

**Felix Editor's Report**  
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**Union Handbook**

The handbook was produced over the summer, with some of the sections being re-organised to make it easier for the students to find the relevant information. This included a contact list of all the various CSC chairs. A few mistakes were made, mainly in the names of some of the clubs and societies chairs. The response from the book has been pleasing, with a lot of students commenting on the honesty...

**Felix Newspaper**

Two issues of *felix* have been published so far [issue 1409 – 03/10/08 and issue 1410 – 10/10/08], with the first one being distributed to all the halls of residence. I must give a big thank you to Jack Cornish for helping with the organisation and delivery of all the papers.

There has been a bit of a re-structure in the office, with delegation being the main theme. An 'associate' editor position has been made, with Gilead Amit taking it. The main role of this position is to look after the copy, comment and layout editors, whilst the Deputy Editor, Kadhim Shubber, overlooks all the section editors. The plan this year is for the head editorial position to become a managerial role, overlooking all aspects of the newspaper, whilst delegating the writing out to the vast number of writers that want to contribute to *felix*.

Nearly all the sections in the paper have been assigned a specific editor, with each section having numerous contributors. The sports section is getting bigger and better, with more input from Sport Imperial, especially since they will be providing prizes for the '*Team of the Week*'. A big effort is also being made into getting the medical school involved, which has so far been achieved in the sports section, but more of an effort is now being made in the news section. A specific medical news editor position is being made, with the search for the editor under way.

**Felix Website**

I have been in contact with the company that created the website, and have found out how to create new sections. All of last year's issues have been uploaded. This year, the main stories from each week will be placed on-line, as well as an online crossword and the photographs for the weekly Photoshop competition.

**Felix Finances**

From last year, there are nearly £19,000.00 of outstanding invoices, which are in the process of being chased up. Nearly £30,000.00 worth of adverts have already been booked so far this year, with more expected to be booked in the coming months. Seeing as the current state of the financial world is poor, an effort is being made to target engineering and science based companies to advertise in the newspaper. A rough budget has been made for this year, with the target being £70,000.00 which will cover the costs of all the magazines and newspaper printing, the archive, as well as the money for competition and prizes.

**Felix Magazines**

This year, we plan to publish four magazines. David Paw will be this year's *Phoenix* editor, whilst Mićo Tatalović will be this year's *I,science* editor. A new gaming magazine is also planned, which will be called *Another Castle* with Tom Roberts being the editor. Each of these magazines will be published termly, with the final magazine being a one off sports magazine and published around varsity time. The magazine will be a glossy version of last year's pull-out. I am having talks with Sport Imperial regarding funding at the moment.

**Felix Archive**

Over the summer I have been working on creating a digital archive of *felix*. A company has been found for the project that have already provided proofs of two older issues. The cost of the project will include collection, indexing, optical character recognition [OCR], which will make the final product searchable, storage to CD/DVD and a 10% discount. Once the digitising is done, the issues will be rebound and sent to the college archive. The total cost of the project will be around £7,000.00 and an application has been sent to the Imperial College Trust for funding. A decision will be made after their first meeting which is on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2008.

**Guardian Student Media Awards**

The shortlists for the Guardian Student Media Awards have been released, with *felix* being shortlisted in three categories; newspaper of the year, magazine of the year (*I,science*), and columnist of the year (*Angry Geek*). Results will be announced 26<sup>th</sup> November at Shoreditch Town Hall. Fingers crossed!