

Media Group Report – By Amar Joshi (Media Group Chair)

Finances and Membership

Clubs are on target to achieve membership, ICRadio and Felix have already achieved target membership (44/40 and 21/20 respectively) with Photographic achieving 86% (60/70). STOIC have achieved 68% (27/40), however this is common for this stage of the year, the trend is for more members as people join up to use the facilities as the year progresses. Financially the clubs are performing very well; no club has fallen into difficulty, importantly Felix's finances are looking healthy – always a potential for getting behind with recouping advertising. Exec has yet to award and contingency claims, and has itself received a transfer of £1,600 as a result of an award from Union Exec last February for a confusion misallocation of grant.

Club Achievements

STOIC have had a change at the helm this year after 3 years with the same chair, and the first term was a case of gentle transition. The only show to remain from last year is the news, which has been revamped and is a weekly show. The Short Film Group have produced 2 films, both of NaSTA Award quality.

Photographic have continued their program of workshops and tutorials during the first term, including darkroom lessons and Photo Critiquing Sessions. All sessions were well attended and many were over-subscribed. The club has also been on excursions to galleries as well as weekly trips to local attractions to photograph. They have also covered many college events

Felix has continued to publish hefty weekly newspapers, with the new addition to the comment section (Imperial Girl) causing a stir. Apart from copy-editing issues, the only problems have been of a technical nature. The "Hangman" column which appeared in the initial issue received several complaints and has failed to appear since. Current issues are on the website with the aim of creating an online archive of all past issues. The 3 magazines have been well received with the newest (Another Castle) being extremely popular.

ICRadio have had a successful term in terms of membership and shows with a full evening schedule. The recording/production side has also taken off this year with several external bands coming and using the facilities along with several College bands. And the recent arrival of a new sustain server will allow the re-introduction of an "out of hours" playlist (once 20,000 or so CDs have been uploaded onto it).

With ICRadio fully up and running they, along with STOIC, will broadcast select "flagship" shows into the union on Wednesday afternoons. This will raise awareness of the clubs to the whole student body and will demonstrate the high level of production quality that Student Media can achieve.

Club Issues

- The media common room has been converted into a LeoSoc studio. A lapse in communication led the media clubs to think it was only being used as storage, with clubs still retaining access. This led to some confusion when the Keys were changed leaving a vast amount of ICRadio vinyl inaccessible. At present we are looking for potential space with ICRadio studios to house the vinyl.
- Fire Officer's Wrath: The West Basement was closed suddenly in October after the fire officer's visit. The main cause was boxed in the corridor itself. The Media Groups along with ICSF and Jazz and Rock quickly rectified this resulting in a swift reopening.
- Freshers' Fair Issues: The wet weather plan severely affected Media Clubs. The larger stalls had to be reigned in, and the presence of loud acts/light detracted from the media clubs impact leading to fewer names for email lists.

Exec Meetings

We have had 3 exec meetings to date, and will meet the clubs individually in the near future to discuss Budgeting.

Socials

We held a Media Group Xmas gathering which was very well attended in spite of the fact that Felix could not attend due to the publishing of the Christmas Edition.

Concluding Remarks

On the whole we have had a successful term, and with a bright near future ahead including coverage of Varsity and playing out in the Union, we believe that the media clubs will have a great spring term.

Clubs and Societies Board
26th January 2009

Appendix: Media Group Transaction Summary

	Members			Grant			SGI			
	Achieved	Target	%	CR	DR	Balance	Members' Funds	CR	DR	Balance
380 Exec	-	-	-	£2,750.00	-£19.72	£2,730.28	£574.48	£0.00	-£148.74	£425.74
381 Felix	21	20	105	£114.60	-£0.01	£114.59	-£65,533.70	£83,429.05	-£9,130.48	£8,764.87
383 IC Radio	44	40	110	£1,558.74	£0.00	£1,558.74	£2,111.45	£308.24	-£1,787.10	£632.59
118 Photographic	60	70	86	£532.38	-£31.34	£501.04	£4,215.15	£606.57	-£331.33	£4,490.39
382 STOIC	27	40	68	£1,844.81	-£891.60	£953.21	£1,645.08	£1,347.59	-£562.54	£2,430.13
Total	152	170	-	£6,800.53	-£942.67	£5,857.86	-£56,987.54	£85,691.45	-£11,960.19	£16,743.72

	Harlington			IC Trust		
	CR	DR	Balance	CR	DR	Balance
380 Exec	-	-	-	-	-	-
381 Felix	-	-	-	-£581.28	£0.00	-£581.28
383 IC Radio	-	-	-	-	-	-
118 Photographic	-	-	-	-	-	-
382 STOIC	£85.51	-£60.83	£24.68	-	-	-
Total	£85.51	-£60.83	£24.68	-£581.28	£0.00	-£581.28