold some form of meet and greet for new students - i.e. town tour, question time. It is useful to collaborate with other SRC and SSC Members - i.e. member for age equality, member for access and widening participation, member for disabilities - as this allows you to reach further into the student body. Generally chatting about your position with others helps to spread the word as not many people seem to know about the position (or indeed the SRC and SSC, unfortunately).

What an average week looks like

Member for First Years is a quieter role, but it is an excellent way to meet new people and keep in touch with new students. I often see Freshers at events and enjoy a conversation with them. Keeping in touch and making sure any big events/union/university activities are brought to Freshers i.e. class rep elections.

What to expect in SRC and SSC meetings

It is certainly an experience! It is quite formal and takes some getting used to, but it is important to try and think "How does this issue affect first years?" and bring it to the table. The meetings include an agenda and while sitting on the SRC you will gain an insight into big issues currently facing students, as well as helping with any decisions. "Collaborative Solutions" is often done at the end of a meeting, and gives you the chance to bring issues you think need tackling to the table. These issues can be small or large, and for me, once collaborative solutions was introduced it gave me a real purpose and something to focus on in my role.

People in the Union that are useful to know

Your line manager (President of Students Association) and the Head of Equal Opportunities, as well as the before mentioned Members for Age Equality, Widening Access and Participation and Disabilities, as these are often the student segments that are most at risk or in need of contact. Anybody on councils that can support you in your endeavours is generally a useful person to drop an email to!

Any advice as well as advice I wish I was given

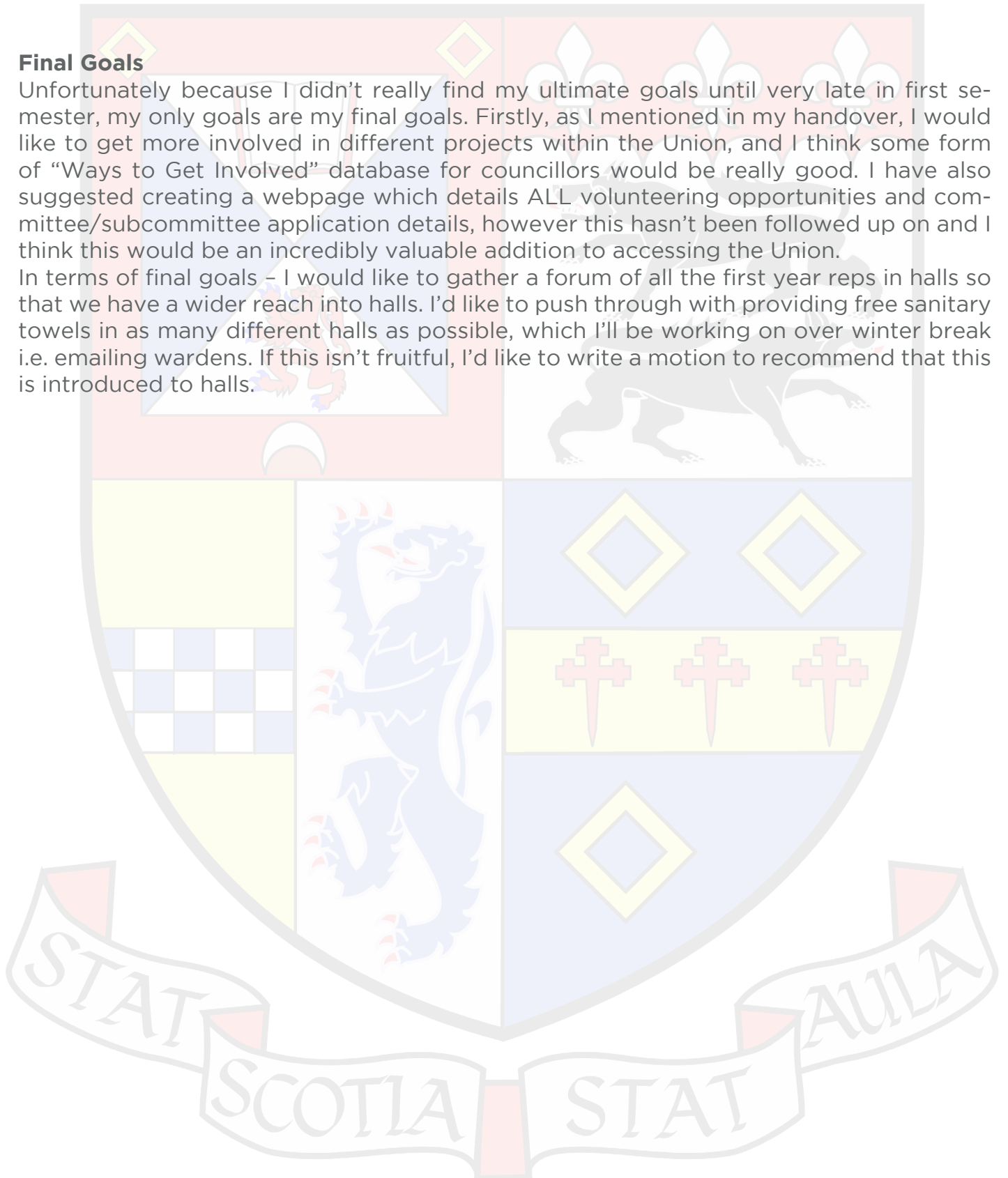
I would have liked a little more guidance as to what previous Member for First Years had done, as well as a clearer understanding of where I could go to represent first years i.e. which events I should definitely go to. I would have liked more autonomy or perhaps to be given extra jobs to do, as I'm still eager to participate within the Union body. I think reflecting on this I would ask for extra projects to work on, or make yourself available to some of the more stressed out representatives/officers.

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Final Goals

Unfortunately because I didn't really find my ultimate goals until very late in first semester, my only goals are my final goals. Firstly, as I mentioned in my handover, I would like to get more involved in different projects within the Union, and I think some form of "Ways to Get Involved" database for councillors would be really good. I have also suggested creating a webpage which details ALL volunteering opportunities and committee/subcommittee application details, however this hasn't been followed up on and I think this would be an incredibly valuable addition to accessing the Union.

In terms of final goals - I would like to gather a forum of all the first year reps in halls so that we have a wider reach into halls. I'd like to push through with providing free sanitary towels in as many different halls as possible, which I'll be working on over winter break i.e. emailing wardens. If this isn't fruitful, I'd like to write a motion to recommend that this is introduced to halls.



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SRC Member without Portfolio : Paige Onouye

- Liaised with the SSC Member without Portfolio to arrange Joint Councils socials/dinners
- Responsible for tweeting all business pertaining to the SRC during Councils meetings
- Responsible for sharing information posted on the Association Councils page in an effort to increase engagement with the student community
- Served as a carve-up on the Societies Committee
- Assisted the Alumni Committee regarding preparation for the Alumni Festival Weekend
- Assisted the Member for Racial Equality in promoting the Pangea festival

