



Name of Candidate

Dan "Bam Bam" Smith

Position

VP Sports and Recreation

Personal Statement; 200 Words

Since my arrival at the University, I have been involved with Sport at Surrey. Initially as a player, later as a captain, a fixtures secretary, a sports exec and now as sports exec chair. I believe sports provide an outlet through which students can find like-minded people, with whom they can, exercise, socialise and learn new skills. Sports clubs provide students with a structure through which they can experience such life fulfilling activities.

It is for these reasons I became involved with the organisation of sport at Surrey. As part of the team organising sports I have been able to lend my skills to my fellow students hopefully enabling them to achieve the best possible university experience as I believe others have done for me.

I would now like to take on the ultimate challenge in sports management at the University. Through attaining this position I would like to implement the various aspects of this manifesto in order to truly improve the sporting experience available to Surrey students.

'What I will do for you next year' 200 Words

Increase Sports Club Budgets.

- Union sports budget remains constant despite constant inflation. The same kit is required each year and it is getting more and more expensive, the budget however remains constant.

- Request charitable donations of 5-10 pounds a year (membership fee) in September / October from graduated previous members. Provides clubs with an increased budget with which they can expand (resulting in even more funds).

- This also enables clubs to buy more kit from own funds which saves the grants fund for starter clubs, opening up more opportunities for students to partake in an increasing variety of sports.

Search for university wide sports sponsorship from the research park companies.

- Encourages links between students and research companies.

- Results in cheaper playing and social kit

Greater Sports Participation in RAG and fundraising.

- SportsAid. Uni Clubs and Local Teams in exhibition matches.

'What I will achieve next year' 200 Words

Create a Sports Night that will not interfere with the activities of non-sporting students.

- Score failed because it was too invasive and took too much of the focus on Wednesday nights.

- Large gaps in music

- Only sports people interested in what's on the stage

- Others left in a club with no music

- Create a part of Wednesday nights for sports people but don't take over the stage and don't stop the music. Therefore hopefully giving sports players night or place to call their own whilst not affecting those who do not wish to be a part of the sporting demographic.

Expand the Sports Media activities undertaken.

- More pages in 'The Stag'

- More coverage on 'GU2'

- Get UniSTV involved and MADsoc and media societies.

Many media related societies and organizations are crying out for material on which they can practice their filming and editing skills. Sports could provide them with such a perfect opportunity to do this by producing a "Match of the Day" style program for broadcast at a Sports Night.

- Such filmed videos are also incredibly useful to coaches and can illustrate to them where the teams need improvement.