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Examinations canceled

This year's examinations have been cancelled after the discovery of printing errors in examination papers last week. The College says that it is now too late and too costly to reprint the papers, but academics hope to be able to make a fair assessment of students' performances from course work.

The printing mix-up was discovered on Tuesday when Mechanical Engineering students complained that they were unable to answer any of the questions on their Stress Analysis paper. Later in the day, Physics students sitting their second year Quantum Mechanics exam claimed that the paper was unacceptably easy.

Investigations by external examiners revealed that, owing to

errors made at the printing company, students had been mistakenly handed the plans for a Japanese lawn mower.

Professor Eric Laithwaite of Electrical Engineering admitted that he was 'baffled' when students asked him whether part MZ37 should slot into part CR251 or screw into PQRI.

Although examination papers throughout College have been withdrawn, academics have denied allegations that other departments have been affected.

But a source in Budget Printing Limited has admitted that the Biology examination had been mistakenly replaced by extracts from 'First Among Sequels', the latest book by Jeffery Archer.

Invigilators first noticed something was wrong when half of the students fell asleep during the exam although FELIX Deputy Editor, Chas Brereton later told reporters that he found the examination 'quite interesting.'

The source also admitted that the company had accidentally printed third year mathematics papers which made sense.

A spokesman from the Computing Department denied that there had been any mistakes with their exams and claimed that 'the liveware had interacted logically with the paperware with no obvious signs of system breakdown.'

The Rector, Professor Eric Ash, was reported to be looking for someone to blame.

Four Chinese students in hospital

Concern is mounting over the health of six members of the Chinese Society at the end of their one week 'eat in' in the Union Snack Bar.

Four of the students were taken into intensive care on Friday after suffering chronic malnutrition and food poisoning during their week long gesture of solidarity with students on hunger strike in Peking.

FELIX Deputy Editor Chas Brereton said that he was 'very concerned' by the incident and said that the Union would take every step possible to assist Chinese Society in their fight against political oppression in China.

He added 'No one can accuse us of being an uncaring Union. I will be delivering pot noodles to the students in hospital and shaking their hands personally. Off the record, it will be a great photo opportunity.'

Two of the students, Li Wong and Hen Fong were well enough to speak to FELIX yesterday.

'We lived on a diet of lentils and bread pudding for six days because we were angry at the intransigence of the Chinese Government,' said Mr Wong.

But whilst the 'eat in' has been seen as a great political gesture by the student body, it has renewed fears within the Union Office that portion sizes in the Union Snack bar may still be too large.

Speaking by live satellite from his yacht in the Bahamas yesterday, Union Finance Officer, Reginald Bohemia, said that portion sizes were costed on the basis that students eating there full time would be seriously emaciated within three days.

'The Chinese student's protest has revealed serious deficiencies in our portion control management. We have been practically giving food away' he said.



The Union Staff became overnight TV personalities when they appeared on University Challenge, facing Aberystwyth Polytechnic's Needlework Department. In a close and hard-fought contest IC scored 130 points to Bangor's 135 to reach overall last place, setting a new record of the overall lowest score ever achieved in University challenge. Ian Morris was said to be 'displeased' with the result. His body was later discovered by Police, after he had shot all the other teams, several police officers, Bamber Gascoigne and finally himself. Nigel Baker said, 'We are sorry to see Wendy go but this may improve our chances for next year.'

Letters

Deranged

Dear Nigel

Okay, I admit it, I am a figment of the deranged imagination of a FELIX hack, who, in a moment of stress, dreamt me up in an attempt to fill up an empty space that suddenly dropped through a freak wormhole in space and landed in the FELIX Office.

I really do not exist, therefore this and any further letters purporting to come from me are merely caused by temporal resonances from the original wormhole.

Yours

Dylan James

Shocked

Dear Nigel,

I am shocked, dismayed and disgusted by your continued deliberate policy of refusing to lose

or to forget to print letters by from Emmmannuell Saradakakiss. I cannot see why, when you easily manage to forget clubs articles by Roger Davies, you claim not to be able to lose letters from Mr Saradakadakis.

This is a disgraceful situation, and unless you co-operate immediately, I will write to the Ayatollah asking him to have you condemned to death.

Yours,

Alistair Goodall

Puzzled

Dear Nigel,

Something strange has just occurred to me, if Sidney Harbour-Bridge hates Imperial as much as he says he does, why has he stayed here for six years? Could somebody please explain this interesting paradox to me.

Yours

Extremely puzzled

Reviews



Me and my mates went to see this film after a night out on the town. Actually we wanted to see '3000 Virgins', which was on at the Cinema next door but the Manager took offence when we humorously questioned his sexuality. So we went to see this 'Snow White' thing.

Well to summarise the plot: there's this good looking bird called 'Snow White' who lives in some castle or the other, a bit like the one in 'Frankenstein and the Castle of Death'. This castle is run by some Queen (a real one this time unlike the manager) who spends half her time talking to the bloody mirror. Bit nuts, if you ask me. Funny thing is, that the mirror talks back. Now if I had a talking mirror I'd sell it off pretty damn quick, but all the queen seems to do is ask it 'Who's the fairest of 'em all' or something like that. Now its hardly surprising that the mirror eventually gets pissed off and tells her of this Snow White who's a hell of a lot hornier than she is.

Now, I was a bit drunk and I wasn't totally following the plot. But as far as I can remember, Snow

White runs off into a nearby forest and sneaks into an abandoned sort of holiday chalet like a log cabin sort of thing. Then there's this bit involving lots of animals, seven dwarvic men, and a very happy looking Snow White. I think at this point that I should mention that she is a rather tasty 32:22:32, which, although meagre for my tastes, is quite pleasingly curvy.

Now this queen is a nasty piece of work; as bent as a two bob note and a witch to top it all off. And she looks like one. Well, this tart decides to bump little Snowy off, and this witch is dead sneaky about it.

First she gets this apple which is half red and half green, polishes it up nicely, then as a finishing touch poisons the red half.

Now, this ponsey Prince arrives, who does nothing for the storyline. He kisses the 'dead' Snow White; guess this guy must be a necrophiliac. Bet he's a bit shocked when she wakes up and tongues him back. Mind you, I bet he's not at all pissed off; who would be. They fall in love straight away, must be a good kisser this Prince, and she rides off on the back of his horse. Personally, I think she should have stayed in the forest where there was at least the...

...a sequel what with the possibility of... and dwarvic sex. That would be better than '3000 virgins' anyway.



Editorial

My week spent as FELIX Editor was a very enlightening and revealing experience. Of all the things which struck me this week, none was more surprising than the ease with which such a large publication could be put together.

It is quite apparent that the FELIX editor is very much under-worked. Take this edition of FELIX for example; it was put together from scratch in only three hours.

I found myself asking why the FELIX Editor shouldn't be given more of the Union Office responsibilities to relieve us Union Sabbaticals of our overpoweringly heavy work load. Is there any reason why he or she should not be made responsible for cleaning the floor of the Union Office and making the Union staff tea and coffee?

Yet, whilst Mr Goodwin goes to great pains to point out how overworked he is, he persistently abuses FELIX for his own ends. Take last weeks story alledging reduced portion sizes in the Caterpillar Cafe. It was completely fabricated! Infact I have arranged for portion sizes to be doubled, and I am paying for this OUT OF MY OWN POCKET!

Not only this, he has blatently printed defamatory lies about myself in order to turn everyone else in College against me. And he has succeeded.

Isn't it about time that the Union took editorial control of FELIX to prevent these lies being perpetrated any further? It is obvious that all FELIX Editors are COMPLETELY DERANGED and that only a person with intelligence enough to take up the heavy burden of Union Presidency should be allowed to decide what should be printed in FELIX.

Mr Goodwin is not only a bad FELIX editor, he is downright corrupt. It is common knowledge that Mr Goodwin is a member of the Freemasons, but less widely known is the fact that he buys paper at twice its normal price as part of a shady Masonic deal with a local grand master. Not only this, but he gives a free photocopying service for people with funny handshakes.

But Mr Goodwin has not stopped there. Driven by an insane hatred of the Irish, he has persistently persecuted anyone he suspects of having Irish Ancestry and has charged them double for photocopying. Just look at the way he has treated Emmanuel Saradikis; he has printed all of his letters thus making the man look a complete fool.

Finally, I should make it clear that Mr Goodwin is a pervert who only washes once a month, never changes his socks, is bald and wears a wig.

Credits

Thanks firstly to myself for producing such a superior edition of FELIX, Sez Wilkinson for groveling at my feet, Dave Smedley for boosting my ego, Doug King for doing all the menial jobs which were beneath me, Adam Harrington for sweeping the floor, Rose and Dean who don't really deserve thanks as they are paid to be here, and all the clubs whose budget I threatened to cut if they did not help collate.

Nigel Scamus Baker XX

Opinionated

The edited highlights of previous opinion articles by the Mislamic society.

Let me begin by clarifying that Prophets who appeared at different times and places, though not simultaneously. All propagated the same faith, but not in the same way and by using different means. These alien elements were eliminated by God and Mislam in its pure and original form. Indeed the propagations which were thus propagated have been improperly presented by the protagonists of prophecy. (iii) This original message was corrupted and split into various meta-religions by people of different ages; some were 36, whilst others were almost 37. These people (peace be upon them) indulged in interpolations and admixture. (iv) Porridge (i) The life of Motorhead and the manor in which he conducted himself was also recorded in a unique manor by his companions (peace be upon them) and by later compilers of the Tradition. A more complete and authentic account of life has never

been compiled.

How is this knowlege conveyed? Not through the operations of some publishing house. At the preliminary stage we gain knowlege through empirical observation of Walt Disney cartoons. Mickey Mouse (peace be upon him) has been seen by many people to be a prophet, but does not actually appear in the holy book of Zod. This does not make him any less a prophet than Dylan James (cow dung be upon him).

(ix) He is man's single diety. To associate anyone in His worship is as greater sin as it is an act of infidelity. Not to ask of him is senseless arrogance. To seek of him, and also of others is to associate equals with him.

So in conclusion there can be no greater instrument of moral reformation nor any better method to help man develop a sound and stable character than anything other than this pile of platypus droppings (peace be upon them).

PS. If you don't print this article in full we will execute you and burn down the FELIX office.

Streets of Shame



Caught in the act! FELIX photographers snapped Council Chairman Neil McCluskey sneaking into a seedy London house of ill-repute. Mr McCluskey was so embarrassed when his cover was blown that he quickly covered his head with a brown paper bag. What will naughty Neil get up to next?

Kazoo

Drinking songs

Imperial College Kazoo Orchestra will be holding a recital of German Drinking songs on December 25. Included in the repertoire will be 'get your kit off darling', and the highly acclaimed 'Give us another pint or I'll kick your teeth in farty breath.' Both pieces were composed by the eminent kazoo Virtuoso Karl von Tippex. Also featured will be the Hungarian Folk Music ensemble who will be playing a selection of Motorhead classics especially arranged for the kazoo by Phil Spector. Tickets for the event cost 12 rupees each and can be obtained from Bartholemew Hepton-Widdly Man Con 3.

Cough mixture

Tasting

Our evening of cough mixture tasting certainly proved popular with over 20 people attending - infact it was a real wheeze. As you

may be aware, we have a number of cough mixtures on special offer this week. Top of the list are Nightnurse cold remedy, Benelin (a fine bouquet and good up front), and Veno's cough linctus which drinks well into the bottle.

Don't forget our speaker meeting on January 12th when Mucoid Sneezalot will be talking on remedies for smokers cough.

Weasel

Basil killed by m.m.m

Last week's weasel race was a great success. Thanks to the 10 contestants who entered their weasels for this event. The clear winner was Jingle Bells, owned and trained by Dave Smedley, closely followed by Fiona Nicholas owned and trained by Nigel Baker. Commiserations are in order for Basil the three legged weasel who was cheered on by the crowd as he staggered over the line only to be run over by Clementine, the Mines Motorised Mascot.

Our next event will be a weasel pub crawl on January 5th. Meet at the Ferret and Firkin at 8pm.

Meanwhile good news for our lobby of Parliament which is due to take place next term; Mary Whitehouse has agreed to present a talk on the morality of abortion on demand for weasels. Happy weaseling.

Ind Soc

Pot Noodle freebie

Well kiddies, naughty FELIX has been up to no good again. As we all know, the club did not take its executive officers out to the Savoy for a £25 per head slap up meal. However, in recognition for the hard work put in to the Careers Fair, over 100,000 man hours, we took out four students chosen at random down to Sainsbury's for a pot noodle. Which reminds me, our next visit will be a trip to a baked bean canning factory where we should have fun observing the oppressed working class sticking labels onto tin cans. Book early as places are limited. Finally I would like to thank Nigel for turning a blind eye, United Sprockets for

giving us a back hander and Margaret Thatcher who is more of a man than Neil Kinnock will ever be.

Bigots Soc

Intolerance

This is a new body set up by popular demand from Islamic Soc, ConSoc, Student Socialist Worker Soc, RSMU, Third World First and pretty well everyone else too immature to recognise that some other people may hold different opinions from them. Our aims will be to publish regularly in FELIX biased and one sided articles insulting to the intelligence of the average student (This has been done before but with no underlying co-ordination). We will also instigate long and purile arguments in the FELIX letters column via missives of unparalleled narrow-mindedness and boredom.

Membership is open to anyone who still has the mentality of a playground bully and with our exciting program of book-burning, Gay/Jew/Lefty/Black bashing (delete as appropriate) and heckling of speakers at debates we will have no shortage of members, especially at such a bastion of arrogant self-importance as IC!

IC Wins Americas cup

Imperial College boat club stormed to victory in the final leg of the Americas cup series.

The victory was totally unexpected by most sailing experts, who predicted that the multi million dollar American yacht, which had seven hulls and a crew of ninety-three people, would win easily.

However, nobody had allowed for the I.C. team's secret weapon. The I.C. crew contained all three sabbaticals from the Union office, and at the start of the race they all stood at the back of the boat and started making speeches simultaneously. The huge quantities of hot air thus produced propelled the I.C. boat to an easy victory, being timed at a maximum speed of three hundred and twenty seven m.p.h.

Union President Nigel Baker later was asked to comment on having missed breaking the water speed record by only 4.7 m.p.h. and replied that he and his colleagues were not in good form on the day,

and should be able to produce far more meaningful waffle during a future attempt, which is being scheduled for the Summer.



In Brief

Top academics at Imperial have recently discovered a new group of particles, the existence of which has previously only been inferred. Extensive study of College lecture theatres and tutorials has proven beyond doubt that both lecturers and problem sheets emit large numbers of particles called 'confusions.'

These particles, which have a spin of mu minus transmit intense waves of confusion to any student struck by them. It is surprising that these particles have not been discovered before as they are too be found in great abundance at IC.

Another particle in the same family is the Borion, a particle which transmits boredom. If large numbers of Borions and confusions are confined, for example in a lecture theatre, they interact to produce an extremely powerful depressive field. This has the effect of warping the time-subjectivity continuum, thus allowing a one hour lecture to last for much longer.

Researchers have deduced that the maximum possible depressive field intensity, known as the Schwartzchild intensity would be capable of making a one hour lecture last 37 hours.

Strenuous attempts have been made to reach this barrier, particularly in Mechanical Engineering lectures, but due to the log inverse square relationship between depressive field strength and particle concentration, the maximum subjective time dilation coefficient so far reached is 36.9993, achieved in a lubrication lecture.

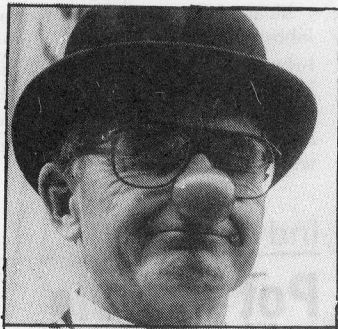
The discovery of the two particles has led to the postulation of two anti particles of opposite spin, the interestion and the understandon. Unfortunately, in common with many other particle-anti particle systems, the anti particles are incredibly rare.

Smith wins pools

College Secretary, John Smith, has announced his intention to retire after winning 3.5 Million pounds on the Football Pools.

Mr. Smith, 22, told FELIX: 'Its amazing: all I did was put down eight crosses at random, exactly like marking an exam paper. I'm overjoyed'

Sources in Sherfield say that Mr. Smith went to see the Rector, Eric Ash, immediately after learning of his win. Professor Ash has refused to tell FELIX what had happened during the meeting but it is reported that the words 'F*** O** Eric, I can afford to leave now' were heard by the entire fifth floor.



Mr. Smith says that he will be spending the money on buying the government of a small Caribbean Island.

Opportunity Knocks

The Rector, Professor Eric Ash stunned audiences with his performing budgerigars in 'Bob Says Opportunity Knocks' on Friday.

The crowds were stunned into silence as the Prof and his talented birds stole the show and defying all predictions gained the evening's highest clapometer reading.

The Rector will be making a second appearance on the show next week when he will thrill the nation with his African Tree-frog impressions.

The College switchboard was jammed with desperate A & R reps from CBS and EMI anxious to sign up a major new talent after last week's show.

Bob Monkhouse told FELIX that he was 'very very very happy' for the Rector.

'He's a lovely, lovely man' he added 'and he deserves every success in life'

The Rector refused to confirm or deny rumours yesterday when FELIX managed to get through the jammed switchboard to speak to him, that he was considering quitting academia for show-buisiness.

Midnight FELIX horror

Person or persons unknown gained entry to the FELIX office in the middle of the night this Thursday to produce a spoof edition of FELIX, called fido.

A source interviewed in the FELIX office said 'A jokes a joke, but to print something this boring goes beyond the bounds of satire.

Fido includes three pages of information copied from government leaflets about Poll Tax, a two page expose of future plans for the Bookshop (yawn), and a one page extract from a cookery book. Spare space has also been filled with large numbers of adverts.

Late News

We have just heard that due to a computer error, Mr. John Smith, was overpaid for his pools win. A spokesman for Littlewood's Pools told FELIX: 'Mr. Smith's original cheque has been invalidated and his new cheque for £3.50 is to be posted on as soon as possible.'

Sources in Sherfield says that Mr. Smith is now taking steps to placate the Rector and to get his job back. He was last seen entering the Rector's Office carrying a can of boot polish and some hand cream.