

**Felix Editor's Report**  
**For Imperial College Union Council Meeting, 28th April 2008**  
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**Felix Newspaper**

Since my last report, eight issues of Felix have been published (up to and including the 14<sup>th</sup> March issue). Many of the issues equalled the previous term's record issue length of 48-pages. We even managed to go beyond this, with two issues weighing in at 56-pages. These included two pullouts which I would like to draw attention to: Green'perial and the Varsity Special. Thanks to Irimi Kyriacou, Federica Dalamel de Bournet, Ed Henley and Jovan Nedic (should they ever read this) who sacrificed several weekends to help put them together. Once again, the response has been very positive so I'd also like to give many thanks to everyone else who worked incredibly hard last term to make Felix so awesome.

Exam season is upon us, which unfortunately means Felix's level of output is likely to be a bit sporadic this term as people knuckle down to focus on their studies. Thankfully some of the section editors don't have as many exams, or any at all, this term so those sections shouldn't suffer as much. Likewise, some sections may take a dip initially and then return to form once the editor's exams are over.

**Felix Finances**

I've continued working with Chris Larvin to keep check on Felix's financial situation, which is stable. Felix's budget was cut completely during the Clubs & Societies Board (CSB) meeting at the end of last term as a result of this year's prosperity. Consequently, Felix is now effectively self-funding and dependent on advertising revenue (which has been high this year).

It has been noted in the minutes of the the CSB meeting on 04-03-08 that "Felix needs money to start off at the beginning of the year" and that "Although Felix has greatly improved its spending efficiency and advertising income, it is unknown if this will continue in the subsequent year."

I have been assured by the President and the Deputy President (Finance & Services) that Felix's budget cut was warranted because of the improved income this year, and that if Felix encounters financial problems in the future the Union will ensure that Felix is able to operate as per usual. Whilst I understand and accept the reasoning behind Felix's budget cut, I would like to stress that the finances have been stable for less than a year and it would be premature to assume that Felix has suddenly becoming a flourishing, profit-raking-in machine.

**I,Science**

The second issue of this year's I,Science was published earlier this term. The ninth issue is due to be published later this term too.

**Phoenix**

The first issue of Phoenix in three years should be out in the distribution bins right now. It was due to come out at the end of last term, however we left it slightly too late and it arrived just after the last week of term. I'm really pleased with it, especially since it remains faithful to the older editions of Phoenix we have in the archives, whilst having a 21<sup>st</sup> Century lick of paint and style. We're very interested to hear your views because it's so different to most of the publications at Imperial. Email: phoenix@imperial.ac.uk if you're so inclined. Two more are in the pipeline for this term, one mid-way through and one at the end of term.

**Leave**

I went to China and Borneo for a month using 20 days of leave. It was awesome.