



# ROAR!

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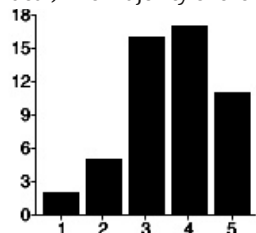
## Emma wants water

Thirsty students say 'let us drink and be merry!'

ROAR! can reveal this that the overwhelming majority of Emma students do not agree with College policy against bottled water in the library, with some going as far to say it is **INSULTING**.

In a survey on the ROAR! submission page we asked students for their opinions on two burning college issues: accommodation and the library. The latter proved extremely contentious.

First, the good news. We can confirm that most students are happy with the library coffee room. The following graph shows the (encouraging) responses to the question 'On a scale on 1-5, how would you rate the coffee room system?' (1 being terrible, 5 being ideal) The majority of the 51



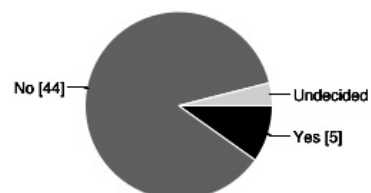
people who answered the survey said that they used the coffee room once a week, but many seem to see it as their second

home, with 7 people admitting using the room 'multiple times a day'.

Repeated suggestions for improvement included the use of an EPOS system rather than paper slips, and requests for food and more hot chocolate, but most people seemed to agree with the commenter who declared 'I LOVE the coffee machine!'.

**Most seem to agree that if we're happy with the Wates Room, we should remember to abide by its rules, which are pretty fair: no coffee outside. Or it will be closed, which would be rubbish!**

But most of you vehemently disagree with one aspect of the library rules, which dictate that you are not allowed any liquid, even BOTTLED WATER, elsewhere in the library. This pie chart represents the responses to 'Do you agree with college policy against bottled water in the



**library?'. I think it speaks for itself. 86% of you believe we SHOULD be allowed water bottles in the library.**

The comments were revealing. Many were more angry variants of 'The chances of spilling a sealable bottle of water are extremely small and any damage caused is significantly less likely than damage caused by allowing people to take books out of the library where they will be drinking and eating near books.', and a lot of students made the point that **current medical advice recommends we drink 2.5 litres of water PER DAY** - particularly in the sweltering heat of exam term, water is an essential part of most people's revision plan. Many understand that coffee and food are damaging to books, but find it 'ridiculous' that 'harmless' water is banned, even though many faculty libraries allow it. ROAR! has heard complaints of unopened bottles being confiscated.

A tiny number of you agree with college with one commenter saying that 'if people can't follow the rules in the first place, then they don't deserve it.' **Full results online soon!**

## Notices

### This is England

**Dir:** Shane Meadows

**Starring:** Thomas Turgoose, Stephen Graham, Joe Gilgun

presented by Cinemma

*It's 1983 and school is out. Twelve-year-old Shaun is a lonely boy growing up in a grim town up in the North. Over the course of the summer holiday he befriends a group of (lovely) local skinheads. With his pent-up rage and frustration, Shaun finds exactly what he needs in the gang: mischief, mayhem and brotherhood. He also meets the volatile and boorish Combo, an older skinhead who sees himself in Shaun. Adopting Shaun as his protege, Combo leads the gang down a hate-spewing path that culminates in an irreversible act of violence. Surely one of the best British films of recent times, if not of all time (I know I say that a lot, but it's always true). A very good way to spend a Sunday evening indeed.*

Rotten Tomatoes - 93%

IMDB - 7.8/10

**When:** Sunday 13th, 9pm

**Where:** Queen's Building lecture theatre

**Price:** Free, as always

### Wanted: freshers' reps!

Calling all first years! Your freshers week was coordinated by four freshers' reps... we're looking to appoint four people for next year! You would be involved in helping out the freshers, designing their freshers' week timetable, and so on. Ask Max Foreman, Eva Pappenheim, Tom Marriott or Vivi Goodger, this year's reps, if you want to know more!

Send your application, and any questions about the role or applying, to [vicepresident@ecsu.org.uk](mailto:vicepresident@ecsu.org.uk) by **Thursday**. Interviews will be held afterwards.

### Say hello with a conscience!

Brand new ethically produced cards available in the shop! The ECSU Shop has teamed up with Cards from Africa to sell cards via honesty boxes in the shop. The greeting cards cost £2.50 each and are produced by orphaned young adults in Rwanda, providing them with a sufficient income to look after their siblings and invest for the future. Please spread the word and support this cause.

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**ROAR! submission deadline: Monday 10am**

**CU SU** ELECTIONS  
Cambridge University Students' Union 2011 - NOW!

## USE YOUR VOTE

Your vote counts and can make a difference!

**Vote online on Tuesday**  
([cusu.cam.ac.uk](http://cusu.cam.ac.uk)), or on paper in **Front Court on Wednesday** (12.30-7pm)

Manifestos are on display in Front Court!

**ECSU** Emmanuel College Students' Union

## Open Meeting

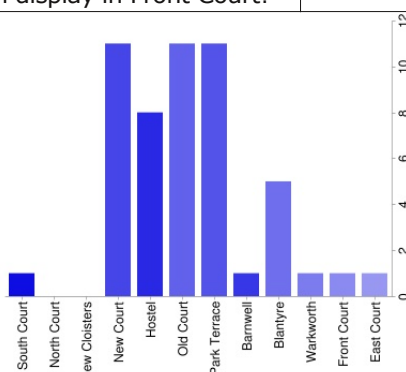
Sunday, Old JCR

On the agenda: SAFE, food, summer welfare, the ballot system, and more!

ECSU is here to represent all of us, come and make your voice heard!

## Image of the week

These are the responses to 'If you could live anywhere in college, where would it be?'. Who picked South Court?!



## Politics Society

We are proud to announce our second debate of the year on Monday 14th March at 7pm-9pm in the Old Library.

At the time of printing, the debate title is yet tbc, but look out for posters, Facebook events and the mailing list for more information! If anyone is interested to speak or in joining the Politics Committee please e-mail Shek on [ak656@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ak656@cam.ac.uk).

## Letters

Whilst I've enjoyed recent issues I am concerned that you have trivialised a great college institution. While Roar used to be a piece of serious journalism under the previous editor (remember his cutting undercover expose of his own day in his editorial) I feel you have turned Roar into little more than something people enjoy once a week. Roar is not there to be enjoyed, it is there to inform. If there is not an increase in facts and a decrease in humour then I am afraid that students will have their fill of fun from your paper and events such as bar extensions will become a sombre but academic affair.

**Emmett Harvard**

**Anon comment of the week:** I might just haemorrhage and/or vomit all over the books to prove a point that in comparison to what we've got inside us (with a secure biological ""lid"" on), water is harmless (especially if it also has a lid on).

*Think you're funny? Email [roar@ecs.u.ac.uk](mailto:roar@ecs.u.ac.uk), or use the anonymous form at [tinyurl.com/roarpekingduck](http://tinyurl.com/roarpekingduck)*

## The Peking Duck

**Now in extra-big font.**

So stop complaining that you can't read the most unsubtle gossip column in existence.

The Duck intercepted this text from one second year to another: "Ahem. *ILY*. Want to taste my focaccia? Ran a half-marathon this week. It was for you. xx"

Great *scott*! One first year girl got quite close to a friend's younger brother. Kinky, kinky.

Does it *matter* to you that Queen Lizzie opened the Queen's Building?

One boy didn't need a *jonny*, after finding that going down on Downing isn't quite impressive enough.

MASSIVE NEWS: The Lions went on a swap. And they drank alcohol.

Oh and people keep telling me I'm sleeping with Marriott. It is news to me, but enough people have submitted it that it must be true. No gossip about Paul Maynard this week. He still isn't a player.

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With thanks to the porters, the Bursary, the pigeonholers and the Master for some awesome pre-drinks.



## Sport

# Boaties are cool, honest

I know none of you believe me, but rowing is actually fun

### Rowing

M1 - down 1  
W1 - up 1  
M2 - up 3  
W2 - no change  
M3 - no change

Bumps week is a time of great excitement for boaties and great annoyance to everyone else. What most people don't realise is that while we race all year, the other races don't count. Bumps is everything we train for, the sole reason we get up at stupid o'clock to row in sub zero rainstorms, and the most fun we have all term. Bumps isn't fair - so much depends on luck and circumstances - but who could argue that crashing into other boats isn't a pretty cool way to spend a week?

Unfortunately, our W3 and 4 boats, both very strong crews, didn't get onto the races this year - but well done to them for a massive commitment, and we hope you'll all be back to attack the Mays.

Our M3, mostly composed of last term's novices, fought hard, but were bumped on the first day by Clare Hall (who ended up going up 6 places). After rowing over, on day 3 they managed to hit Sidney II, meaning they stayed level.

W2 rowed extremely well, bumping Maggie on the second day, but they were eventually out-rowed on day 4 by the Murray Edwards first boat, who got blades. Kudos to a very strong crew - the fastest second women's boat on the entire river! M2 were much more successful. After an amazing 20-stroke bump on Darwin on day 1, they bumped up another two places in the next three days, to become our highest-rising boat this term!

The first men had a difficult week. An easy bump on King's on day 1 was followed by a lacklustre row over on day 2, where we all agree we should have had the bump. This meant that on day 3 we were being chased by Peterhouse, who were definitely the faster crew and bumped us early. Going into the last day, we knew that it was our chance to prove our worth, and we rowed very well, but eventually succumbed to Maggie on the reach. There is definitely a lot of potential there for Mays!

The Most Dramatic Week award, however, goes to W1, who lost the

headship last year. Two awesome bumps on days 1 and 2 left Emma in second place, chasing a stupidly fast Downing crew for head position. On day 3 they didn't manage it, rowing over. Day 4, then, was the final chance. The girls fought valiantly, brandishing their blades like weapons, but it wasn't enough, and they were bumped by Pembroke, just metres from the finish. An epic battle, of which they should be proud.

This year we had some of our strongest Lents crews in some time. Credit for this goes to the countless coaches, Pete the boatman, the LBCs (Clanders, Charlotte, Murdoch and Byron) and particularly our excellent captains, Andy and Sophie. Thanks also to Abi for organising BCD. I was going to say it was an unforgettable night, but I don't actually remember very much...

**Matt**

### Netball - Women

Got to cuppers semis!

Woo! Well, the Emma netballers definitely finished the season on a high, with an INCREDIBLE performance at cuppers on Sunday! Despite losing two of our treasured players to the thrills of sky-diving, we still pulled off four great victories and a nail-bitingly close semi-final. Our first match against ARU ended in a 7-5 win for Emma, but better was still to come! We went on to beat Newnham 2nds 6-1, Trinity 2nds 14-0 and Catz 1sts 7-0! This made us top of the group and so we went through to the semi-final... After re-energizing at brunch we headed over to Downing courts for the semis. Our opposition was to be John's, who beat us 21-13 earlier in term. However, this didn't stop us giving them a hard time; at one point it was 6-6! Although the final score was 6-9 to John's, the atmosphere was amazing and it was a fantastically competitive match. Together with the Jaffa cakes and Haribo that followed, this was the perfect way to end the tournament and the season. A massive well done to everyone for playing so amazingly! Finally, I just want to say farewell and good luck to the 3rd years, for whom cuppers was their Emma netball finale. And to the rest of you, see you on court next season!

**Ira Kleine**

### Badminton (not tennis... sorry!) - Men

Emma 5 - 4 Trinity

Reciprocating the success of the Tompkin's table, we can once again laugh in the face of Trinity as we beat them in something else. Nevertheless, it didn't look that way when we started the fixture.

Once again, the Emma team had been barraged with unforeseen circumstances that had deprived the team of two crucial members. Without them we would have needed to forfeit 3 games. Ben 'The Beard' Kirby had a 'beardwave' to change the pairings due to the missing individuals; conveniently creating the pair of 'the Beard and the Beast' that is Charlie and Ben.

The first game started with me and Yuming, against Trinity's 1st pair. It wasn't before long that we settled into our rhythm, crushing the opponents to having less than 10 points. At this point I decided to imitate some 'flair' that I had seen on youtube; allowing for the opponent to catch up. However, in fine style, the match was finished 21-12.

Next on was 'The beard and the beast'. Having never played with each other before, the pair had to find their feet, hitting some clear cut winners into the net or out. But it was clear there was something special about the power of 'the beard and the beast'. As Charlie 'the beard' Collins attempted a smash, the sheer power of his shot saw the shuttlecock melt into his racket and having to replace his racket. Despite a 17-21 loss, 'the beard and beast' was clearly a pairing of unpredictable power.

To delay time until our players arrived, Yuming and I decided to finish off our matches first. Having demolished Trinity's 1st pair, we found the remaining matches easy, were I continued to show some 'flair'; almost catching my own crown jewels.

Having put 3 games in the bag, our two missing individuals turned up, and with 'the beard and the beast' added 2 more games to the bag. As we left the courts, we felt a certain smugness defeating yet another former 1st division foe.

**Roger Yin**

Thanks to all those who submit regular reports! [roar@ecs.u.ac.uk](mailto:roar@ecs.u.ac.uk)

## Riddle corner

Last week we asked... A green house has four green walls which all face south. A bear walks past. What colour is the bear? The answer is... a polar bear. The house must be on the North Pole. **This week:** What English word retains the same pronunciation, even after you take away four of its five letters? Answer next week.

## Yearbook photo, deadlines

The deadline for editing pages, submitting photos and voting on polls is this **Friday 11th March**. Sports/societies articles by **Friday 18th**.

**The whole year photo for the book will be taken 3pm this Sunday** on the Paddock. Please be there - it should only take 15 minutes and will be awesome!