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Felix

More intrigue than a John Le Carre novel...
More inventive use of language than a Peter and Jane book...
More reality than Star Trek...
More exciting than watching paint dry...
More pictures than the Tate gallery...
More sex than Channel 4...
More interesting than a first year Physics lecture...
More coherent than a rabid dog...
More scandal than the Iran-Contra Affair...
More humour than Macbeth...
More stomach-turning than the scene in The Thing where the guys head gets knocked off and sprouts legs and....
More cunning than a fox...
More important than the next episode of Twin Peaks...
More believable than the Bible...
More epic than Ben Hur...
More characters than an Agatha Christie story...
More understandable than quantum theory...
More potential than a dead parrot...

Election Manifestos Special

Felix Editor: Adam Harrington

As Editor of Felix, one of the best student newspapers in the country, I intend to liaise with other London colleges to produce an integrated view of all news relevant to Imperial students. In addition, I would like to encourage students of St. Mary's to get more involved in contributing to Felix, and by so doing increase the publication's relevance to them.

Though much of Felix is of a high quality, there is still room for change. There is a lot of potential for effective and readable use of English, building on the already high standard set in previous years.

More prominence should be given to news, and an increase in coverage can be made by introducing more people to reporting. News should be impartial and accurate, and reporters should not be misled by obdurate bureaucrats.

There are many cases where students

have been victims of this college's complacency, inefficiency or carelessness. Students often feel they can't overcome it because of fear for their degree and the belief that they would be ignored. Felix can exert pressure on behalf of students against the Union or the College when either behave invidiously.

Felix has long been known for the quality of its arts reviews. This should be continued and encouraged as it is an important service to students. I would like to compile a weekly list of activities outside the college in addition to this.

In the knowledge that I cannot be aware of all the needs of IC students I would always be open to suggestion from anybody as to how the publication could be improved. It would be a positive benefit that such suggestions come from outside the group of volunteers working on Felix.



President: Michael Newman

At twenty seven years of age Michael Newman has done more than most people do in a lifetime.

He obtained his degree in Zoology in 1986. During his undergraduate years, at Imperial, he was best known for his active role in the debating society and H.G.Wells Soc, & for his organisation of big name speaker meetings.

Michael organised a pressure group, campaigning for women's health issues, which gained the support of over 100 M.P.'s. He chaired the groups press conference, held in the House of Commons, at which M.P.'s from all parties spoke.

He has taken leave from his job as a school teacher to study for an MSc in the 'History of Science' here at Imperial.

As a school teacher in Bradford he Chemistry and Biology.

He was the first teacher on a DTI

enterprise scheme and has received substantial funds from industry for school activities he has designed. At present he is making a video about schools and industry which will be supplied to all schools in Bradford.

Michael's achievements led to him being appointed as public relations officer for his school despite his young age.

Michael Newman has clearly shown he is capable of putting original ideas into practise and I therefore feel he will make an excellent Union President.

I am standing because I am an idealist. When I plan a project and put it into effect I do so not only with short term, realisable objectives but with a well-defined philosophical aim. This aim not only motivates me it gives direction, coherence and a reason to the things I do.



As President I will NOT be a management trainee seeing success as merely keeping things efficiently running. I will introduce sweeping changes into our Union and college. See my CUT DUE TO THE SUBMITTED DOCUMENT BEING OVER THE 300 WORD LIMIT.

President: Adrian Johnson

The Proposer's bit

Err, Rob's proposing me (or at least he said he would when I asked him half an hour ago), and as he is an ex-RSM President, I think that says something (it says he's very tall). Rob has known me for a number of years and thinks I'm jolly wizzo and groovy, but he's far too busy to lower himself to write this sort of crap. So, Rob says 'Vote for Jelly'.

The Candidates Bit

Bastard features Rowe has only left me with about 239 words, so, less waffle! Reform the college day I say! But do it properly: Lectures start at midnight so you can go down the bar first and get a few beers and a swift curry in. Or you can go to a gig or a film and go into your lecture feeling good - after all, who feels positive and ready to learn at 9.30 am. Also, you can get a tube in when it's not busy, get one home in the early

morning when it's not busy, and you don't have to feel guilty about spending the afternoon down the pub /watching 'Neighbours' etc, because you're not missing any lectures. And a special message to all you whizz-kid breadheads in Finance in Sheffield - all the electricity we're gonna use is dead cheap at that time in the morning.

So, vote for me and change the college day into the college night - you know it makes sense (well, the Physics students in the flat above you are always running around at four in the morning, aren't they ?).

No Photo Submitted

President: Zoe Hellinger

Zoe's four years spent at I.C. have seen her heavily involved in the Union from day one. With SCAB in the varied scenes of Sound Director and Stage director of Dramsoc, and as Administrator and Technical Coordinator of Theatre West End has overseen the success of "The best student venue on the Fringe". All this culminating in her becoming SCAB Chairman this year where she has sat on and contributed valuable discussion to many of the Union's committees. Her enthusiasm and aptitude to get on with people, especially the Union Permanent staff, will be a great asset to her work as Union President.

Zoe's personality, dedication and ability to motivate people easily makes her the best choice out of all the Presidential Candidates to pull this Union together, put students interests first, and make sure this Union is run to the benefit of all. Jeremy Burnell. (FELIX Business

Manager.)

The Union needs to be more accessible to all students. With this in mind, my first task will be to create a more inviting and helpful atmosphere in the Union Office. There are many changes planned for the college careers service with no consultation with the student body. My top priority will be to get student representation here and to ensure that no changes involve a lowering of the service standards.

St Mary's are an autonomous body and in my view they should stay that way.

Generally, my experience administrating Theatre West End will be a great advantage in the administrative part of the job. In working with TWE's clients, awkward members of the public and the press, I know I can negotiate well on behalf of the students in order to give them the best chance of gaining a



complete and rewarding education while they're here.
Vote Zoe Hellinger.

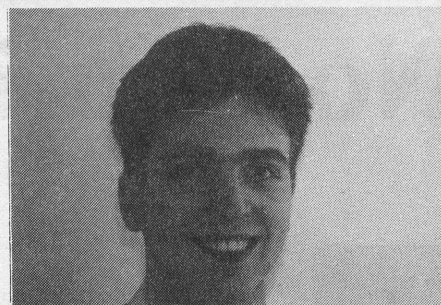
President: Spenser Lane

Spenser has been a student at Imperial for four years (UG+PG), and has been an active member of ICU in previous years. He has attended numerous committees ranging from UFC to House. Currently, he is SCC Chairman, its important responsibilities including the representation of nearly 2000 students, that are members of social clubs, to ICU Council and UGM. He is a fair and good-humoured person with a positive attitude, and will stick to the issue at hand. He has always been firmly committed to achieving the best deals for students.

The most important student issue in recent history is about to hit us ie deregulation (better known as voluntary membership of your student union). In less than 5 years, the union's got to be self-sufficient, and are we ready. No way!! In addition, students have got no time to

get involved. They have got too much to do now without bothering to attend lengthy meetings on trivial matters. Therefore my plans include:

- 1 - Keeping the bureaucracy to the minimum (eg meetings kept short, sweet, and to the point).
- 2 - A firm commitment to campaign for more autonomy to the CCUs/MSCs. This extra responsibility will allow them to run their business with little needless hinderance from the Union structure.
- 3 - Much much better representation for the overseas and postgraduate students. These people are the most likely to leave after deregulation.
- 4 - Seek better industrial sponsorship now before the other student unions start



queuing for those limited resources. Imperial has a reputation with industry which College milks, so why don't we?

5 - Start organising plans to renovate the union building (a pet hate is the state of the union toilets. They need renovation now!)

I INTEND TO BRING THE UNION TO THE STUDENT!

Deputy President: Jonathan Griffiths

The position of the Deputy President in IC Union is not one of deputising for the President, but one of fiscal responsibility for all the Union's assets.

I don't believe anyone at IC can have as much professional experience as I have to deal with all the trading outlets, as well as the needs of the CCUs and the MSCs within college. Before coming to Imperial, I was self-employed, owning a coffee bar and two quality greengrocers, over a period of five years. My entry into retailing was self-motivating and without outside help. After five successful years I decided I needed a change of direction, so I embarked on a trail which led to Imperial. Here, I have been involved with the financial management of many societies culminating in becoming SCC Treasurer. This has seen me sit on UFC, as well as attending Council.

My vision for the next year is to see all

the Union's trading outlets operating profitably, and after studying their accounts this seems perfectly feasible. This surplus would then be ploughed back into the Union to provide better services, a better environment and the best location for socialising. My first project would be to turn the Union Dining Hall into a waitress- service restaurant serving fayre to satisfy all palates at affordable prices.

I believe that this refurbishment and expansionist policy is the only way forward. It's how my shops survived and grew during the Miner's Strike. With the possibility in the near future of all student unions having to be self-financing, this is surely the best way to move forward.

For a student who would treat his position as a profession, for a student who wants to work for you, for a student with experience.....



VOTE J.D.GRIFFITHS 1

Hon Sec (Events): Steve Farrant

Over the last year, the Union has started to head in a new direction. More emphasis is placed on the areas that the students want from the Union. The sabbaticals need to be up to the challenge of providing these services and I believe I am the ideal candidate for Honorary Secretary.

With the Peachtree survey, many new ideas will arise. This means more funding will be needed and the union becomes more business like. However, certain traditional aspects of the union need be stood by and the students shouldn't be made to pay for the changes required.

As Honorary Secretary, I would try to raise part of this money through external room bookings and facilities for outside events (ie. the Proms over the summer). Within college there are several areas where the Honorary Secretary is involved.

Ents events would be publicised at St.

Mary's, Silwood and South Kensington and Mini-busses provided between sites. Having been Rag Chairman, I know how Rag works and what needs to be done. A shorter Rag Week with the best events and a larger Rag Fete are to be organised. More external publicity would be used to promote the work and improve the image of Rag and other student activities.

SCAB would also be heavily publicised in all of the college media, with the cooperation of the SCAB Chairman and the Publicity Officer.

New events should be organised, Post-Grad events, working with the PGO and an Overseas Week (similar to Arts Week), working with the OSC Chairman and each OSC Club.

To hear the rest (space is limited) come and have a chat, in the Union Office at lunch times, the bar at most other times or the Hustings UGMs.



Vote for Steve Farrant for ICU Honorary Secretary (Events).

All Posts: New Election

No Manifesto Submitted



Editorial

Vote!

(or you could be sorry)

Hustings: St Mary's – Today, 6.00pm, Mary's Union Bar

: Imperial – 7th March, 6.30pm JCR

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