

Media Exec Chair Report - Rich Waldie

In terms of activity all of the media clubs have had strong starts to the year, each of them seeing an enthusiastic group of new contributors. Both IC Radio and PhotoSoc are already way past their membership quotas and Felix has seen a large influx of new writers and editors. Stoic on the back of a self described 'hangover' of handover have been sorting out various issues including a lack of consumables and digital storage space as well as having few core members left from last year. They hope to build up a base of more active members when they re-launch their service next January.

Fresher's Festival

The second weekend into term a large 3 day event featuring live music organised largely by IC radio saw somewhat mixed results. Although the event was deemed to have been of good quality by both organisers and guests, it failed to attract a significant amount of people despite the entry fees being waived. Despite this both IC Radio and PhotoSoc, who documented the night, got a lot out of it and hopefully with more active promotion such an event could be a success in future.

Felix Anniversary

Felix saw its 60th birthday last week and duly celebrated with a commemorative issue featuring a reprint of the first issue from 1949 and a dinner on the 5th of December with several previous editors and guest speeches from Simon Singh and Pallab Ghosh. Despite some boisterous behaviour the night was a resounding success and Felix hope to repeat such an event annually from now on.

Websites

Currently all of the media clubs are working on improving their websites dramatically. Most notably is the Felix digital archive, a project finally reaching fruition in the form of an Alpha version being showcased at the Felix 60th Anniversary dinner. Felix is also working on its very own shiny new website, along with the rest of the media clubs whose sites are all a little dated and should see new incarnations at some point around the end of this term/start of the next.

Contingency Claims

So far Felix has been forced to replace 2 of its computers, one a terminal machine via water damage and the other a server which was rather time expired. Both were replaced promptly thanks to money from the Union Exec contingency fund allowing Felix to produce all of its issues on time. Radio has had some problems with speakers being damaged on hire and is currently in the process of claiming some of the cost for these on contingency.

Finances

The main fiscal issue has been with Felix, some rather irksome rumours have been circulating college regarding the status of the Felix accounts, although Editor-in-chief Dan Wan has been keen to quash these. Due to a dry up of sponsorship funding and some long standing debts for previous adverts there have been worries about the ability to produce issues, but currently there is no plan to have to compromise on having an issue every week of the term. Other issues are some of the clubs still have their budgets frozen as a result of officers not completing training, a longstanding issue which will hopefully be resolved soon!