

Felix Editor's Report
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Felix Newspaper

Since I last presented a report to Council, ten more issues of Felix have been printed (including the 18th January issue). I've been very pleased with the output so far and the team has been working very hard to ensure Felix is a bumper publication each week, so many thanks to those guys if they're reading.

The response has been very positive although the Comments section descended into another debate about religion at the end of last term, which did bring out some passionate prose from members of the student body!

I've been especially pleased by the regular content in each section. Even those centred around expensive pastimes such as the Travel and Technology sections, that I hadn't expected to become so fully fleshed out are producing fine articles each week.

In the last issue of the Autumn term we had a fund raising competition for the Oxfam Unwrapped Campaign. The winner was Farhad Chikhalia and we managed to raise £375 in total.

Felix Website

I've put the .pdf files on the website for the back issues and I also started the process of uploading the articles onto the website itself. The process has been very slow but last week I was approached by a student who wanted to be the felixonline webmaster. Hopefully things will pick up over the course of this term.

Felix Finances

I worked alongside Chris Larvin throughout last term to keep check on Felix's finances. Felix should make a profit at the end of the year once all of the advertising revenue has been collected, which is excellent news.

Felix Office

The office is leak free and the tiles in the roof have been replaced.

I,Science

The seventh issue of I,Science was released last term to rapturous applause. The eighth issue is nearing completion and should be in the distribution bins towards the end of January/early February.

Phoenix

One of my Arts Editors, David Paw, approached me towards the end of last term with regards to bringing Phoenix back. Phoenix is the old arts magazine of Imperial College, that was originally founded by H.G. Wells. Felix is in fact a spin off from Phoenix. The last issue of Phoenix was published in 2005.

The wheels are in motion and we're planning on publishing two issues this year: one at the end of this term and one next term. The publication has been taken into account when calculating Felix's finances for the year.

If you or a friend want to get involved, contact me. Articles include poetry, creative writing, short stories, drawings, features and much more.

Guardian Student Media Awards

Felix won best travel writer at last term's awards ceremony. The prize went to Peter Dominiczak.

NUS Extraordinary Conference

I attended the conference in December along with my News Editor Andrew Somerville. It was certainly interesting to see how debating is done on a grander scale. The conference itself turned into a bit of a joke with some very childish games being played by people desperate to turn the results in their favour. Nevertheless, hopefully it'll be a step in the right direction for the NUS.

Casual Staff Party

I manned dB's with Kirsty Patterson during the Casual Staff Party. It was the first time I'd pulled a pint and it was good fun!