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Felix Report
A note by the Felix Editor Joe Letts



Felix

This year we have created or revived various sections of the paper, including the Careers section, Catnip, a Graduation pullout, and a post-Varsity sports pullout, as well as working together with STOIC to produce another liveblog of Varsity.

We also radically changed the format of the Sex Survey, giving us a chance to ask a new range of questions. Rosamund Pearce, who spent many hours in the office battling with Adobe Illustrator, created the infographics for the Sex Survey results.

It's coming to the end of term and there are only one or two issues of Felix left, and then my role is almost at an end. After the end of term, I plan to spend my last month as Editor setting things up for Philippa to take over next year.

West Basement Redevelopment

This year saw all the clubs in the West Basement preparing for the summer redevelopment of the space. Personally I was involved with moving out at the end of last term (while still producing a paper) and the design of the new basement. Hopefully the new basement should be ready at the start of next year. Meanwhile, the Felix Office has been located to Meeting Room 4 in the Beit Quad, which means that until the 1st October we have direct sunlight! Whoo!

Finances

This year was the first year of the new Felix Policy, which led to our printing costs and advertising being handled by the Union's Central Services Department.

Phoenix

Partially due to the time spent working on and organising Felix's involvement in the Basement Redevelopment, Phoenix unfortunately lacks an editor so far and probably will not be printed this year.

I, SCIENCE

I, Science is currently producing a second issue which is planned to be released later on this term. Good luck to the team!

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Social Media

This year we trialled used *Buffer* to disseminate our social media, which has proved to be an interesting experiment.

Handover

The next Felix Editor will be Philippa Skett, congratulations!

She has shown a lot of determination and enthusiasm and I'm sure she'll be a great Editor next year.

At this point in time I'm not sure what the procedures are in place for the Felix Editor handover (some changes were made last year so there was none) – however after talks with staff at the Union I believe that she may receive at least 1 week's handover time with me.

Regardless, I plan to spend my last month writing news stories about the exciting things that happen after term finishes, setting up things for Philippa next year, and hopefully writing some role-based instruction manuals (as I have promised my Editorial Board all year) for people wishing to take on positions next year.

Felix Website and server

We've had several problems with our computers this year, in fact the "Editor's Computer" no longer works at all. Hopefully over the course of summer we will be able to order some new equipment that will be ready for the start of next year.

Our website may also go through a more thorough redesign this summer, to bring it more up to scratch, and to provide the Editor with better tools for content management.

So long, farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, goodbye

I'd like to give a huge thanks to all the people who have been involved in Felix this year, writers, readers, section editors, copy editors (they are simply delightful people), event reporters.

I'd also like to give a special thanks to Tessa Davey and Kunal Wagle, two section editors who have gone above and beyond the call of duty on multiple occasions.

I'd like to apologise to all the people whose emails I either missed or forgot to reply to; Inbox management is a learned skill!

This has been an interesting year, and a unique experience. I wish Philippa all the best for next year, I'm sure you'll do some amazing things!