

Felix Report
A note by the Felix Editor Tim Arabzadah

It's been a while since I did one of these, so here goes nothing:

Felix

It's coming to the end of term and there are only two issues of Felix left. There are a couple of great features planned, so hopefully they will go down well. After the issues are out my job is not finished. I will be starting the handover procedure and tying up loose ends. I am currently noting down all of the things that would be good for Joe to know, and have introduced him to the printers and sent him on a couple of news assignments.

It was a big push to get the Sex Survey and Drugs Survey out on time, and them hopefully were fun, informative, and interesting to read. I think that the survey tool we have is pretty good, and it would be great to use it for more 'opinion polls' for articles in the future. It seems like just yesterday that I was taking over the post, and so it's a bit sad to be leaving. I think, in an odd way, I will miss the stress and perpetual tiredness!

Phoenix

This year the arts annual returned once more. This year it was a pullout rather than a standalone magazine. I personally was very impressed by it and thankful to all of those that contributed to it. It seems to work well as a pullout and hopefully has allowed more people to see it than usually would if it were to be a separate magazine. The team behind it and Sarah Byrne, Phoenix Editor, deserve special praise for their work.

I, SCIENCE

The last issue of I, SCIENCE should be out soon. Hopefully it will be out by the end of this week. The website has been excellent this year, with regular updating and wonderful content.

Finances

There was a bit of a worry over the finances at the start of term, but they were actually all okay. Now that it has all been sorted out and pieced together by me, I can see that we were actually in the black by a considerable amount at the end of last term. It wasn't enough to cover all printing costs for this term, but usually you will need to find some income in the last term to balance the books. The main issue was that I needed to catch up on the invoicing and the paper work. I think for the future the Felix Editor should definitely have full responsibility over the money. They should be responsible for finding adverts, booking adverts, and printing the paper. I think that there should be some communication, however, between the Union and Felix over this so both parties know the situation – even if the Editor has been very busy with the paper and gets behind on invoicing. This would be helpful as then the Union would not have to worry as they would know if the money is there or not.

At the end of this year, we will be in the black by over £2000. An exact figure will be known at the end of the year, but it should, hopefully, be higher than that. I like giving conservative estimates. On inspection of previous years, the money hasn't always been in the black at the end of the year.

At the end of last year, Felix was in the red by over £6000, some of this was due to someone being not invoiced fully, which I chased up, and the rest was from money the Union owed for ads. We have made sure this situation doesn't happen by me promptly, and on a roughly weekly basis, raising internal charges. The year before that Felix was in the black. The two years before that, Felix ended in the red. It will always bob around the zero mark.

Felix Website and server

There will soon be a bit of an upgrade for Media in general in terms of server and tech stuff. Max Hunter is the best person to ask about this, as he is heading it up with Phil Kent. Mainly storage is an issue at the minute. Right now, we are reaching the limit. Over summer, a lot of great tech upgrades will be taking place.

Goodbye

Finally, I would like to say that this year has, by far, been the best year of my life. I have worked myself to near madness, but it was all worth it. I'm sure I'll be writing a long and slightly rambling piece in the last Felix of term thanking everyone. Those who need to be thanked know who they are, and I would hate to miss anyone off of the list. Thank you to everyone who has picked up Felix.

Good luck Joe, I'm sure you'll knock it out of the park!