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Bar prices rocket

The bursar decides to make us pay even more

Sad news, comrades. After not even a year at the current prices, College management is forcing Emma Bar to add 5-10% to the cost of all drinks.

Let's put that into perspective: a pint of Fosters cost £1.35 in October 2009, and went up to £1.80 last year. Under the new price scheme, it will cost about £2. That's a massive increase, which the Bursary probably hopes we won't notice due to being in the midst of exams.

A bar manager refused to comment when asked whether he thought the price increases were unfair, but he pointed out that our Bursar 'is an economist'.

It will now be much better value for Emma students to go to the non-student (and notoriously anti-student on the weekends) bar The Regal, where the cheapest pint (Ruddles, a darn sight nicer than Fosters) costs a mere £1.55 in comparison. Rumour has it (unconfirmed) that College has some kind of stake in the building which houses The Regal... ironic?

Compare this to St Catz JCR bar, in Oxford, which I found by Googling. Their website lists a pint of Olde English cider (similar to Strongbow) at 88p.

ROAR! asked various students for their opinions, which ranged from 'this is ridiculous' to 'how are students arriving next year, who

will be paying fees of £9000, supposed to be able to buy a pint of beer at this rate of increase?'. Not one student seemed to find any reasonable justification.

So why? One main reason has been suggested for the increase: a significant decrease in profits (around 30%) last term compared to last year. The profit claim seems unfair, given that much of the bar's money last term was spent on the very necessary re-covering of the blue seating and giving parts of the bar a lick of fresh paint. This essential expenditure was all added to the

bar's account and was a big factor in the supposed loss.

The managers also report a loss in clientele. Second-years and third-years seem to agree that on a regular basis the bar is a lot less full than last year - and this, according to many, is because the prices are too expensive and it's cheaper just to stay in rooms and drink cans. One second-year linguist, who asked to remain

nameless, said 'I have really

toned down my bar visits. One drink now costs the same as my hall lunch - so if I want to have a couple of pints with a friend I end up spending money that I really don't have. If the prices go up again, it won't increase profits, because I reckon even more people will stop buying drinks.'

The bar managers this year have been working harder than ever to save money. They have kept a careful eye on workers' tabs and at the start of this term cut the number of workers per shift from four to three. Given how much effort they have put in, it seems a shame that our 'student-run JCR Bar' isn't really controlled by the students.

Some students asked if this was an attempt to curb student drinking. A third-year medic commented that 'if so, College is being unfair. Emma students are notoriously sensible. The occasional incident occurs, but on the whole, we play fair. There is seldom trouble in the bar - and if we can't drink there without paying stupid prices, we're much more likely to drink obscene amounts of cheap lager in our rooms.' ROAR! strongly doubts that College has any kind of agenda, and believes the reasons are purely financial, but agrees with the idea that Emma students are trustworthy.

A date doesn't appear to have been set, but it looks like change is inevitable. Bad times.

What do you think? Is there a better solution?

A questionnaire about the bar will soon be up on tinyurl.com/roarpekingduck, or you can send an email to roar@ecsu.org.uk. It's your bar, let's hear what you think.

In other news:

Bar extension was forgettable, but only because I had drunk too much. Well done to Jess and Theo and Maynard for particularly good sets, and a massive thankyou to the bar managers for organising a brilliant set of bar extensions this year.



Image of the week

Get your towels, because Ladies and Gentlemen I have an announcement to make: **THE POOL IS OPEN!**



Want to be a subject parent?

Calling all first years... The time has come round for subject parent applications for 2011-12.

Applications can be submitted online at http://ecsu.org.uk/subject_parents/

The deadline is midnight on Monday 16th May. Successful applicants will be informed by Monday 23rd May.

Notices

Message from the Head Porter

Open Doors and Windows

As the summer gets closer and the days get warmer it becomes more and more tempting to leave doors and windows open.

If you do so please remember that it is not just a cool breeze that you allow into your house or staircase. We have already had a purse stolen from a room by someone simply reaching in through an open window and taking same.

Please be aware of the risks with leaving doors and window open and take appropriate steps to protect your and your colleague's property. If you do loose stuff because you have left a door or window open there is a good chance that your insurance company will not pay out.

Plug in Air Fresheners

You can buy air fresheners that plug into the mains sockets from most of the supermarkets.

When you plug them in a built in heating element warms a liquid up which then gives off a pleasant aroma which freshens the room, very nice you may think.

Unfortunately there is a definite down side to their use. When the liquid has evaporated the heating element still continues to work and can cause the plastic device to overheat and melt down. This in turn can give off extremely toxic fumes and can cause a fire.

For this reason the local Fire Brigade have recommended that they should not be used and following their advice the College has banned the use of these items in College rooms from now on.

Anagram

Ten of you submitted the answer to last week's anagram - that's five times more than any other competition this year! (This may be because the puzzle was so damn easy...) In light of this, the anagram is back. This time, answers should be submitted on piece of paper to my pigeonhole in order to receive two packs of Penguins! (no joke)

Decode Dunk Thefts

Congratulations to Anna Nicholas who was the first to work out the answer (I hate exam term) and wins chocolate.

PS. There will be another Famedog crossword when Famedog wakes up and writes one...

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To opt out of the paper version, please email roar@ecsu.org.uk

ROAR! submission deadline: Monday 10am

Recycle me when you're done! The post room floor doesn't particularly like me!

Letters

I've been developing these feelings for a certain bar manager for a long time. I long for him to squeeze my beer pump, to lick salt off my body and to drink from my bottle. For too long we've been divided by being rival factions of the medical department (I am a medic and he a vet... how can we ever be together?). What do I do?

Yours anonymously,

Doctor Love

*That letter was actually submitted to the ROAR! email address - no joke. If you have equally insightful content...
tinyurl.com/roarpekingduck or
roar@ecs.u.ac.uk*

The Peking Duck

That age-old question: *can natscis cook up some lovin' on a night out?* Yes, apparently...

The phenomenal *aura* at bar extension means *amazing* amounts of gossip.

The Duck hears that one fresher's friends will only get *crosser* if he doesn't explain his *love bites*.

But love is neither *con*, nor joke, it absorbs you in *jest*, in *ecstasy*.

One fourth year plucked three strings on her banjo - *a natsci* (not the *same* as above) and two others who remain nameless...

Two Warkworth residents removed each others *knickers* and *evaluated* each others' styles... but left the door open to visitors. At least revenge was served.

The Duck cannot wait for his South African holiday in *July*. Neither can *Dave*.

But in order to get there while avoiding *toothiness*, the Duck will have to carefully consult his *atlas*.

In other news, the ROAR! editor has been spotted outside the coffee room, Paul Maynard is alright really (please don't sue me) and George and Abbie are still in love.

Quack!

**All late bar ext gossip to
roar@ecs.u.ac.uk, or
tinyurl.com/roarpekingduck.**

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Sport

Swimmers win cup!

But forget to submit a report, so here's some cricket news

Cricket

We report here the events of Thursday 5th May 2011. At 6pm that evening the members of one of Emmanuel's oldest societies stepped out onto their chosen field once more in search of an elusive and historic result. There followed almost three hours of enthralling drama and cricketing mediocrity, the likes of which Wilberforce Road can hardly have seen before.

Having been ushered to the crease first their opponent's batting efforts waxed and waned, then unfortunately waned again, forcing cautions on some of the newer gentlemen members for serious over-achievement and in Mr Maynard's case quite blatant over-enthusiasm. Nevertheless, with the generous donation of many an extra

from the innovative bowling attack NCI Cambridge posted a highly respectable 97 for 7 from their allotted deliveries.

The slightly over-zealous yet selfless efforts of our top-order batsmen to score no more than 1/11th of the runs required brought Mr Humpleby to the crease with just 7 overs bowled and only 12 on the board. Said gentleman then embarked on a quite remarkable innings hoisting his fellow players back into contention before surrendering his wicket in a stunning display of humility; an extravagant reverse-sweep just shy of a half-century. With the game thus poised and the light fading fast, wickets and runs flowed freely until the final over dawned; 11 runs needed to win but not a single wicket in hand. Enter Mr Stamp and

Mr Hughes, the final actors in this farce. With deft skill they manouvered to 96 with one ball remaining. Mr Stamp swiped expertly again but as they completed that crucial first run both men comprehensively ruled out any danger of a second as they inexplicably, excitably and simultaneously, lost their footing. In this manner the gentlemen snatched a coveted result from the jaws of an unpalatable victory.

The match was tied. Floreat Gloria Paganorum."

The Management

How to use the swimming pool

The swimming pool is now open. Repeat. The swimming pool is now open. Abandon the revision-ship and take a dip in Emmanuel College's icy waters!

College, as ever, has rules about the pool. We refer you to Rule 57 in the College Regulations (you know, that lengthy document which you most definitely have read cover to cover, because you signed a form swearing on your mother's life you had done so in order to be allowed to matriculate...) which states:

"From the start of Easter Term until 31st August, Junior Members in residence may use the pool from 6.30 am to 9.00 am and 2.00 pm to 7.00 pm daily, including Sundays. Use of the swimming pool outside of these times is not permitted. The unaccompanied use of the swimming pool at any time is not permitted. The rules for the safe use of the swimming pool, which are displayed beside it, must be observed. The swimming pool is unsupervised and use is at the users own risk."

Apart from an unforgivable missing apostrophe, these rules are quite fair. Ignore them at your peril.

The uninitiated amongst you will be unaware that Emma pool is actually filled with specially imported water from Lake Baikal in Siberia, the world's oldest, deepest and coldest lake. For this reason, ROAR! advises against swims of over 30 seconds, or you are liable to freeze solid.

This can make entering the pool a problem. It is not uncommon to see grown men reduced to floundering wimps at the prospect of climbing in. Our recommendation? First, (wo)man up. Then run, jump, tuck, cannonball. This will get you as cold as any other method of getting in, with the added advantage of soaking anyone who is standing on the side looking scared.

Then, having asserted your (wo)manhood by jumping in, get straight out, slap on some suncream and sunbathe. Under no circumstances should you attempt to actually swim, that's not cool.

SAFE is recruiting!

This is to let you all know that we're recruiting for SAFE committee members, for next year! Being involved in SAFE is a really rewarding thing to do - you can make a big difference to small charities in sub-Saharan Africa, and help Emma students give something back for the amazing education we get at Cambridge. It's also not very time-consuming and very easy: it involves organising the college bill donation system once a term in Michaelmas and Lent, and then choosing where to allocate the money at the end of Lent/beginning of Easter term. You wouldn't have to do anything at all until Michaelmas next year, and we'll make sure that the team get a good handover pack, so they know exactly what they're doing!

The following positions are available: President, Treasurer, Action team x 4 If you'd like to apply for one of these positions, email me back (lgs33) with a few lines on the following points:

1. Position you're applying for (and if you'd be happy with an alternative position)
2. Why you want to be involved in SAFE
3. Any relevant experience you might have

Please get your applications to me before next Sunday, 15th May, and we'll get back to you soon after that. Hope lots of you are keen for this exciting (and good for your CV) opportunity!

Lindsay Solera-Deuchar

Welfare: week 3

Thursday 12th

5.15pm - Aerobics (Old Library)

Friday 13th

7.45am - Jogging (meet at the Plodge)

3.30pm - Tea and Cake (bar)

Saturday 14th

Nothing
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Sunday 15th

Brunch

2pm - Football tournament (Parker's)

7pm - Frisbee (Parker's)

Monday 16th

7.45am - Jogging (meet at the Plodge)

3.30pm - Tea and Cake (Bar)

Tuesday 17th

7.30pm - Karate (Upper Hall)

Wednesday 18th

7.45am Yoga (Old Library, bring £4)

3.30pm - Tea and Cake
5.45pm - BBQ