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Election Results Flysheet

The results of the Imperial College Union sabbatical Elections were released at 8.00pm last night, the counting having taken just over two hours. The most votes were cast for the post of President, with 921 in total, of which 55 were spoilt. Second was Deputy President, with 850 votes. Third and fourth were Hon Sec (Events) and Felix Editor respectively, with 832 and 821 votes apiece.

The results were; Zoe Hellinger for the post of President, Jonathan Griffiths for Deputy President and Steve Farrant for Hon Sec (Events). The post of Felix Editor being won by Adam Harrington.

Miss Hellinger won the race for President with 408 votes, her nearest rival being Michael Newman with 183 votes. Deputy President was much closer, with 494 votes for Jonathan Griffiths, and 356 for New Election, as was Hon Sec (Events), to a lesser degree, with 504 votes for Steve Farrant, and 328 for New Election. The other convincing success was for Felix Editor, with 614 votes for Adam Harrington, and 207 for New Election.

Zoe Hellinger was the only candidate to



From the left: Jonathan Griffiths, Zoe Hellinger, and Steve Farrant.

gain the support of the St Mary's voters, with 135 votes vs a total of 38 viable papers for the other candidates. All the other candidates were out-numbered nearly two to one by new election in the papers received from the medical hospital.

Around 15% of the eligible voters at Imperial actually completed at least one paper, as opposed to over 19% last year. Yet in a recent survey conducted by members of the Felix staff over 80% of students questioned expressed negative views towards the Union.

Editorial

So, they're over. The whole sabbatical election caboodle is finished. Writing an editorial is all about giving my view on a subject. So here goes...

It sucks. Fifteen percent of you voted. If someone came up to you and asked you what you thought of the Union, what would you say? I know from actually asking people that very few would say 'It does a storming job', or something along those lines. Nearly everybody at this college complains about the Union: 'It doesn't do enough'. 'I think it's a load of rubbish..'. 'What do they do?'. 'It doesn't involve enough students'. 'Who are they and what do they do?'. 'It's shit... it's uncaring and doesn't have the students

interests at heart'.

These are actual quotes from students here, ie YOU. Yet, if you feel this way, ask yourself: Did you read the manifestoes in Felix? Did you bother to look at the candidates posters? Did you bother to read their hand-outs? Did you bother to go along to the Hustings? Did you bother to vote? In short, did you bother?

Each of those would have taken between thirty seconds and ten minutes of your time. How many of you can say yes to more than half? Judging by the voting figures, I'd say more than 85% of you didn't. You didn't bother. But of those 85%, how many of you would

complain if someone asked you about the Union? Be honest. You don't have to tell anybody, just ask yourself. Then, next time you feel like complaining about the Union, whether to a friend or to Felix, ask yourself if you voted. Ask yourself if you tried to do anything. Ask yourself if you got involved. Ask yourself if you bothered.

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