

Loughborough Students Union President Gemma Godfrey's latest column

Lot to look forward to!

WOW! What a busy first term it's been for us here at Loughborough Students' Union!

It seems like it was only yesterday since I wrote my first instalment at the beginning of the academic year and so much has already happened! Here is a round-up of 2006.

Freshers Week got off to a flying start, culminating in the spectacular Mayor's Parade, where our students raised £1,787.21 for the Mayor of Charnwood's chosen charity, the Leicester Air Ambulance.

It seemed that once our students got a flavour for fundraising, there was no stopping them!

In October, over 250 students took part in an event called 'Escape and Evade,' where small teams were challenged to get as far away from Loughborough as possible and back again in 36 hours without spending any money. The event raised



over £5,000 in sponsorship, with the winning team reaching Calgary in Canada.

The RAG bonfire was also a massive success, raising £21,000 for charity!

Our Community Action



ON THE DRAW: The Loughborough Students Union Community Action Team ran a successful Kid's Arts Day.

team have also had a very successful year, with over 400 volunteers signed up during the first term.

In November, 'Action' ran a very successful 'Kid's Arts Day' and our annual 'Flick Down Memory Lane' event, where we hosted a showing of 'It's a Wonderful Life' for some of our older

community friends.

'Action' have held several successful 'A' Team projects, with one team digging a new pond for Limehurst School and St Mary's benefiting from a renovation of their playground.

We still have a lot left to look forward to as 2007 promises to bring just as

much in terms of activities for both our students and our community residents.

Events include 'Kids Camp' in Easter, RAG Skydive and Towers Everest, where teams are challenged to run the height of Everest up the stairs of our mighty Towers building!

In March, our media department will be partnering up with other student radio stations and the BBC to present a live broadcast for Comic Relief!

As always, I remain dedicated to responding to any of your questions, queries or complaints regarding student activity in your local area.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch by phoning or emailing me directly on (01509) 635 000 or at the web address president@lborosu.org.uk

That's it from me for now, thanks for reading!

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