

I, Science Contingency Claim
Rich Waldie – Media Chair

I, Science, one of the sister publications to Felix (and officially a part of it, thus falling under Media Group jurisdiction), are currently in the process of trying to claim some contingency money to cover their printing costs for their Spring Term issue. *I, Science* editor-in-chief Adrian Giordani has already written an excellent paper to the Media Group which provides an outline of the background of the claim:

“The reason we are requesting money from the CSB and Media Group is that the Felix magazine has traditionally subsidised our printing costs. However, due to the economic recession Felix now has a budget deficit so they have asked us to try and raise funds for printing costs on our own. Additionally, my team and I have been trying to contact other Imperial College departments and corporate advertisers for sponsorship since last October, but it has proven extremely difficult to secure funding in this manner. The main reason advertisers give us in not being able to sponsor *I, Science* is that they have reduced marketing budgets for 2010 due to the recession that hit the UK in 2009. I have also asked graduate recruiters if they would like to advertise with us to no avail. As a result we have currently no choice but to request for funds from your Board’s emergency budget. To my knowledge this is a precedent and the first time *I, Science* has requested money from the contingency budget in this fashion.”

Here are the important facts of the claim in easy to read bullet point form:

- For a full print run of 2,000 copies they need £1,900.
- There has also been an application to the Media Group contingency pot, which currently stands at about £513, the group has not yet had a chance to vote on this.
- The Media Group will probably not vote to grant its entire remaining contingency here (although one can only speculate), but will probably give them some money (I’m going to propose £250)
- Consequently I’m forwarding this claim for them to CSB for an additional £500.

Although if they only receive £750 it won’t pay for the full printing, it will make it a lot easier to bridge the gap with advertising/sponsorship money they can create themselves. The students have already put a lot of work into creating the content for the magazine and it would be a shame to have it not see the light of day. It needs to be discussed as to whether *I, Science* can continue in future, but whilst work has been done I think it’s important to give them the chance to get it out there.