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Main aim's completed

2007/2008 saw the beginning of a new structure to the AU Exec. Previous years have seen the AU Exec hold little structure and therefore little success, however this year the AU Exec have held individual roles with specific responsibilities, the first time this has ever happened. This in its essence has been at the forefront of the progression of the AU this year.

This year the AU Exec primarily aimed to raise the profile of sport at the University and to increase participation in order to move sport forward at Portsmouth.

RAG

The AU Naked Calendar raised around £500 this year which was a massive improvement on the past. A huge amount of clubs got involved and with the new RAG AU Exec position helping the process run much smoother than previous years.

Media

Purple Wednesday has been completely revitalised. With it now available all over campus the AU have created a fun light hearted version of Gotcha's, the sporto test has been tamed down with relevant questions being asked. Clubs have been encouraged to publish their weekly match reports and various other stories concerning tournaments and festival etc which have all combined to create this new professional, clean look of the AU.

Radio

Many committee and club members have joined Darby and Andy on Pure to publicise our AU clubs further. This is the first time that the AU has branched onto radio and has been a positive progression for our publicity.

Inter Mural

This year the relationship between Sport and Rec and the AU has strengthened partly due to our new Inter Mural AU Exec role. First and foremost this has enabled many clubs to provide extra game time for their excess members, we have raised a huge amount of money for RAG with many of the AU clubs running their own inter mural tournaments, i.e. Netball, Rugby, Cricket and Dodge ball.

Tour

This year we took around 300 students to Rimini, Italy for our annual AU Tour. The new role of Tour AU Exec took on a huge responsibility organising the payment of monies and general organisation of the students creating more time for the Sports Officer and other Union staff to continue with other areas of the tour which needed organising. We increased club participation on tour this year with both Rounder's and Skydiving joining us for the first time and even though basketball was not available in Rimini, we were still able to organise a tour to Salou for our Basketball club.

AU Dinner

Again this year saw another successful AU Dinner with members from many of our clubs receiving colours. Holding onto our aims for the year, the dinner was seen as a professional evening with the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Pro Vice Chancellor and our guest speaker Peter Shilton in attendance. For us, this was the main event of the year and enabled us to prove that the profile of the AU is on the rise and will continue to do so next year.