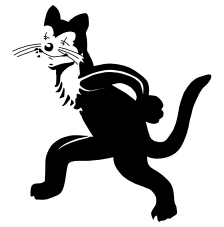


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## What is news?



In fact let's go deeper. What is a newspaper? If it's a publication propelled by the propagation of news to its readers, then let me tell you you're in for a treat because this is the newsiest, newspaper we've ever made. I'm obviously referring to the twelve page (centrefold included) sex survey pullout. I'm going to go out on a limb and say this is the biggest ever sex survey analysis this paper has ever seen (I could check but I'm not that good a journalist). What did you get last year? Four pages (probably, again I could check but I won't)? Well this time you get more than double that. And this is technically all news because it's the first time we're sharing any of this data with anyone. You're all welcome.

I'm keeping it short and sweet. Partially because all

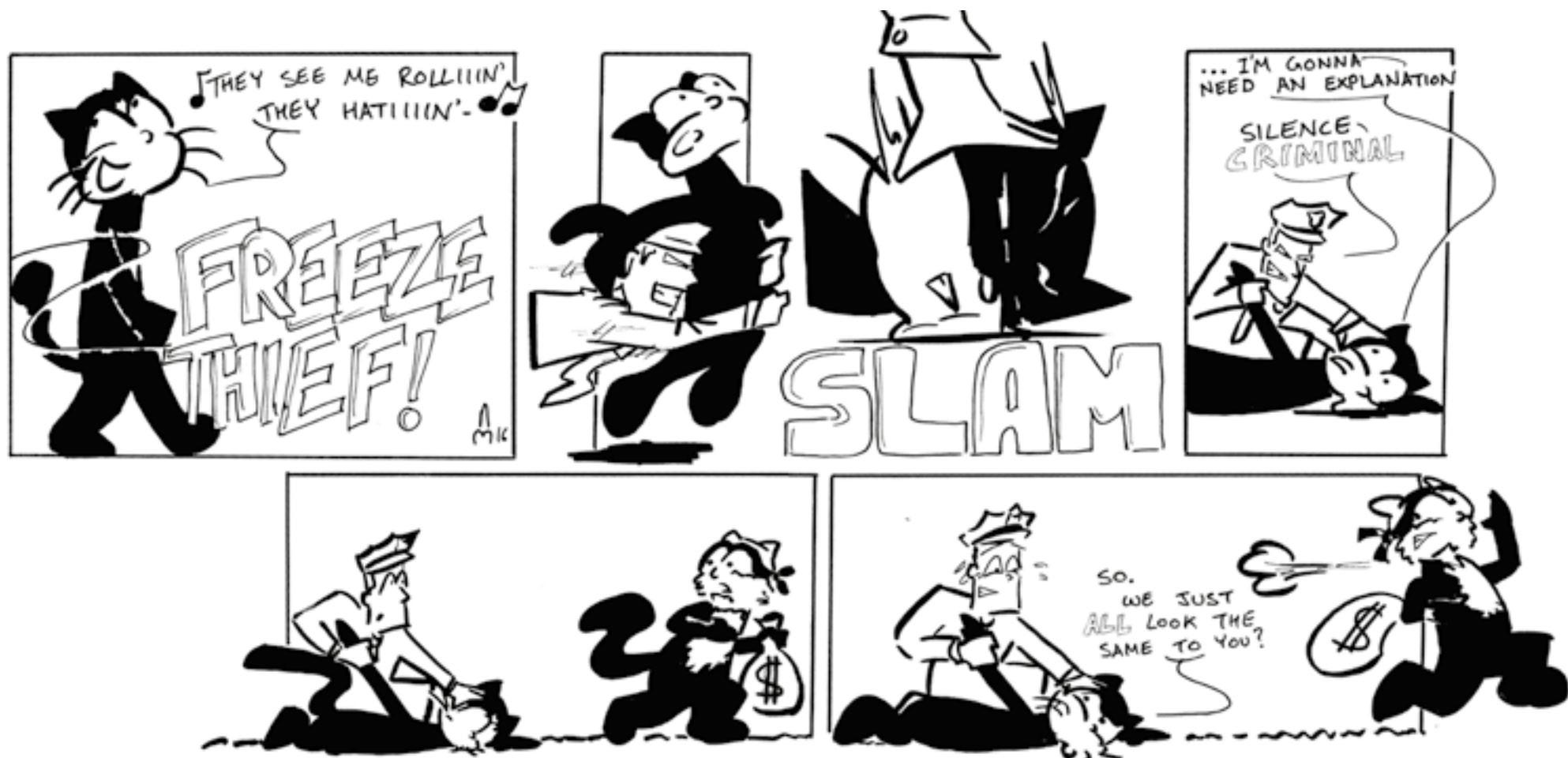
my editors are dead or dying under piles of books, notes, stationery and candy-wrappers which means I'm running around the office like a headless chicken trying to make sure everything is ready. Mostly because there's only four more issues of felix left and I'm already soooooo over it.

I'm kidding! I love it! I love you! : | So yeah I'm out. Hopefully there won't be quite as many typos in this edition. But obviously at this point nothing really matters. Enjoy the sex. Or reading about it. Also happy birthday Clive.

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# Fossil fuel divestment finally on the table

## Fossil fuel funding may soon be withdrawn

Joanna Wormald

Following the resurrection of the Imperial divestment campaign, a paper brought to this week's Union Council meeting set out proposals for the future of fossil fuels at Imperial.

The Divest Imperial Council Paper recognises that the majority of currently available fossil fuels must not be used if we are to limit global warming increases to the generally accepted upper limit of 2°C. Not only are fossil fuels a significant threat to the future of the planet, they have been linked to cases of human rights abuses in the developing world. These facts have prompted student protests, leading to one quarter of UK universities to pursue some form of divestment.

At present, Imperial has

£5.4 million directly invested in fossil fuel companies. This does not include further unspecified amounts that are indirectly invested via externally managed funds. This is claimed to be one of the largest investments in fossil fuels by universities in the UK.

The Imperial mission statement mentions a commitment "to address the difficult challenges of today and the future." As part of this, the Union believes that Imperial should be at the forefront of tackling climate change. Divestment is a chance for Imperial to support and promote sustainable technology. More importantly, the fossil fuel industry has "irreconcilable" differences with Imperial values. These differences include a "dubious ethical record", "intellectual dishonesty", and a "persistent

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disregard for the environment." Divestment could be a way of forcing fossil fuel companies to change their behaviour. On a more pragmatic note, failure to divest could leave Imperial with stranded financial assets due to rising carbon levels and an increased cost of burning fossil fuels.

Concerns were raised at the meeting about how divestment might affect the relationship between Imperial and the companies in which it currently invests, many of which provide our students with jobs and funding for their research.

Following what was described by Abigail de Bruin as "a fair amount of questioning", the general consensus seemed to be that the many universities that have already successfully divested have faced no obvious negative effects and there's no reason why this shouldn't also be the case at Imperial.

The Union proposes an immediate freeze on further fossil fuel investment. To begin the actual divestment process, the Union sets out a five-year target to withdraw investments in the fossil fuel industry. For those investments made indirectly via commingled funds, it is believed that it should be relatively easy to discover where money is being poured into fossil fuel firms and redirect it to other companies. Any future investments would be subject to student and

staff consultation to ensure compliance with Imperial values and mission statements. The campaign would be publicised in the Union newsletter, social media, and a dedicated website.

The paper has so far been passed only in principle due to the meeting not being quorate (following minor amendments, the council will vote via email) but there are reasons to be optimistic about the future of divestment at Imperial. Union backing lends weight to any campaign. We have already seen how pressure from students has achieved divestment commitments at King's College London, Oxford University, and the London School of Economics. It remains to be seen whether the same success will be repeated at Imperial.

# Migrant students gain financial aid

Joanna Wormald

An interesting paper at this week's Union Council meeting addressed the issues faced by asylum-seekers and migrants trying to access higher education in London.

To study at a UK university, asylum-seekers and migrants with Discretionary Leave to Remain (DLR) or Limited Leave to Remain (LLR) must pay international tuition fees without the help of student finance, for which they are ineligible. At one London-based organisation, 500 young people have sought legal advice to help them achieve their dreams of studying in a London

university.

Many universities offer scholarships to help with the rising cost of studying in London. UCL, KCL, and City University offer a combined total of 11 scholarships specifically directed at asylum-seekers and migrants with DLR or LLR status. Imperial offers no such aid. There isn't even a mention of asylum-seekers or migrants in either the College's Diversity Policy or Access Agreement.

It doesn't have to be this way. Imperial can control what tuition fees it charges and what financial assistance it offers to specific groups of applicants. The paper cites "exceptional" students and staff with DLR or LLR status as proof of the talent and value

that migrants contribute to the College. The paper claims that is therefore the "duty" of the College to embrace its identity as an "institution taking pride in its diversity" and remove the financial barriers that prevent education being fairly accessible to all. Doing so would allow Imperial to become "a true representative of equality and diversity in higher education."

Discussion at the meeting focussed on the risks of a student's refugee status being suddenly rescinded, which could lead to the student having to leave the country before the completion of their course. The worry was whether Imperial should be effectively "incentivising" people to join the College in the knowledge

that they may not have the chance to finish their degree. It was agreed that this should be considered on a case-by-case basis and should not get in the way of Imperial offering similar scholarships to those already available or being discussed at other universities. It was also noted that Imperial was not being asked to provide hundreds of scholarships at short notice but for an effort to be made to provide at least one scholarship for those that need it.

The Union has resolved to run a campaign which would help asylum-seekers and migrants face the costs of studying at Imperial. This would come in the form of financial aid packages offered to those settled in the UK. There are also

plans to lobby the College to review the tuition fee status of asylum-seekers and migrants, awarding home status to anyone that would normally be eligible (i.e. those that have been resident in the UK for at least three years). The final pledge aims to ensure that Imperial formally contributes to existing initiatives that seek to improve access to higher education for asylum-seekers and migrants.

As with other papers heard at this meeting, an email vote will be held, though it has already been passed in principle. With a growing refugee crisis and net immigration levels of 273,000 in the year ending September 2016, these proposals could not come at a better time.



# UCL leaks paper, finds out after exam

## Students get 18 days to prepare for a resit

Lef Apostolakis

**T**urns out Imperial isn't the only London uni to routinely fuck up exams, neither is it the worst at it. Last week at UCL a mechanical engineering exam had to be rescheduled after the department realised it had accidentally leaked the paper. Students were contacted by their department a day after sitting their thermofluids exam and were notified that they'd have to do a resit later in the month.

In an apologetic statement sent out by the department on behalf of Prof. Alistair Greig, department deputy head, students were told that there had been "a breach of security". The department informed students that the

contents of the paper had been inadvertently shared on Moodle and as a result "following consultation with the Faculty of Engineering Sciences, UCL Examinations Section and UCL Registrar, it has been decided that the examination for this paper will be rescheduled. All students who were expected to sit the MECH203P exam yesterday will be expected to sit the rescheduled exam"

Moodle is a learning platform designed to facilitate sharing and is broadly used by several education institutions, very much like blackboard. Companies and institutions that use Moodle include hell, London School of Economics, State University of New York, Microsoft and the Open

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University.

Naturally students are less than pleased. One mechanical engineering student in their second year who would prefer to stay anonymous told

felix that many students "are furious about the decision".

The student explains that the professor responsible for the leak released a mock exam paper onto moodle as a word file which meant that students could view the file's editing history. "It turns out, he simply edited the actual exam paper to make the mock paper. This meant that it was theoretically possible for us to have viewed the exam paper before the exam."

"Most people were not even aware that we could access the file's edit history. It was only after the exam that on our Mechanical Engineering Whatsapp groupchat, it was revealed that someone had discovered this."

The students have been

given 18 days notice to once again revise for the subject. For many this resit will be on top of up to eight exams that May is already packed with.

The department claims to be trying to prevent clashes with other projects on the affected students' timetables however communications so far don't seem to have addressed concerns about wellbeing and academic performance

This has prompted students to accuse UCL of having "no empathy for their students... scrambling to contain this disaster" instead, feeling that their university is being "run as a corporation, rather than an inclusive educational institution". We have contacted UCL for comment but have not yet received a reply.

# Union to do more for freedom of speech

Lef Apostolakis

**T**he Union is moving towards taking a stronger stance on Freedom of Speech. Over the past few months a conversation has begun around the role of Imperial College Union in supporting students' freedom of speech. The question of "Are we doing enough to promote dialogue and debate?" lies at the centre of this move.

Union officials are recognising that Imperial can be a place of contradictions. College and the Union don't exactly have a history of engaging in many practices associated with the 'politically correct' left. These include trigger warnings, no-platforming and boycotting. These policies are often attacked by alt-right personas as restrictive of free speech. Yet at the same time the safe

space policy and the external speakers policy (which requires the Union to vet external speakers) could be seen as restrictive of students' freedom of expression.

Similarly Imperial prides itself in the involvement of its students and staff and the Union has the highest numbers of clubs and societies of all UK Universities. Yet campaigns rarely take off and when they do, they don't necessarily get

as much support as they could or should.

Whether this is a result of the type of people that populate Imperial or an effect of Imperial's institutional culture of silence is up for debate. However just as there's a strong push for student involvement in clubs and societies, whether that's through sport participation or involvement with the arts, the feeling in ICU seems to be that

there should be a similar push in forming educated, socially aware citizens, capable of debate and if necessary action.

Within the next year we should be seeing a full restructuring of campaign management at the Union, though changes in the way campaigns are supported and the resources available for them are already underway.



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# Fuelling the resistance



Naomi Pratt addresses the global struggle against extractivism

\\ Big Oil has shown its hand. It's time to show ours \\

The greatest obstacle to action on climate change is the one most often missing from discourse: the fossil fuel industry. Since comprehension of anthropogenic global warming began, the fossil fuel industry has been ignored in negotiations and subsidised by governments. Much time and energy has been spent over the past decades to reduce consumption of fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions, both on an individual as well as on a collective level. However, whether the fix is energy-saving light bulbs or the Paris Agreement, our efforts are undermined by the refusal to address fossil fuel supply. A striking example of this cognitive dissonance is the UK's commitment to an 80% reduction in emissions by 2050 under the Climate Change Act (2008); now rendered virtually worthless by the Infrastructure Act (2015) which forces future governments to maximise UK petroleum recovery.

The fossil fuel industry spends millions on PR and CSR (corporate social responsibility) to craft a wholesome and generous public image. They also invest large amounts in lobbying efforts, in order to exert political influence and ensure that extractivism continues unabated. Their primary obligation is to their shareholders, requiring 'sustainable' growth and profitability: a goal which requires continual exploration.

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Once fossil fuels are extracted, they are inevitably going to be burnt; if not in the country of production, then they will be exported and burnt elsewhere. If we are to achieve climate justice, fossil fuels must be, quite simply, kept in the ground.

These companies, therefore, must dramatically change their operations; if they won't, then society must allow them to fail. Big Oil has gone to huge lengths already to defend business as usual, from sponsoring climate denying politicians to supporting wars against civilians, suggesting that they are unlikely to change, and their failure is our only hope.

Outside of our corner of the world blinkered by consumerism, direct resistance against Big Oil has been raging for decades. In some of these 'sacrifice zones', oil companies and the regimes they support can literally get away with murder, as was the case in the brutal treatment of the Ogoni in the Niger Delta. In this case Shell settled to the tune of \$15.5m, after a

long struggle by local people whose home and livelihoods were devastated by the industry's actions.

Localism is a potent tool when resisting resource extraction – voices with strong ties to place and landscape bring forward social justice as a cornerstone of the environmental movement. No struggle reflects this more than the powerful defiance of the Standing Rock Sioux at Oceti Sakowin protest camp, recently broken up in a highly militarised expulsion. Indigenous activists engaged in peaceful civil disobedience for months in protest to the Dakota Access

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Pipeline, a project which disregards their land treaty rights in an extension of the oppression Native Americans have long suffered. Support reverberated throughout the US, including a thousand-strong march on Washington, and continues through legal action and divestment. The pipeline, which could become fully operational this year, has already had its first spill.

Though cries of 'nimby (Not In My Back Yard) -ism'

can often be heard from defenders of the industry, and echoed tacitly by governments overriding local consent, those on the front line are fighting for everyone's back yard, not just their own. In 2014, prominent writer Naomi Klein defined the term 'Blockadia': a new transnational zone of conflict where people whose lives are at the border with extractive industries fight for control over their water, soil and air.

Despite already holding more fuel in reserves than we can safely burn, continuing with exploration – using ever riskier methods – means the industry now faces battles on multiple fronts. Communities which have historically been more privileged are joining the struggles alongside marginalised people who have been long-standing opponents. As the UK prepares to extract its full hydrocarbon resources, swathes of the British countryside have become the new sacrifice zones. It is not only activist groups such as 'Frack Off' and 'Reclaim the Power' who are resisting the dash for gas. Local people from the South East, Lancashire, and Yorkshire are also joining the resistance, as they realise the destruction that fracking could cause to their towns.

Direct action against extractivism becomes even more powerful when supported by pressure from behind the front lines. Campaigns which target the carefully and expensively crafted image of fossil fuel companies are

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already clocking major blows. Creative protests from activist groups 'Platform', 'Liberate Tate' and 'BP or not BP' have succeeded in driving out oil company branding from such cherished public institutions as the Science Museum, the Tate, and the Edinburgh International Festival. As the tally of divested funds approaches \$5.5 trillion, cracks are starting to show: the Saudi oil minister recently advised the industry to thwart the campaign to 'Keep it in the ground' in order to shed its 'Dark Side' image.

The less political power the fossil fuel industry wields, the smoother the path to a low-carbon world, where environmental regeneration can begin. Speaking at a Carbon Trust dinner in 2015, former Shell chairman Mark Moody-Stuart admitted that "18 years after major oil companies acknowledged the threat of climate change...the industry has made remarkably little progress". Big Oil has shown its hand. It's time to show ours.



# The counselling service does not work as advertised



An anonymous student thinks that there needs to be significant change to the services that the college provides for severe mental health problems

\\ Until my experience can never happen to another student again, we must continue to campaign for change \\

Everyone gets stressed at uni at some point. If you don't, I applaud your Jedi level of inner peace. But for the rest of us mere mortals, it hits at some point. Because it affects everyone, I just assumed that what I was feeling was normal, that my course was always going to be a tough one and it would have its harder moments. For the first year, that was true. I managed the steep learning curve and new social setting with a normal number of bumps in the road. But last summer, and at the start of the winter term, an onlooker would have seen things take a turn for the worse. I, however, didn't think anything of it for a long time.

I finally got a sense that things were not normal when I was feeling so despairing that I couldn't move or speak, and getting out of bed was harder than the current run up to exams. I wasn't learning

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anything in my lecture courses because I felt like I had no future and that nothing I did would amount to anything. I was avoiding mirrors because

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my self-image was so bad that being reminded of it would make me want to harm myself. You get the idea.

When the alarm bells finally rang in my head, I contacted the counselling service. It took two weeks to arrange an initial visit. Once I got there and alarm bells rang for them as well, I was prioritised counselling sessions. That took three weeks to happen. So, a month after reaching out in one of the most miserable points in my life, I was greeted with the question, "What would you like to do?" I don't normally articulate the details of what is running through my head when I feel like shit, but I believe I need the description of the pit I was in to make it clear how much of an unhelpful question that is. "What I would like to do is get better" was what I thought, but 'get better' doesn't really work in the timescale of the seven appointments they offer. Someone like me who saw no

way out and no happiness in the future doesn't know how to get better on their own. I don't like making sweeping or perversely grandiose statements, but the reality is that there is a good chance that in my position with maybe a few less friends, and a slightly less supportive family, I may have killed myself if all that was there to stop me was the counselling service.

In retrospect, the support

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they offered me would probably have been good if I had more acute exam stress or just a relatively small bout of low mood. But someone who can't get out of bed isn't going to drag themselves to a stress workshop where they can't share how they feel with a professional, or go back and forth over emails for a month to try and see someone.

Do I think my bad experience is the fault of the people who work there? No. Not at all. They are no doubt trying to offer the best possible care they can to as many students as they can. The time delay between my first email and my first

session was due to the understaffing of the service, which is no doubt oversubscribed because of the high-pressure environment at Imperial. My frustration is, in a sense, not directed at the counsellor that I saw, but at the college for claiming to offer a service to help with severe mental health problems, without employing the correct staff to deal with it. The service is not to help with clinical depression, but with short term issues such as stress. The purpose of the service has been misrepresented, meaning that people like me do not receive the help they need. Those who need immediate help are put on long waiting lists so that by the time their allotted appointment

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arrives, the issue has already resolved. Moreover, there is not nearly enough information about other places to get help besides counselling, such as your GP.

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If you find yourself agreeing with anything I wrote at the start of this piece, see a GP as soon as possible. If you're feeling worse than normal but not as bad as what I described, the counselling service may well be fine for you. But, in my opinion, if you feel worse than you ever thought you could, I simply cannot bring myself to recommend making the counselling service in its current form to be your first point of call.

I do want this to change. That's why I'm writing this. This year has seen many steps forward, including the creation of the Mental Health Officer, but it is not enough. Every student should be involved with improving mental health, as it will affect every one of us at some point in our time here. Until my experience can never happen to another student again, we must continue to campaign for change.

# THE SEX SURVEY

The title 'THE SEX SURVEY' is rendered in a large, bold, serif font. 'THE' is in black, while 'SEX' and 'SURVEY' are in white. The word 'THE' is partially obscured by a light blue, stylized flower or leaf graphic. A white, dripping paint-like effect is applied to the bottom of the letter 'U' in 'SURVEY'. Below the main title, there are several white, teardrop-shaped decorative elements of varying sizes scattered across the lower half of the page.

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# Who filed out the Sex Survey

**INTRO** | Thanks to all 817 students who took time to fill out our annual sex survey. We tried to make the process fun and hopefully we succeeded. Maybe. Whatever. The sex survey yielded a ridiculous amount of data and insight into the sex lives, fantasies and minds of Imperial students. Trust me when I tell you we'll be having statistics nightmares for weeks.

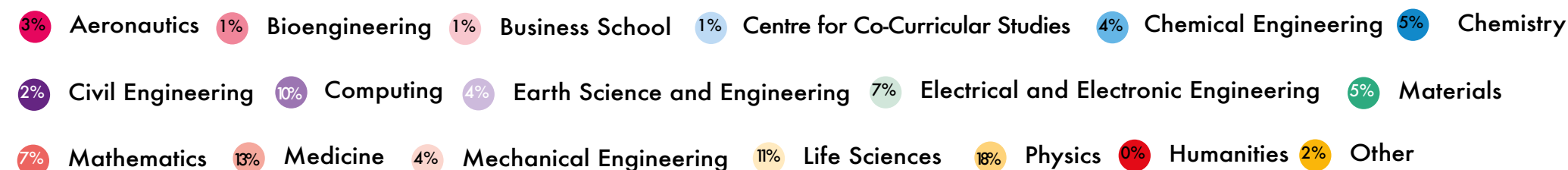
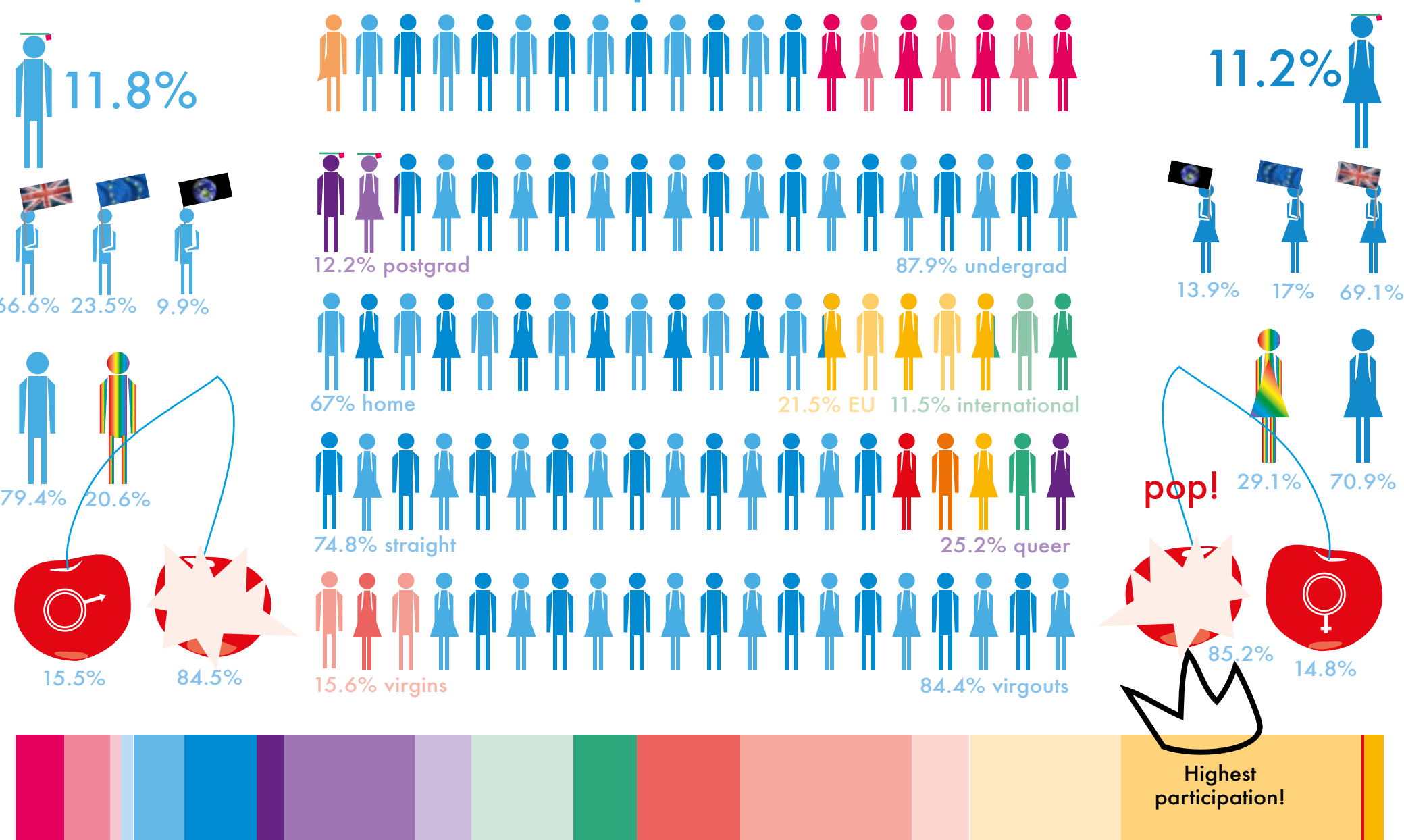
Trying to interpret all of the data has been interesting to say the least. We asked so many ques-

tions, many of which we're willing to admit were quite something to look at, though. Sadly there's only so much time, space and energy that we can expend on the analysis. We've picked some of the highlights and answered some of the burning questions the student body has traditionally had. You might notice the omission of some data points. For example there are instances when we don't touch upon specifics of asexuals, aroman-

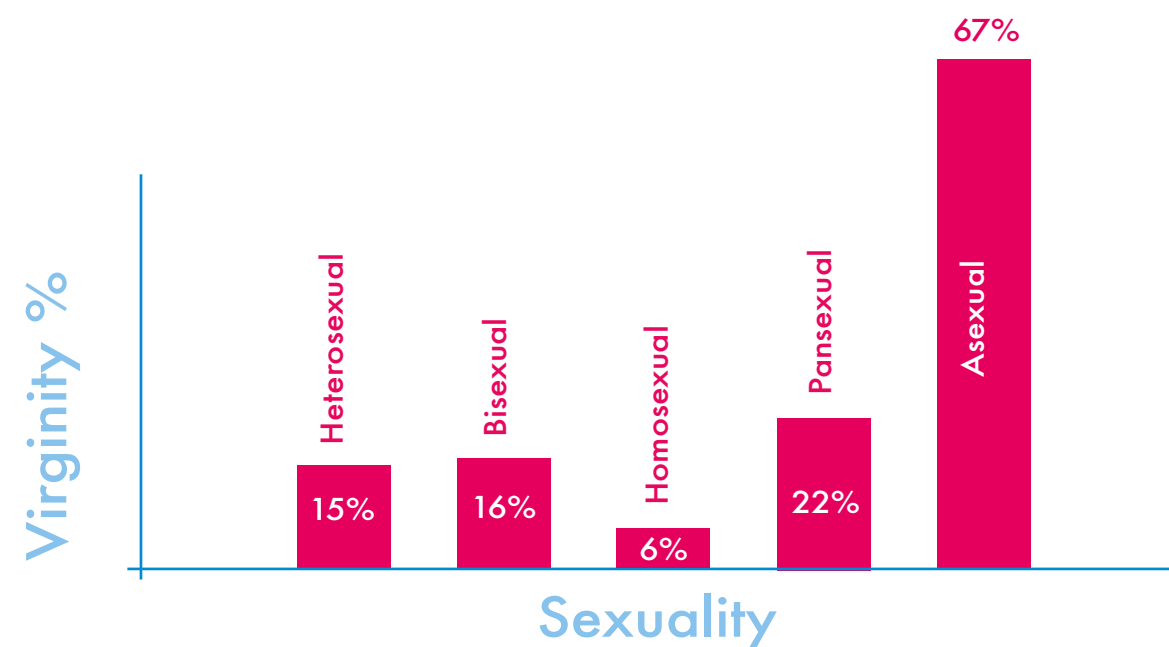
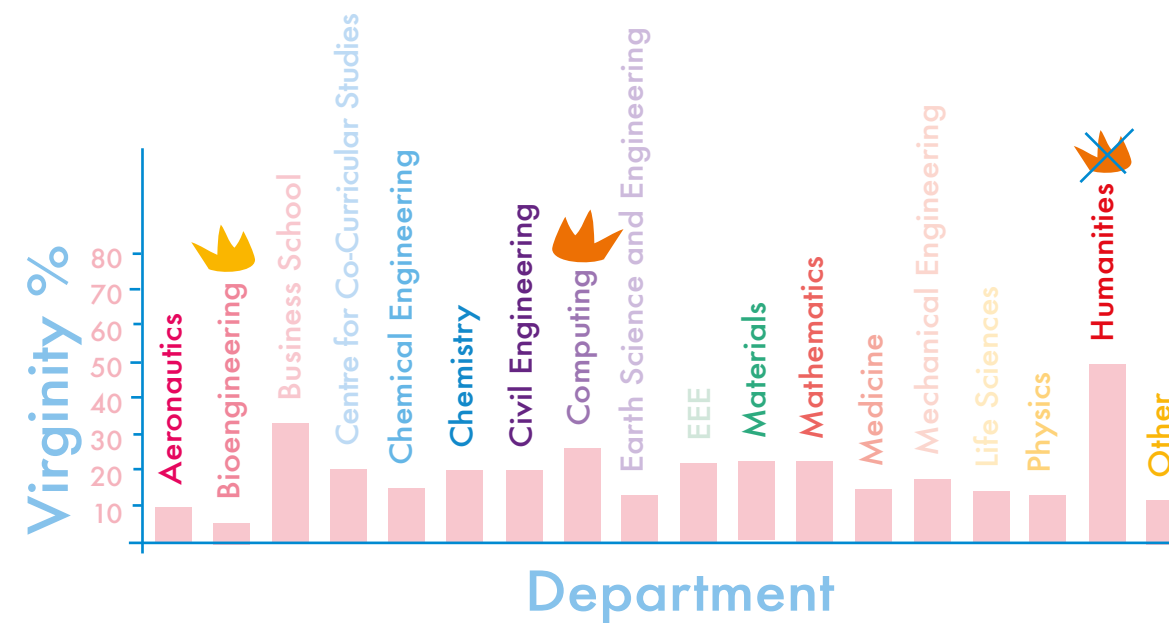
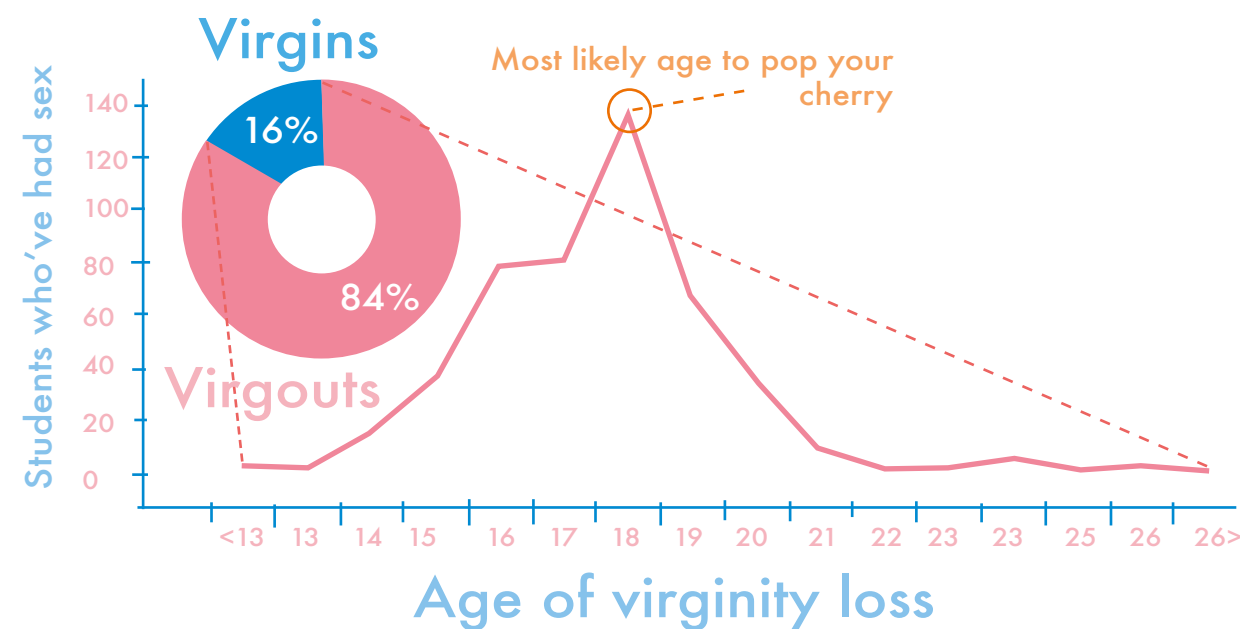
tics, or business school students. This is due to the relatively low representation of these groups we had at times that made us uncomfortable with reporting on and making generalisations about the behaviour of minority groups (looking at you business school students).

But, without further ado, here they are: the 2017 *felix* sex survey results. Read on, enjoy and take everything with a pinch of salt. This is not a scientific paper. It's barely a Cosmo article.

**2.6% Non-binary and Intersex**



# Who's getting laid



**SO, HOW SEXUAL** are Imperial students? They actually don't seem to be scoring too badly. The vast majority have been deflowered (86%) while only 16% remain virgins. So most Imperial students have - at some point - had sex. BUT WHEN? It turns out prime cherry-popping time is the ripe-old age of 18, right as you arrive at uni! Over 25% of all 'virgouts' (yes we'll be using this term regularly) lost their virginity around that mark. Still, an intact virginity seems to be most prevalent amongst 19-year-old students (soz guys). In more mature age groups, losing one's virginity becomes a rarer event (partially because everyone's already lost it already) with 21 being somewhat of a cut-off point.

late bloomers. That might be a result of youngsters losing their virginity earlier and earlier or maybe it just takes a special someone to endure Imperial for prolonged periods of time.

Departments were found to be on average between 5% virgin (go Bioeng! Sorry Humanities, your sample size was too small, and size definitely matters) and 26% virgin (go Computing!), but generally sexual activity seems to be consistent across departments.

Gay students were also found less likely to be virgins than their straight counterparts (take that society!). While 6% of gay students are still virgins, that figure jumps up to 15% in straight students, and then to 16% in bi-

## FUN FACT

**You're more likely to say you don't sleep with unattractive people if you're a virgin**

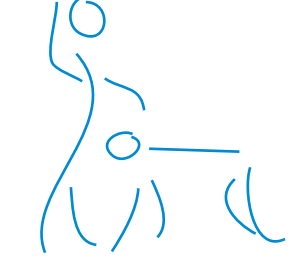
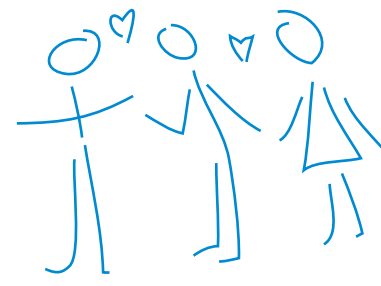
We don't want to freak anyone out but if you're a 21-year-old virgin and you're dying to get some, you may be running out of time.

To make things even worse, Imperial students who've been here for a while are more likely to have been

sexuals and 22% in pansexuals.

Interestingly not all asexual students were necessarily virgins demonstrating that sexual attraction isn't linked to the desire to have sex - this means that you might want to have sex with a particular person without necessarily having a sex drive.





# Who's doing who

## You're all relationship addicts

IT MIGHT BE THE PLEASURE, it might be that deal the Union has on Thursdays (you know, that Buy-One-Get-One-Half-Price-on-all-12"-pizzas deal) but it turns out Imperial student prefer to be in pairs.

Of those surveyed, 66% are currently in some form of relationship (parasitic or symbiotic, we cannot tell). Of these, the majority are in committed monogamous relationships with mostly younger people opting for casual relationships.

So what does a monogamous couple do apart from being all lovey-dovey, ruining everybody's lunch? Well apparently those who get themselves paired up watch porn a lot, more than any other group (although single people were a close second).

If you're not in a monogamous relationship prepare to hate all your friends who are. People in them report being much more likely to be able to enact their sexual fantasies, think they're hot (or at least somewhere between average and irresistible in terms of looks), and are happy or very happy with their sex lives.

On the other side of the spectrum, of the 30% of single students, the vast majority weren't happy about it. If you want to change that, your best bet for a hook-up is probably a Computing student - 51% of them told us they were single and ready to mingle.

But wait, there's more. 57% of monogamous relationships and 60% of polyamorous relation-

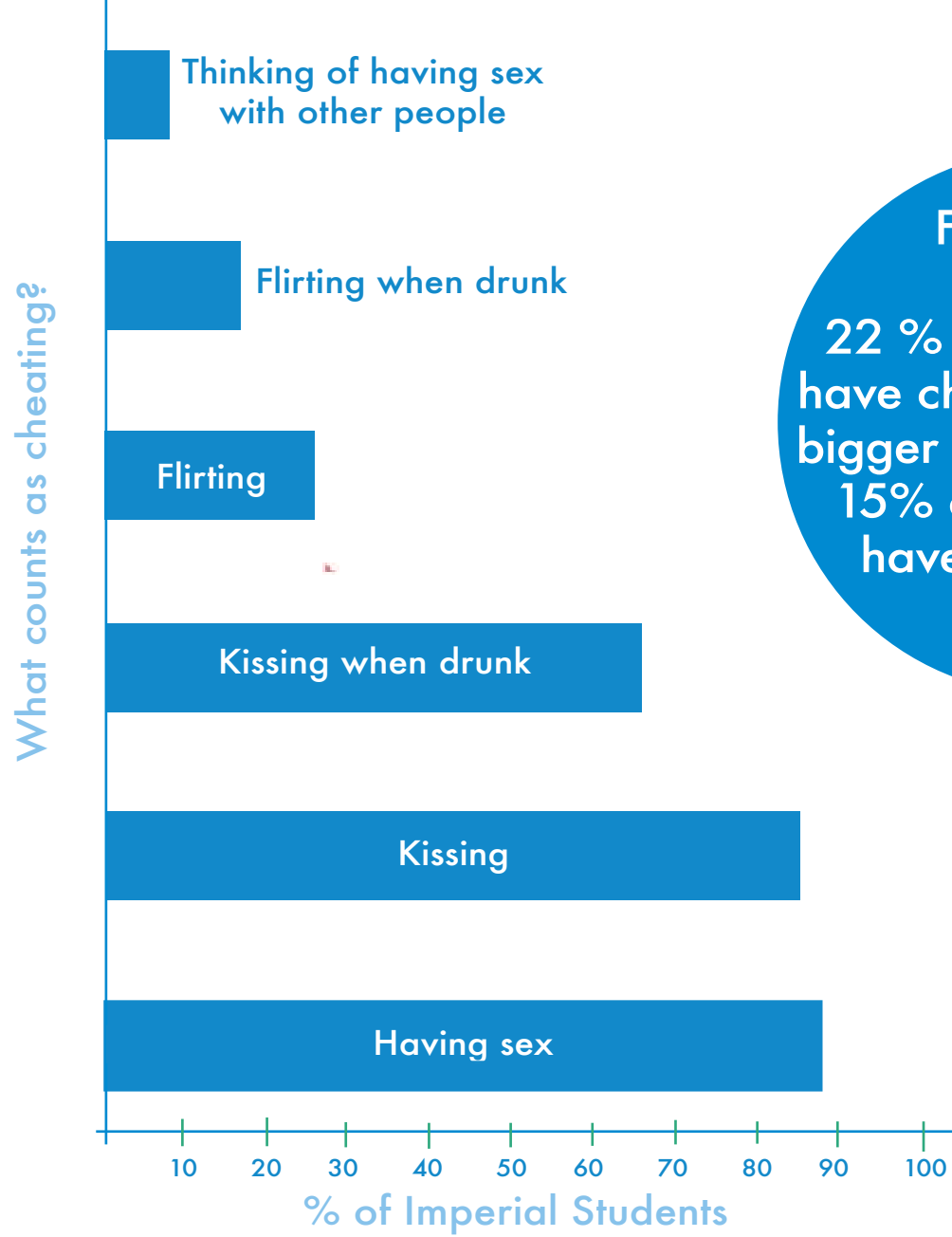
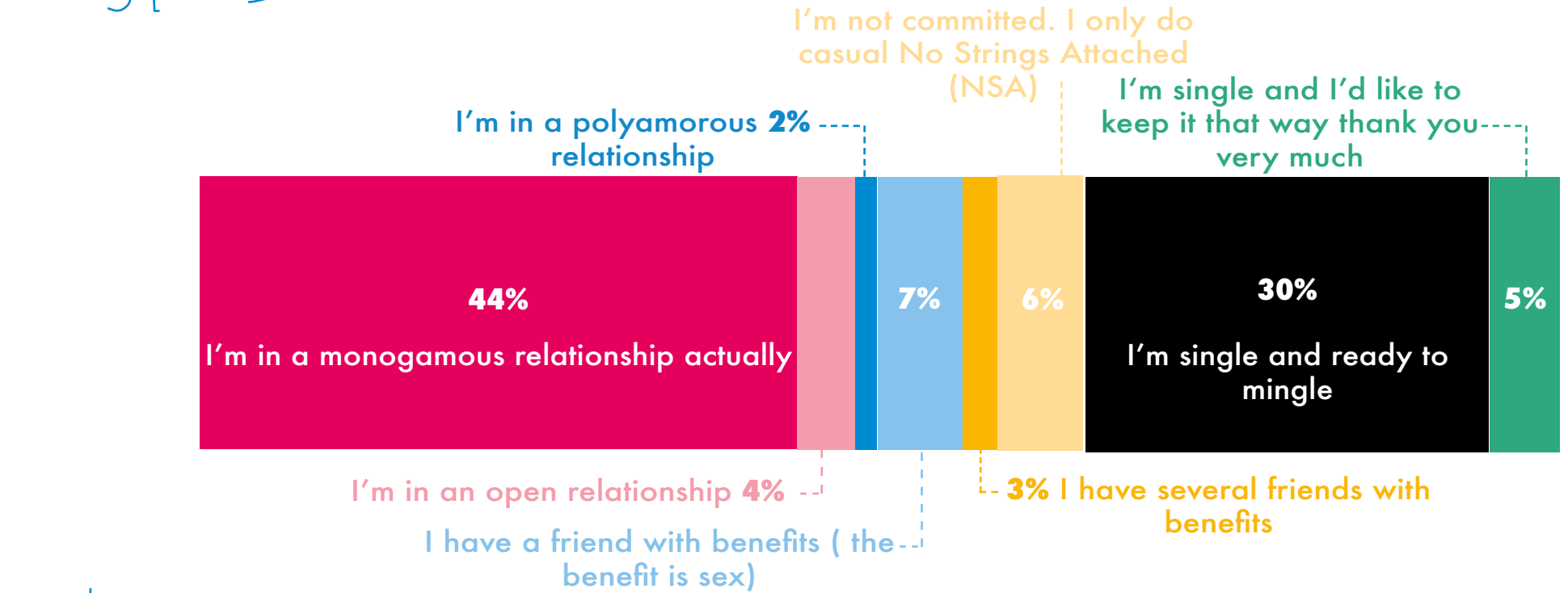
ships were with other Imperial students. More than half of undergrads and Masters students were in relationships with fellow students. We can only assume postgrads have had the luxury of seeing a world outside of South Ken. Those with casual friends with benefits overwhelmingly found partners outside of Imperial. 37% of you would rather die than date anyone from Imperial. It's okay, we're not taking it personally. Much.

K. You're in a relationship. We get it. Your relationship is much likelier to be super fresh (between one and six months) or long-term (something between one and two years). It looks like not that many people make it through the uncanny valley of relationships and out to the one-year anniversary.

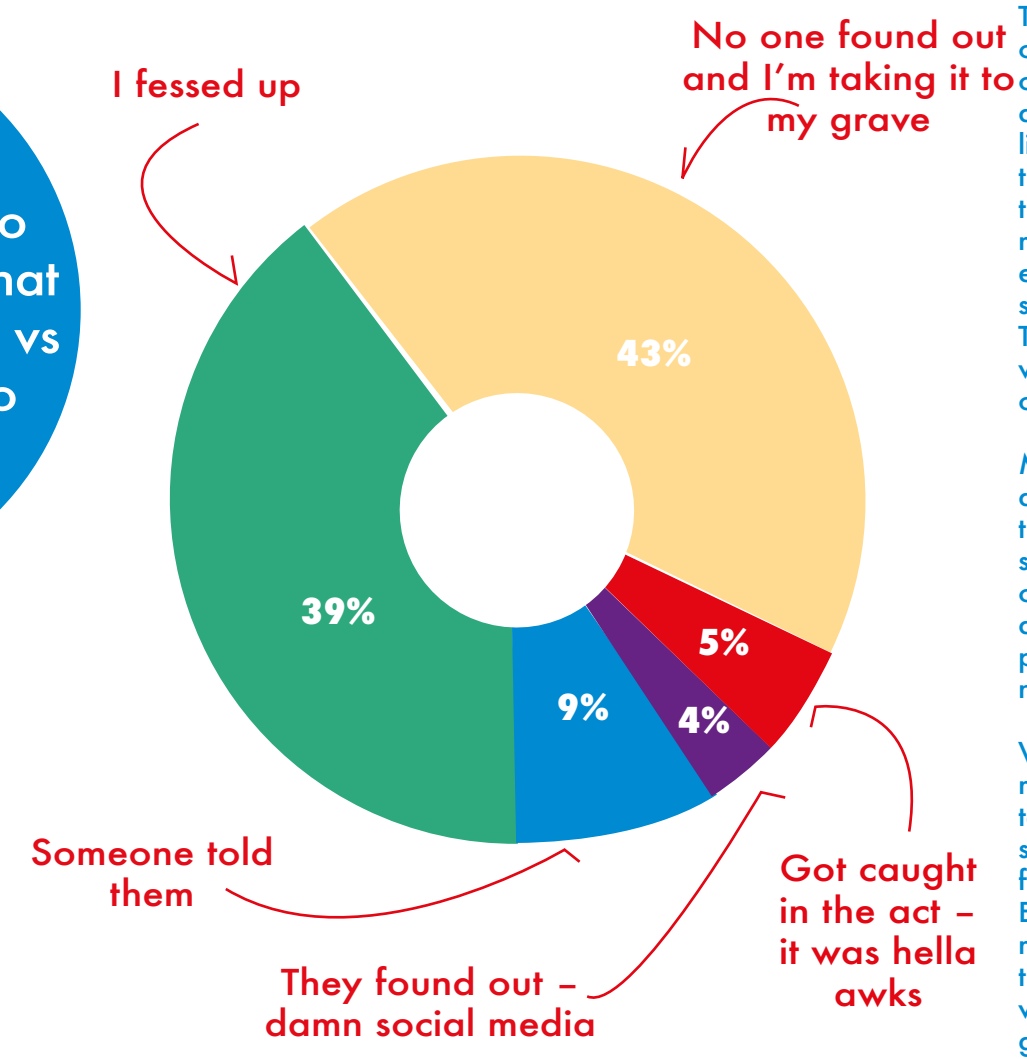
Worse still, those who do survive the one-year probation period and who are officially in long-term relationships are much more likely to watch porn; 75% of people in one-to-two-year-long relationships claimed they needed porn to masturbate/function. Unsurprisingly, older respondents were the most likely to have been in relationships for more than two years, though most of the youngest students had still been in a relationship for at least a month. #afraidofdyinalone

But what about luuuuuuuuuuuuv? The vast majority of respondents reported being in love (particularly older respondents), with most, falling in love some time after the three month mark of their relationship. For those who asked "What is love?", Haddaway provided a comprehensive answer in 1993. Go do some reading.

**// If you're not in a monogamous relationship prepare to hate all your friends who are //**



**FUN FACT**  
22% of people who have cheated think that bigger is better (soz) vs 15% of people who have not cheated



## What is cheating even? Like, for real.

THE ULTIMATE QUESTION: did they cheat on me (followed by the lesser-known question: did I cheat on them?). Well here's what you guys think: most people agree that if anything physical happens, it's cheating. Short of that, you're largely OK. And if you're drunk? You're less likely to be judged as a cheat. Not by much though - you can't blame everything on your lack of inhibitions.

So how widespread is cheating at geek central? Surprisingly perhaps, only 19% of people have cheated on a partner - way below the national average of 41%.

These figures were pretty much consistent regardless of gender or sexuality so if you could stop assuming bi people are more likely to cheat that'd be great, thanks. Interestingly enough, those aged 26 and over were much more likely to have cheated on a partner, including a staggering 80% of 27-year-olds. To the 6% of you that queried whether it's really cheating if no one knows: yes. Yes it is.

Most cheaters were found out at some point - largely because they confessed. Women and bisexuals were the most likely to confess (46% and 53%) whereas two-thirds of both non-binary people and pansexuals would never tell.

When you look at each department, Civil Engineering and Materials students were the most susceptible to guilt: 100% confessed to their partner. Chemical Engineering students were much more likely to manage to keep their dirty little secret - 100% were prepared to take it to their grave.

In most cases, cheating didn't end our respondents' relation-

ships - at least not permanently. This was largely because their partner didn't find out. Those most likely to break up permanently were the unlucky few that got caught in the act. Confessing didn't seem to do anybody many favours - 49.23% lost their relationship as a result of admitting their transgression. So much for open and direct communication. If you want to be honest but still want to keep your relationship, your best bet is to let your partner find out either from somebody else (62.5%) or social media (57.14%).

Pleasingly, I guess, most people have never been cheated on (at least not knowingly).

Amongst those unfortunate enough to have found out that they had been the victim of cheating, 58% ended the relationship afterwards. A further 11% initially ended the relationship but then decided to get back together later. Is this a result of low esteem? You deserve better babez.

Imperial students are evidently a very forgiving bunch. Half of you didn't break up with a cheating partner (though this may have been because you didn't realise you were being cheated on). Of those of you that did end your relationship, 9% later got back together. Hopefully following a period of reform on the part of the cheater.

Apparently, older generations struggle with fidelity: 26+ year-olds were much more likely to have been cheated on, with 60% of 27-year-olds reporting they'd had a cheating partner at some point. Then again, being cheated on might just be a right of passage, a statistical necessity. How long can you go through life without being cheated on, really?





# Who's doing what

## Spanking the monkey

We all do it and now we have the data to prove it. We're obviously talking about wanking.

It seems that with some minor exceptions, masturbation is like a balanced diet, or a good night's sleep; the more you age, the more you appreciate it. People spank the monkey more and more as they age. By the age of 23 only 4% don't masturbate. Then BAM, the mid-twenties crisis hits, and the 24 and 25-year-olds of Imperial are less likely to masturbate than their 20+ equivalents. But everything slips back to normal soon. Every single student asked over the age of 25 admitted to flipping the dolphin.

Gold star to Mech Eng and Computing students. They masturbate so religiously, not even being on campus can stop them. 44% and 37% of Mech Eng and Computing students, respectively, have admitted to masturbating on campus. Bravo.

## The porn of things

What do we leave behind when we die? Our browsing history of course. And the most damning element of that is our porn preferences. Thanks to us, you don't have to wait till your bestie dies to find out what they're into. You can use the magical power of stats to make an educated guess instead. So, what do people watch?

The most popular categories of porn overall and the corresponding percentage of respondents who enjoy them are threesome (45%), amateur (40%), blowjob (35%), bondage and college/frat (33%). However, the porn that people are watching varies a lot according to their gender identity - with the exception of threesome porn which dominates people's choice regardless of gender. For men, the next four most-popular genres include amateur (47%), blowjob (42%), POV (40%), and college/frat porn (39%). Women on the other prefer bondage (44%), group sex (43%), double penetration (32%), and gangbang/orgy/group porn (31%).

Interestingly, while 47% of women believe that the porn they watch does not represent their fantasies or what they expect from sex, only 29% of men feel the same way about the porn they are consuming.

Women have less varied tastes in porn than men. There were loads of popular categories for men, but for women it seems that most of them are all watching the same porn.

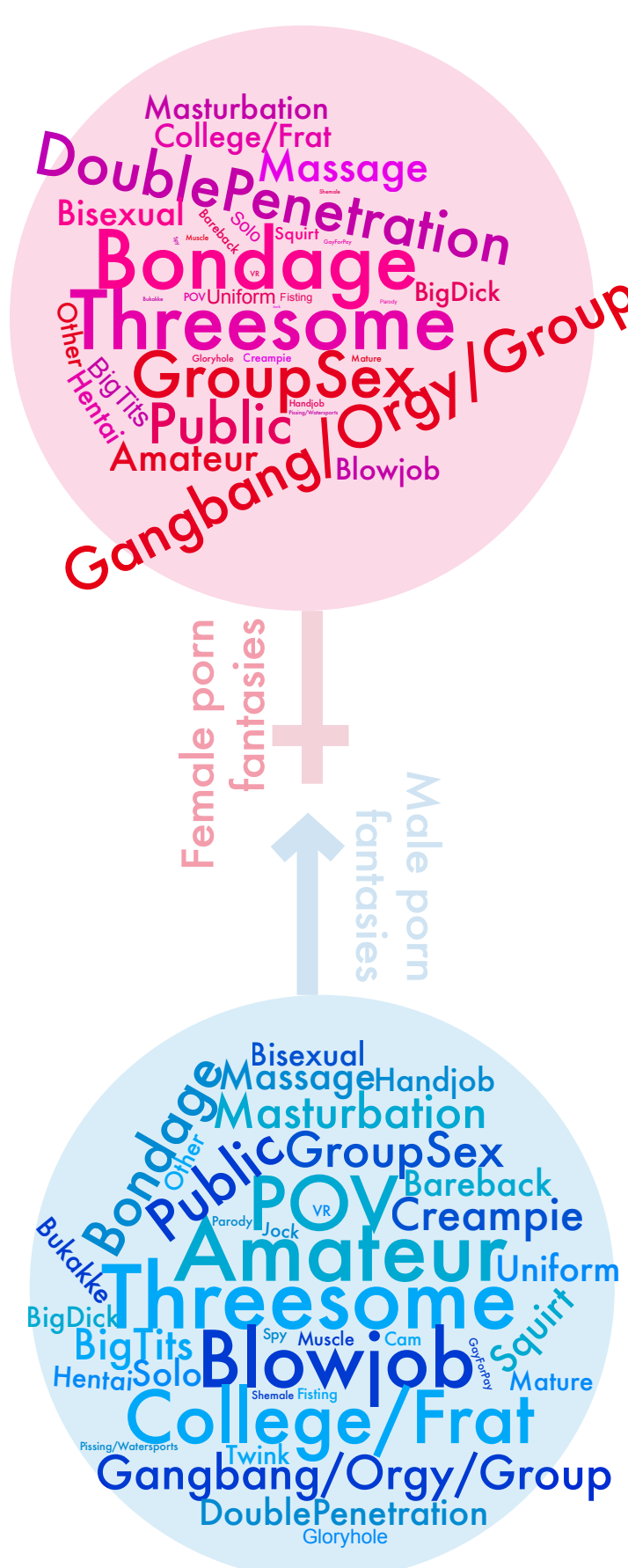
## Everybody likes threesomes but...

We've established that when it comes to porn, it's all about the threesome. Most people are jacking it to threesome porn, but how much is this reflective of their sex lives? Well, 11% of men have had a threesome, compared to 10% of women, and 24% of non-binary people. That said, only 5% of heterosexuals and 15% of bisexuals have, with 39% of homosexuals having had a threesome leading the way.

For group sex, the hetero/homo divide is even more pronounced. 2% of heterosexuals have been involved in an orgy, but 21% of homosexuals have (and 7% of bisexuals). That means that if you're gay, you are ten times likelier to end up in orgy in comparison to a straight Imperial student. #sorrynotsorry

Despite this, 53% of participants really want to try having a threesome, and 26% of them want to give group sex a shot. Gender-wise, men are much keener than women to try a threesome (59% of men vs. 48% of women), but they also have a greater appetite for group sex (27% of men vs. 23% of women). It would appear that the 43% of women who enjoy watching orgy porn, would rather have it stay a fantasy.

Threesome-craving doesn't seem to depend much on sexuality. 53% of heterosexuals would be down for a threesome, compared to 56% of bisexuals, and 54% of homosexuals. That doesn't extend to group sex though. Only 21% of heterosexuals would be interested in giving it a go, but 38% of bisexuals and 49% of homosexuals have this fantasy in the darkest reaches of their mind.



# Who's thinking what

## The prostate and the penis

Moving on to the main attractions of the male anatomy, 45% of gay men and women think that the prostate is great, and 9% believe it needs to be stimulated for sex to be enjoyable. Only 12% of heterosexuals have a similarly positive view of the prostate, with only 1% admitting to a need for prostate stimulation.

In part that may be down to the fact that 9% of men and 18% of women didn't even know what the prostate was. Mech Eng in particular need some biology lessons - 26% of them don't seem to know what the prostate is. Life sciences might need a curriculum overhaul too, though, because 15% of them also don't have a clue.

What about dicks? Do they vary? Do we really appreciate their subtle differences? They way they all bend differently? Apparently not. 74% of men and 76% of women think that a dick is a dick - circumcised or uncircumcised. Although both men and women expressed a preference for uncircumcised dick on average, women are slightly more likely to opt for an uncut penis, with 10% of women liking them cut, and 13% of women liking them uncut. For men, on the other hand, the preference for foreskin is 19% with vs. 7% without. It seems some men are attached to their foreskin. Literally.

Looking at penis preference based on fee status yields further insight still. Although the vast majority of people really do just think a dick is a dick, no matter which way you look at it, both home and EU students - if they have a preference - prefer an uncircumcised penis, and international students overwhelmingly prefer a circumcised penis, being more than four times as likely to opt for something that doesn't look like a naked mole rat. For those

who have a preference (at most 43%, which is in EEE), the only department where an uncircumcised penis isn't the top choice is in civil engineering, where 20% of people call a circumcised dick their preference.

Civ Eng are our size queens, with a third of them saying that penis size matters, and that everyone prefers a well endowed partner. Chemistry are quite the opposite, with the highest number of students (44%) believing that it's more about how you use it. Straight people think size matters more than gay people: 18% of heterosexuals said that size matters, compared to 14% of bisexuals and 17% of homosexuals. Sadly for all you men, women actually care more about dick size than men. 20% of women say the bigger the better, where only 16% of men and 14% of non-binary people feel the same.

Whether you think a big dick is important seems to vary with age. It gets more important when you're in your early twenties, but it just isn't a priority when you're 24-26. However as soon as you hit 27 you realise you're too old for tiny dicks, and it gets back on the top of your list.

Comparing those who think size matters most with frequency of masturbation shows us that if you're masturbating less than once a month or multiple times a day, you're much more likely to think size matters. If you're having sex, you're most likely to think that size is important if you're having sex 2-3 times a week.

## Clitoris, female G-spot, vagina and boobs

Who values the clitoris most? 70% of international (non-EU) students thought that clitoral stimulation was important compared to 62% of home students and 52% of EU students. But it seems that Europeans may be the most generous lovers because an additional 36% of them thought that it wasn't sex if it didn't involve the clitoris, while only 12% of international students had this opinion. Whether Brexit will affect the clitoral stimulation of millions of women in the UK remains to be seen, but we are willing to send our data to the Home Office if there's a chance it will make a difference.

What about the female G-spot? Turns out, more women than men think the female G-spot is a myth (13% compared to 8%). Worse still perhaps, 10% of men and 12% of women think it's the clitoris (nope) and 8% of men and 2% of women think it's the prostate (again, nope). Basically, you all need a diagram, apart from those who identified as non-binary, of whom 54% said they knew exactly where it was and how to find it. Only 28% of women and men on the other hand had the courage to make such a bold claim.

"I like 'em tight." Seriously, who says that? Apparently 19% of men but thankfully only 3% of women. No non-binary people share the sentiment suggesting once again they might be ahead of the curve. Still on the topic of vaginas, 80% of women think vaginas are all different, but 13% think they're all the same.

Let's look at a departmental breakdown: 29% of EEE students who answered our survey say that they like their vaginas tight, with 24% of Materials students not far behind, also finding a tight vagina high on their priority list. No one in Chem Eng or the Centre for Co-Curricular Studies (CCS) expressed this preference for vaginas. You're also more likely to prefer a tight vagina if you're older, with the peak percentage with that preference found in 25 and 26-year-olds. Thankfully no one under 18 said they liked a tight vagina which means they're either still pure and innocent towards a society that doesn't rate vaginas based on tightness. Amongst those in relationships, the ones who are most likely to prefer a tight vagina are the ones with either one, or several friends with benefits. Take that as you will.

Enough about vaginas. Let's talk about breasts. Men are more likely than women to prefer big boobs (21% compared to 16%) but are also less likely to think that small boobs make them sad (3% compared to 5%). Bioeng is the department with the highest number of Big Boob Enthusiasts (BBEs), with 32% proudly declaring that big boobs are great. You're most likely to think big boobs are great if you masturbate multiple times a day. 45% of people who watch Big Tits porn think that big boobs are better. At the same time, 6% of people who enjoy Big Tits porn also claim that they really don't care much for boobs. WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

### FUN FACT

Amongst gay students, the most popular type of porn is college/frat, with 55% enjoying this category. Only 30% of heterosexuals enjoy this

**FUN FACT**  
18% of Civ Eng students need porn to function

**FUN FACT**  
10% of Bioengineering students think prostate stimulation is gay



## Things you thought we missed

"Everyone likes a spoon"

"Knifeplay, orgasm denial, domsub stuff (not bondage related, but I guess sort of roleplay? Still feels separate)"

"Dry Humping"

"Playing with my balls"

"You aren't distinguishing between giving and receiving e.g. oral and anal sex. I feel like this is relevant."

"Dildos / sex toys during sex"

"Rimming/assplay!" x3

"Fucking James Cox. James COCK am I right"

"A good old 69 - the best kind of oral"

"Cuddling" x2

"Pegging, or does that count as anal? (I put anal) and dirty talk"

"Food play! Whipped cream... Nutella. Mmmm."

"Dressing up as Mario, getting her to suck on my spicy meat-a-balls, and shouting mamma mia when I cum"

"I enjoy rubbing my balls on all of the rice cookers left out in the kitchen, typically at about 5am or so."

"if sex in gay saunas counts, then yes. that."

"Gunge play & armpit fetishes"

"Regular?" x2

"69, plain old vaginal sex"

"Revising. Masturbating to Panopto."

"Why is the Felix centerfold not featured as a kink???"

# Who's playing safe

## Condom use and contraception

It's great seeing everyone have all this sex everywhere but are people keeping safe, and how? Though three-quarters of Imperial students regularly use condoms, 8% of all respondents don't use any protection at all.

Condom use seems to be more widespread amongst men, with women being 8% less likely to include condoms in their arsenal of contraception. However, women may use alternative methods of contraception such as the pill (31%), the coil (8%) or an implant (7%).

How do relationships affect safe sex practices? Single people are 10% more likely to use condoms than people in a monogamous relationship, but best safe sex practitioners are polyamorous people. While 11% of polys will not use any protection, 56% will use condoms and another 33% will use the pill or a coil. No polys seem to be relying on pulling out, or the rhythm method.

If you're unfamiliar, the rhythm method relies on carefully tracking fertile days to calculate when the probability of pregnancy. Although the method can be up to 99% effective, there are several drawbacks which include long periods of abstinence (up to 16 days), the chance of miscalculation, and of course the lack of any protection against STIs.

The rhythm method is implemented by 3% of sexually active female students while 10% of women and 12% of men rely on pulling out. This is an even less effective tactic, as there's often enough sperm in the precum to successfully fertilise an egg. Not to mention the possibility of deception and the risk of getting an STI. Gurl - don't you trust nobody with your reproductive health.

## Sexual health checks

Speaking of STIs, almost three-quarters of all sexually active IC students have, at some point, engaged in bareback sex (sex without a condom). Out of these, 42% have never been to the sexual health clinic. These visits to the clinic are more common amongst women than men, with 55% of sexually active men having never visited a sexual health clinic vs. 40% of women at Imperial. Women are also more likely than men to visit the clinic regularly (at least once a year) as opposed to when they've hooked up with a new partner or are worried about STI symptoms.

Your relationship to sexual health might be related to your cultural behaviours associated with your sexuality. Straight students are less likely to visit the sexual health clinic than bisexual students. Further down the Kinsey scale, straight students are twice as likely to avoid visiting a sexual health clinic in comparison to gay students, and if we crumple up the scale and throw it in the trash, pansexuals are four times as likely to visit the sexual health clinic as their straight counterparts. Along similar lines homosexual and pansexual students are much more likely to regularly visit the clinic as part of their annual (or more frequent) routine.

## Sexually transmitted infections

Though most students seem to be aware of the existence of most common STIs, 5% of respondents claim to be unfamiliar with HIV, herpes and gonorrhoea, while 10% are not aware of HPV, syphilis and chlamydia. Only one-in-three respondents were familiar with shigella (which admittedly is niche - it causes dysentery).

As for actual STIs the most commonly contracted disease seems to be chlamydia, followed by herpes and gonorrhoea, tied with crabs. Though at this point the sample was relatively small so we wouldn't say this is indicative of an Imperial-wide state. However, so many people fail to check up on their sexual health, that anything might go.

## HIV and PrEP

Pre Exposure Prophylaxis, or PrEP, has been in the news a lot over the years. Most recently it made headlines when Scotland made it available on the NHS. PrEP refers to an antiretroviral medication - usually Truvada - which is taken preventatively to reduce the risk of HIV transmission, which studies suggest it does successfully by 80%.

In the UK (with the exception of Scotland as of last month), Truvada is only free if it's part of emergency PEP. PEP (Post Exposure Prophylaxis) is given in case of potential transmission. This might include accidental pricking with an infected syringe (particularly common amongst health professionals) or a sexual encounter of high risk (particularly common amongst men seeking men). Getting it pre-emptively as part of PrEP at the moment requires shelling out £400 a month.

So what's the relationship of Imperial students with PrEP? Of all respondents, less than a quarter were familiar with the drugs, with 2% having heard of PEP and 3% having heard of PrEP. Women were perhaps surprisingly more likely to have heard of the two treatments. Queer students however were the likeliest to know of PEP and PrEP and amongst them, students that were familiar with one of the treatments were familiar with the other one too. 1.5% of respondents have taken PEP and 0.8% are currently on PrEP.

# Who's doing it best



### Queerest department (sexuality i.e. non-hetero)

Centre for Co-Curricular Studies (83%)  
Humanities (50%)  
Chemistry (36%)

### Genderqueerest department (identify as a gender not assigned at birth)

Humanities (50%)  
Centre for Co-Curricular Studies (33%)  
Civil Eng (8%)

### Most single and ready to mingle

Computing (51%)  
Medicine (40%)  
Chem Eng (38%)

### Most monogamous

Humanities (50%)  
Centre for Co-Curricular Studies (33%)  
Civ Eng (8%)

### Most friendly with benefits

Civ Eng (25%)  
Aero (18%)  
EEE (17%)

### Most likely to receive money for sexual acts

Civ Eng (22%)  
Medicine (6%)  
EEE (5%)

### Most likely to masturbate

Chemistry and Mech Eng (100%)  
Computing (97%)  
EEE (96%)

### Most in love (people in relationships)

Medicine (85%)  
Aero (78%)  
Bioeng (75%)

### Least likely to care about looks

Aero (5%)  
Chemistry (3.5%)  
Physics (3%)

### Most likely to say that they don't sleep with unattractive people

Civ Eng (20%)  
Mathematics (16%)  
Materials (15%)

### Most likely to sleep with lecturer while they were their lecturer

Civ Eng  
Materials  
Mech Eng

### Most likely to cheat

Medicine (85%)  
Aero (78%)  
Bioeng (75%)

### Most cheated on

Aero (36%)  
Materials (32%)  
Bioeng (32%)

### Most likely to have sex on campus

Aero (39%)  
EEE (36%)  
Medicine (32%)

### Most likely to have had unprotected sex

Mech Eng (95%)  
Aero (89%)  
Medicine (83%)

### Most likely to regret a one night stand

EEE (93%)  
Bioeng (86%)  
Chem Eng (73%)

### Least likely to regret a one night stand

Computing (39%)  
Business School (50%)  
Mathematics (40%)

### Most likely to sleep with Imperial College Union staff member

Civil Engineering  
EEE  
Bioeng

### Most likely to sleep with hall senior

Chem Eng  
Life Sciences  
Mech Eng

### Most likely to masturbate multiple times a day

EEE (13%)  
Civ Eng (11%)  
Materials (11%)

### Least likely to have a one night stand

Bioeng (37%)  
Materials (45%)  
Aero (47%)

Seriously though. Let's talk about Aero. They're great but also terrible. Someone give them more work. They're dripping with hormones. It's admirable but also terrifying. Mostly terrifying.

## Your beautiful comments

"The choice between sex and academic accomplishment, whilst pitiful, is no doubt good preparation for my inevitable career as an investment banker. Having written that, I think it might be one of the saddest truths in my life."

"Being in a foreign country with different customs is not great for my dating/sex life (am EU)"

"Everyone at imperial is desperate => more sex for me. Yay"

"[...] about penis size, I would like to say that size does matter, but not as in 'bigger is better' - on the contrary, I would pick a below average penis over an enormous schlong any day because I quite like my internal organs the way they are, thank you very much."

"I meet soooo many people through tinder, I've not had to pay for food in weeks!"

"Not happy that the age categories stop at 28+ ... us old people have sex too you know"

"If you can't win, confuse them."

"Filling this in as someone who is planning on losing their virginity soon in a relationship is interesting knowing that my choices in the survey may change greatly."

"Hobbies got me laid. Do hobbies to not be boring and get with people. Touching tit is fun, people who dont do oral are odd"

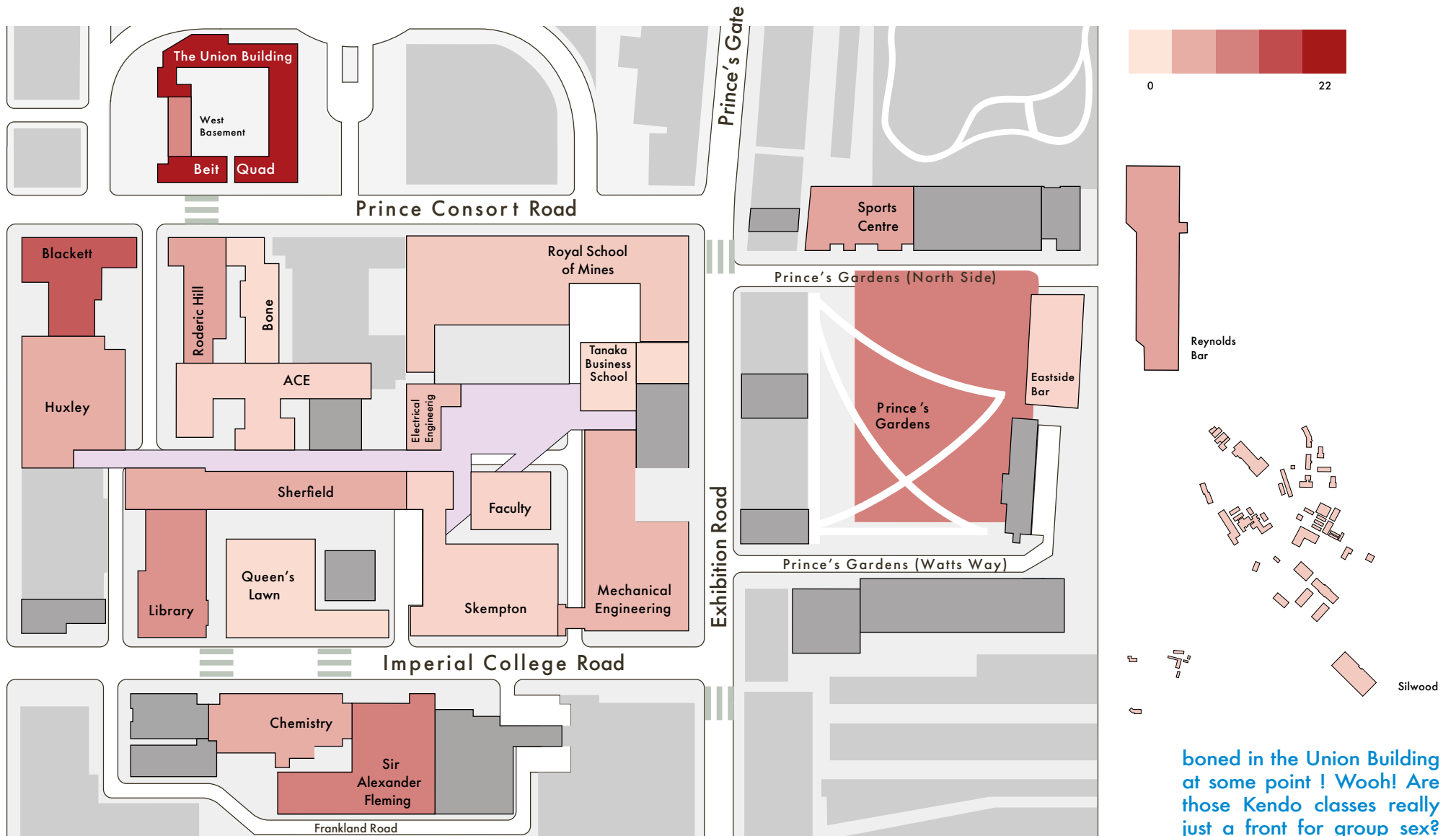
"The question about boobs should have had a 'small boobs are great' option"

"It's not gay if it's in a three way :)"

# Who's doing it worst



# sex sex sex sex sex sex sex sex sex sex



## Who's boning where

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**IT'S TIME** for the most anticipated section of our annual sex survey. How much of campus is covered in bodily fluids? Let's start with masturbation: over a quarter of you admitted to having polished the pearl on campus. Queer students are overall more likely to have touched themselves on campus than their straight counterparts with gay students taking home the uni-spank-bank award - 33% admit to going manual on college grounds. When it comes to gender, Men are more likely than women to sneak out of a lecture for a cheeky wank but it's the non-binaries that win this one with over a third

of them confiding in us that they've masturbated on campus. Those with a friend with benefits are also most likely to have flicked the bean during lunch-break in comparison to students in other types of arrangements. Those with several friends with benefits, though, are the least likely of all relationship groups to masturbate on campus (suggesting they already have their hands full).

**FUN FACT**  
Only a chemist and an engineer have boned in the Faculty Building. Was it with each other?

Boom Chicka Wah Wah

**WHAT ABOUT** doing the actual sex? Just under a quarter of you have boned on campus. There's no real difference between male and female students but non-binaries clearly know what's up, with half of them reporting getting down and dirty in that empty lecture theatre that no one knows about. More into their public sexcapades are pansexuals (43%), followed by bisexuals (30%), homosexuals (27%) and last but not

least heterosexuals (21%). You're also more likely to have boned on campus if you're poly and less likely if you're single and ready to mingle (though the singles who'd like to stay single have reported higher numbers of on-campus boning - maybe it's traumatic library sex that's put them off the sex in general). What about physical appearance? Doesn't really matter - everyone seems to be doing it regardless of perceived physical hotness. So a quarter of you do it in South Ken and beyond. The most popular boning space amongst exhibitionists is the Union Building with a quarter of everyone who's boned in public, having

boned in the Union Building at some point! Wooh! Are those Kendo classes really just a front for group sex? Maybe, though it's more likely a side-effect of ACC. Other popular destinations include SAF, Blaxett and Princes Gardens (risqué). Shockingly perhaps, someone claimed to have had sex on Queen's Lawn. To you sir/madam/other, I take my hat off. Somehow the Bessemer building and the Union minibuses have remained untouched. Let's not do something about that for next year's survey please.

The most adventurous students seem to come from the department of Chemistry, with Chemists having successfully planted their flag in eight College areas including Bone building, the Faculty Library and most Union spaces. Congratulations Chemists, you're clearly fearless. The least adventurous of the exhibitionists have proved to be Computing and Earth Science students who've only scored in their home building and the Union.



# Puppets answer everything you wanted to know about sex but were too afraid to ask



Acts in *Sex and Puppets* \\ Edie Edmundson, *Wondering Hands*



Ezra Kitson

*Sex and Puppets* will be at the *Brainchild and Shambala Festival*, summer 2017. National tour announced later.

**S**ex and Puppets is reimagining the way we talk about sex. A production by the puppet company *Wondering Hands* uses a series of witty sketches – composed from verbatim transcripts of real life experiences – to explore different aspects of sex.

It is directed by Edie Edmundson, who I interviewed last year for *felix* when she was the lead puppeteer in the *Little Match Girl* at *The Globe*. Edie hopes the show will help address the lack of proper sexual education given by the UK school system. She believes puppets help to make a subject that is often obscured by analogy or misrepresented in pornography, to be honestly talked about in way that is accessible.

I have first hand experience with the lack of useful sex education in schools, having attended a faith school that believed repeating "don't have sex before marriage" would adequately cover all the nuances of sexual education. It was, therefore, with

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considerable anticipation that I sat crammed in *People's Theatre* in Camden last Sunday, where the show would be on for one night only as part of the hotbed festival of sex.

I am happy to report that it did not disappoint. The performance was confident, well-choreographed, and delicately handled a range of issues, from first kisses, to some rather unusual sexual kinks. Most importantly, it was also really funny.

The venue perfectly suited the tone of the show. It was intimate and relaxed. Those

at the front were only a few metres away the puppets and the puppeteers, which allowed a good deal of audience interaction.

In the opening sketch, Fuzz, who looks a bit like a cross between a golden retriever and a pink Muppet, pesters the front row to allow him to access 18+ material on his tablet. When he is finally granted access, he grunts and reclines, proceeding to enjoy the material with help of an aubergine.

Some of the most effective parts are when the puppets acknowledge their puppeteers; in one sketch, after declaring some bold sexual fantasy, they turn to question their operators, who become comically shy and awkward. Through methods like these the puppets are allowed to grow as characters away from their puppeteers, becoming detached from the humans on stage and taking on rich personas of their own.

The show was funny, informative, and, visually, a delight. My favourite sketches were given by the puppets acting as STIs, including chlamydia, crabs, and genital warts. Someone at *Wondering Hands* has serious creative talent – these puppets were very skilfully designed; I've never seen crabs look so cute or genital warts so grumpy! I was also surprised at how effective the puppets were at giving medical advice, as a microbiologist, it was heartening to see accurate information being disseminated in such a fun way.

Reflecting on the whole performance, it is clear that *Wondering Hands* are doing something highly commendable. Puppetry is an excellent

medium to discuss sexual issues. The way we associate puppets with childhood means that it catches us unawares to hear puppets discussing topics on adult themes. We don't bring our guard up in the same way that we might be inclined to when a serious looking professional gives us information on the same topics. With the awkwardness out of the way, it's easier to engage with

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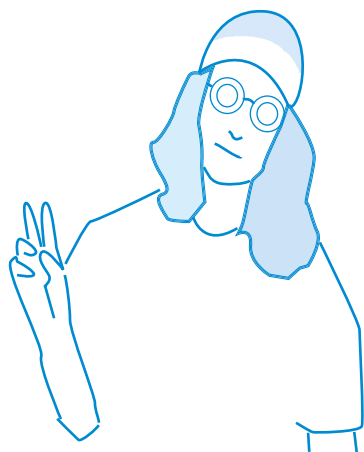
what is actually being said.

Edie hopes that in the near future she might be able to tailor a more child-friendly version of the show to be performed in schools. She tells me that they have lots of sketches stored up, so it's just a matter of choosing the best ones to perform.

The run may be over in Camden but there's another opportunity coming up soon; the next performance will be at *Brainchild and Shambala Festival* this summer, and there are plans to tour the UK later this year. I urge all of you to seek out this show. There'd a lot to learn from *Sex and Puppets*.



Acts in *Sex and Puppets* \\ Edie Edmundson/*Wondering Hands*

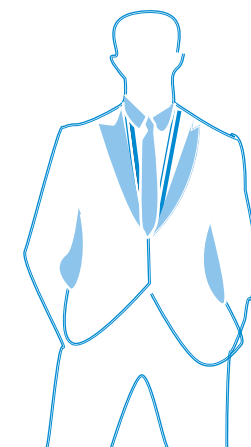


## Veganism is changing the way we eat but it's about to change the way we have sex

Jonathan Masters' got pee'd on by a horse to attract mates and set the tone of their column

## Sex is natural, unless it's not in which case keep it in your pants please

Monathan Jasters fondly talks about the day he lost his virginity (and also rants against gays)



VOS

**N**ow, I know I have spent many of these columns over the past year or so talking about my proclivity for 'inappropriate' relations with creatures of the animal persuasion, and although I hate to beat a dead horse (although that does sound pretty sexy), I may mention it again at some point. Perhaps. Probably. As you may be aware, since no-one else in the *felix* team had the opportunity to write anything this week, the issue is just about as thin as my tolerance for misgendering dogs and cats (those sexy gender-neutral cuties). So you might have noticed that a lot of effort has gone into creating a pull out section analysing the sex survey results, which is ironic since I know for a fact that the editor of the paper never pulls out.

I imagine like every year there will be numerous reports of porking in different places around campus, which is funny because I am always around handing out leaflets about identifying those who do experiments on animals but no-one seems to ask me if I want to join in. Luckily I carry around a hedgehog in my backpack just in case I get cold and lonely.

On a side-note, I recently started trying this new thing to attract the ladies where I spray myself with horse piss (the jury's out on whether's that's vegan). I'm hoping the natural musky pheromones will attract the females towards me on a purely biological level. As of the time of writing there are no interested parties but I'm sure that will start to change soon enough.

Since I am currently experiencing

a period of transient abstinence and a remarkable deficiency of animals, I have had to turn to synthetic ways of getting my almond nuts off.

In the days before I was turned by the great peachy light of veganism, I did have a... how do you describe it... masturbatory aid, (also known as a flesh light) although it was made of planet destroying plastics. In recent years, thanks to advances in modern science, we have been able to upcycle materials to create these aids and I have since started using one again! It is amazing what you can produce using just soya bean proteins and almond butter to get tingles all over your chi.

Also don't forget to register to vote in the next few days, and perhaps maybe, just maybe, we will finally have a Prime Minister who doesn't understand economics. Also Theresa May looks like she needs to masturbate. Jeez Louise.

**N**ow, I hate to rattle off this antiquated diatribe, but when it comes to sex I'm a man of scripture: it's Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve. Your buttock is an exit path rather than an alternative shortcut. To be quite honest, I hate to discuss this concept as mere mention of Adam and Steve makes me feel as though I'm about to puke up my guts. I mean two wieners should be kept five metres away from one another at all times. In fact I am currently developing a penis repellent system involving magnets so that if any of the gays get too frisky they will be unable to get through the magnetic field. I don't really understand magnets or physics to be entirely honest with you but hopefully this system will be fool-proof. If there are any known homosexuals currently reading this column I want to make an appeal to them to please just try to be normal - how can you know that you don't like diddling your fiddles in lady parts if you constantly spend your days putting them places where the sun don't shine?

All this chat about bumholes has taken me back. I remember losing my virginity - such a great coming of age moment it was. Of course I don't count that incident that occurred at camp with my cousin really, as it was experimental more than anything, and after several sessions at conversion therapy Brian is finally cured.

When I lost my purity to the carnal pleasures of this world it was a bleak and sullen day; it had been raining for weeks, but the rain had let up. It was around Christmas and my then

girlfriend had come over for the family's annual party. After several eggnogs we went upstairs and well, one thing led to another, she passed out, and then I ended up having sex with my aunt (no relation). In many ways I think that day shaped me and informed my entire outlook upon the world. I also developed a taste for oddly masculine looking women with maternal instincts but I think it's probably for the best not to delve too deep into that.

I'm sure you all know that sexuality is something that should be worn on your chest like large D-cup breasts, and it is something that you should never be ashamed of. Except if you are queer, lesbian, interracial, an ethnic, into watersports, or own leather trousers. Also keep it in your fucking house. And keep your curtains drawn. Thanks.

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# CRISIS

Chris

Dear Chris,

I just read the sex survey analysis and apparently if I don't get laid by the age of 21 I'm fucked (metaphorically sadly). Also apparently I've already missed on the 18s Fuckfest where/when everyone pops their cherry.

I'm freaking out dude. I don't want to die a virgin. Help?

Best,

Pew R

Dear Pew,

Deep breaths. Breathe in, breathe out, breathe in, breathe out. It's fine. You'll lose your virginity probably. If you really want to.

First off, let's tackle this incredulous rumour according to which if you don't lose your virginity by the age of 21 you'll keep it forever. It's my understanding that the origin of this rumour is a stupid felix survey (this is all news to me)? If there's one thing I've learned while writing for this rag it's not to believe anything in it.

Personally as a semi-scientist I like seeing things like p-values, standard errors and deviations, exact sample sizes and all that. If there was none of that in the survey analysis I wouldn't take any 'results' at face value. Having said that I am a sucker for fancy

graphics so don't take anything I say at face value either.

Secondly, there's always a way. I'm sure that all you need to do is relax, be yourself (maybe lower your standards a bit/a lot) and just you know, wait for the right moment.

Losing your virginity is nothing special. It's mostly a bit awkward and lame. If you ask me the virgins are the lucky ones; they've never had to know the awkward fumbling and compulsive crying that almost always go hand in hand with the loss of one's virginity.

So maybe just be happy with what you've got instead and don't be an ungrateful dick. Appreciate your purity, may it last forever.

Big luv,  
Chris xxxx

# HOROSCOPES



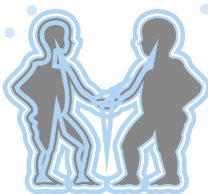
ARIES

This week you're Rob Garside and you're drunkenly harassing the felix team on print day. You are no friend of the cat.



TAURUS

This week you're gagging to read the Sex Survey. After reading it you decide to give gagging a try.



GEMINI

This week you realise those daily monsters are catching up with you. Those heart palpitations aren't going away.



CANCER

This week you're wet AF. You're the fucking weather.



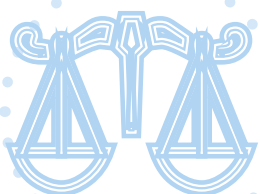
LEO

This week you're that cheddar, brie and marmalade panini that occasionally appears around campus. You're possibly the best thing to have even been offered in an IC cafe.



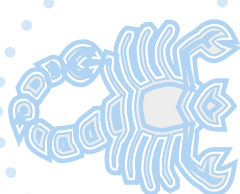
VIRGO

This week you get announced but no one had the tiniest clue who you are. You're the Summer Ball's headliners.



LIBRA

This week you're UCL and you decide to take competing with Imperial to a whole other level. You leak an exam AND force students to resit it. Fuck you Imperial. #realnews



SCORPIO

This week you're dodgy, you're making bold claims and you're causing people to raise an eyebrow. You're the Sex Survey statistics.



SAGITTARIUS

This week you're that one person who claims to have had sex on Queen's Lawn. No one believes you even though it's true. You decide to repeat the deed and Facebook live it.



CAPRICORN

This week you realise your partner thinks thinking of cheating counts as cheating. You're dating the thought police.



AQUARIUS

This week you decide to be the first Imperial student to try getting laid in a Union minibus. You scratch your dick in the process and get tetanus and die. But you will go down in history.



PISCES

This week after reading felix you decide to never, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever let anyone go near your genitals.



# Your Union events

Friday 19 May



**BPM**  
RNB, DEEP HOUSE, EDM, DNB & MORE

BPM (BEATS PER MINUTE) WILL GET YOUR HEART RACING WITH ITS CHANGING MUSIC SETS THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT  
FRIDAY 19 MAY  
20:00 - 02:00  
METRIC || FIVESIXEIGHT || THE UNION BAR

£1.50 GUESTLIST  
£2.50 ON THE DOOR

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**Pub Quiz**

Test your minds and enter the h-bar Pub Quiz! It's free to enter, and you and your team could win a £50 bar tab. Second prize is a bottle of house wine. New every Thursday!

Every Thursday  
19:30 - 23:00 / h-bar

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**BATTLE OF THE BANDS**  
**BB**  
2017

REYNOLDS BAR

**BATTLE OF THE BANDS**  
**THE FINAL**

You decide who wins!  
Garden Party, Two More Years and +65 are finalists of Battle of the Bands 2017!

Join us at the Reynolds Bar on  
Friday 26 May from 19:30.

£2.00 entry

There's £500 up for grabs for the winner, plus the chance to play at the Union's Summer Ball.

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## Coming up in our bars



metric FiveSixEight THE UNION BAR

**Super Quiz**  
Every Tuesday  
20:00-22:00

**Cocktail Night**  
Every Tuesday  
18:00-23:00

**CSP Wednesday**  
Every Wednesday  
19:00-01:00

**iPOP**  
Next Friday  
20:00-02:00



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**Pub Quiz**  
Every Thursday  
19:30-23:00

**PGI Friday**  
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REYNOLDS BAR

**Quiz Night**  
Every Monday  
18:00-23:00

**Board Games & Film Night**  
Every Tuesday  
18:00-23:00

**Sports Night**  
Every Wednesday  
18:00 onwards

**Pizza Night**  
Every Thursday  
18:00-2:00

**Battle of the Bands | Finals**  
Friday 26 May  
19:30 onwards



Foundry W3

**Quiz Night**  
Every Thursday  
19:30-22:00

**Sunday Roasts**  
Every Sunday  
All day

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## A message from our Officer Trustees: Register to vote in the General Election by 22 May



If you have not registered to vote in the UK general election you will need to register by Monday 22 May in order to vote on 8 June. Many students can vote in the but have not yet registered. The result of this would be that students cannot cast a vote, which will have a major impact on their lives, including their experiences over the course of their degree.

**Why should you leave it to other people to decide how your country is run?** You may be busy with exams, worried about jobs, but when you leave university the world which you enter will be decided by the decisions made by the population today. So register and read up. It's time to start engaging with politics!

Head to [aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://aboutmyvote.co.uk) for more information and to register.

## Imperial Plus needs YOU!

**Could you be a student trainer? Deliver ILM endorsed skills workshops to student volunteers at Imperial.**

We are looking for enthusiastic students who are excellent communicators, confident public speakers, are well organised, reliable and can think on their feet.

Gain experience of delivering workshops and develop your skills as a trainer by joining our team of Student Trainers for Imperial Plus. It's also a great opportunity to earn some extra cash!

We are committed to playing a key role in how students learn, develop and grow during their time at College, especially through the skills they learn through involvement in our activities. Imperial Plus gives our +2500 volunteers the opportunity to develop transferrable skills through workshops delivered by Student Trainers. We ensure our Trainers benefit from the experience too by providing them with training and ongoing support

Applications close on Monday 5 June. Interviews will take place on Wednesday 21 June 2017.

To find out more and apply visit: [imperialcollegeunion.org/student-trainer](http://imperialcollegeunion.org/student-trainer)

## Join our #helloicu crew for Welcome Week 2017



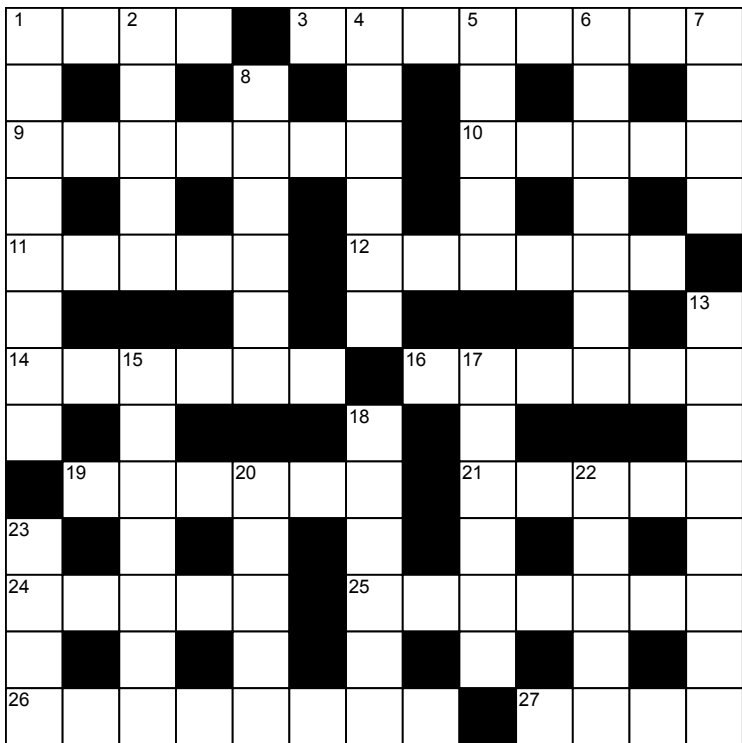
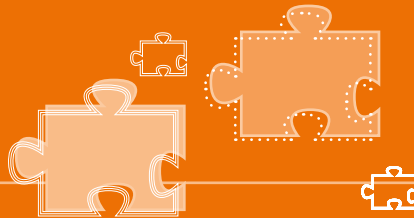
Starting out at a new university and moving to a new city can be a daunting prospect. We are recruiting a team of volunteers to be the friendly face to welcome all new students, being on hand to offer help and advice to relieve any nerves and concerns, who better than those who have been through the experience themselves?! Get involved in a whole host of activities taking place throughout Welcome Week and make it a week to remember! Shifts will be available between **Saturday 30 September - Tuesday 10 October** and induction session for all #helloicu crew members will be held on **Friday 29 September**.

which activities you take part in and can select shifts based around your commitments. What's more, all of your volunteering hours can be logged towards Imperial Plus making sure you get the formal recognition you deserve!

To sign up go to [imperialcollegeunion.org/helloicu](http://imperialcollegeunion.org/helloicu)



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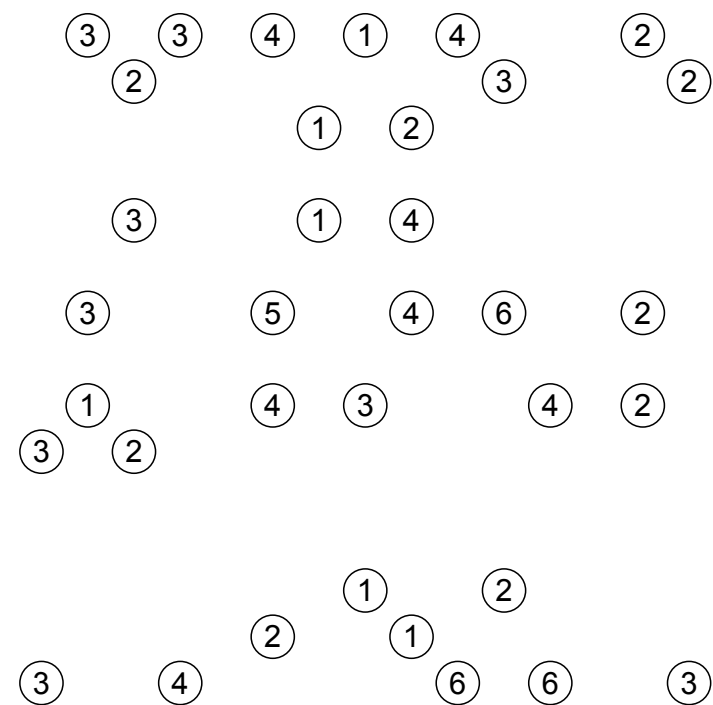


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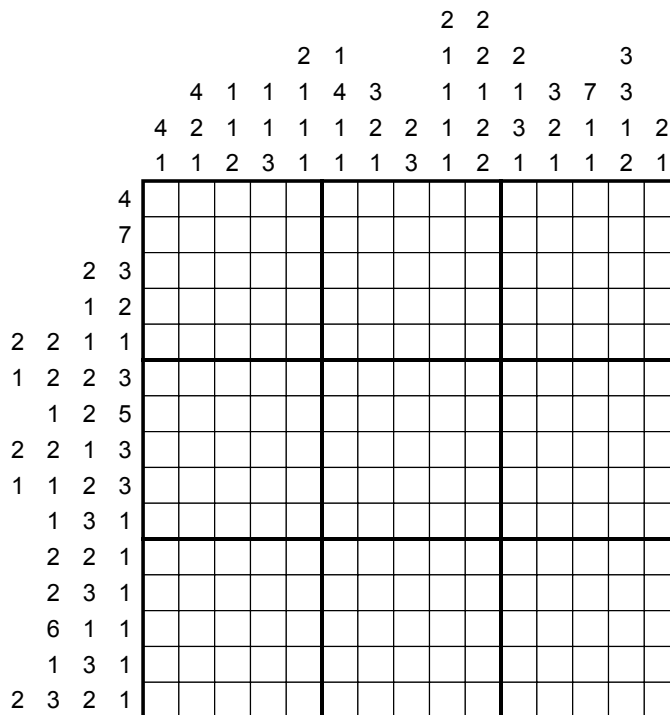
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- 9. Small oily fish (7)
- 10. 50s British car (5)
- 11. You may to impress (5)
- 12. Whole (6)
- 14. Rider of the black horse (6)
- 16. Olympian deity (6)
- 19. Ailing (6)
- 21. Derby venue (5)
- 24. Raise aloft (5)
- 25. Scoundrel (7)
- 26. Opposite (8)
- 27. Affix (4)

**Down**

- 1. Intermittently (2,3,3)
- 2. Perfect timing (2,3)
- 4. Priestley's discovery (6)
- 5. Restrict (5)
- 6. Red line (7)
- 7. Home of ceviche (4)
- 8. Bell Biv DeVoe song (6)
- 13. Begin (8)
- 15. Acknowledgement (7)
- 17. Dish containing saffron (6)
- 18. Quick (6)
- 20. Return (5)
- 22. \_ of the back (5)
- 23. Singers of Le Freak (4)



**Bridges.** Connect the circles with vertical and horizontal lines. No more than two lines can leave a circle in the same direction. The numbers indicate how many lines leave each circle and all circles must be connected. No lines may cross or pass over a circle.



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## Solutions

Send in your solutions to [fsudoku@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:fsudoku@imperial.ac.uk) before midday Wednesday to get your score added to our leaderboard. Make sure you include the name/team name that you'd like us to use!

