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Totally Enormous!

ROAR! gets a May Ball exclusive! Eat that, Tab



ROAR! can exclusively reveal that one of the acts at this year's Emmanuel May Ball will be Oxford-based producer Totally Enormous Extinct Dinosaurs, an emerging artist described by the BBC last October as 'like an electronic-music-one-man-band'.

Over the weekend, ROAR! came into possession of a drawing (pictured) showing a rather large dinosaur, and was told to 'think big'. After bit of Google and a quick check that there were no clashes on the gig list, the answer was obvious. The May Ball committee have since confirmed our suspicions, but were quick to note that TEED will not be headlining.

TEED, who counts among his fans Radio 1 DJ Annie Mac, is due to support Fatboy Slim in Ibiza just three days after Emma ball - in

fact, according to Cambridge's favourite 'quality news' outlet, The Tab, he was booked to headline John's dance tent that same night, but pulled out, unable to miss an opportunity to play under one of the pioneers of electronic dance. Nice steal, Mr Peringer.

The artist, who is also playing the popular Beach Break Live festival, has been getting a lot of attention for his stage show, which combines 'large, lumbering basslines, loose organic percussion' and - yes, really - a dinosaur costume. His latest single, Trouble, was out on the 2nd May - you can find the video on Youtube. Get excited, Emmanuelites.

So if we've got someone big enough to play with Norman Cook - who could the headliner be? Those of you who follow The Tab's May Ball Blog will know that 'honk-step' band Orkestra del Sol have been booked, but apparently the top act is on another level. The committee seem keen to tease us.

On Sunday, the Ball's website (emmamayball.com) was updated to include a clue: 'Parlez-vous francais?'. Is the headliner French? Does it refer to Sydney-based dance band Art vs. Science's 2009 manic single of the same name? Is it a reference to Flight of the Conchords' gallic take-off 'Foux de Fa Fa'? Or is it just designed to throw us off the scent? Quite frankly, we don't know... but keep your eyes peeled, because there will be a new clue released every day until the ball: 8 days, 8 planets. We hear whispers that 'Googling the clues is useful'...

The Ball Committee assures ROAR! that everything is going to plan, which is pretty impressive given the scale of the event. Yesterday, 1.7 tonnes of bottled water was delivered in a lorry too big to fit through the Queen's Building gates. Those of you brave enough to have ventured to the pool will have seen the Decs committee's paintings of Venus (the goddess, not the planet) and a large wooden frame which appears to be a portable bar. Talking of bars, I am assured that there will be plenty of drink - more than enough to keep you alive until the survivors' photo.

Get gossiping: the ehadliner will be revealed soon... Maybe we stole The Streets from John's too? I hope you're excited, Emmanuel. See you there.

Picture from Flickr, by belTRON

Notices

ROAR! has competition...

The 12th issue of the Emmanuel College Staff Newsletter, Buzz, is out now! You can read it now online at

<http://www.emma.cam.ac.uk/buzz>. For more information about Buzz contact Christoph Keate on cfk24@emma.cam.ac.uk.

They've got a nice interview with the May Ball presidents. Damn.

Be on the REDS committee!

Calling all theatrically-minded people! REDS - the Revived Emmanuel Dramatic Society - needs committee members for next year. The main role of REDS is to put on the Fresher's Play; we also fund and host plays throughout the year. Being on the committee is a very modest time commitment, but a great way to convert theatrical experience into extra C.V. points, or to get more involved in theatre. Positions include Actor's Rep, Director's Rep, Producer's Rep, Designer's Rep, Treasurer and Secretary. To apply, email Katharine on krcj2 before May Week saying which position you'd like to apply for and what your experience in theatre so far has been.

Bar open in May Week!

For the third time in three issues, the bar has made it into ROAR! This time, good news: for the first time in forever, the bar has permission to open in May Week. Make the most of it - we've got the best, most sociable bar in the Uni, and it deserves your support.

Save the Children treasure hunt

Friday 17th June 1-2pm

Meet outside Kings College, Kings Parade to begin the search!

Help us to find the 'missing children' by solving the clues in our charity treasure hunt, for a chance to win prizes and raise money for Save the Children!

Work as individuals or as a team (maximum 4 people) to look for the 'children' hidden at various Cambridge landmarks. Whoever finds the most children wins a reward!

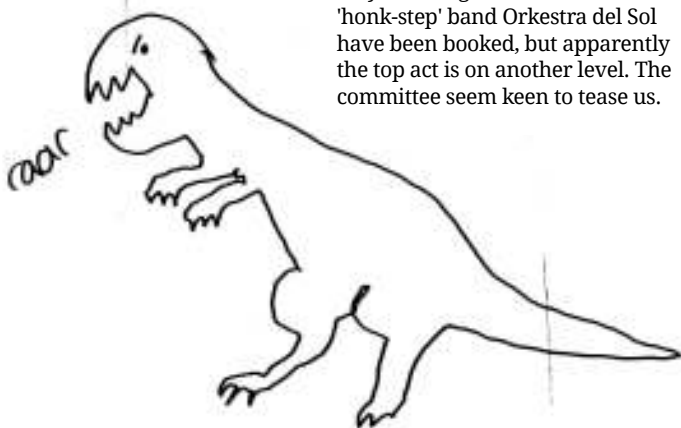
£2 per person to enter - all towards Save the Children!

ROAR! is also available online at www.ecsu.org.uk

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!



WANTED: your photos

ROAR! next week will include a selection of your favourite photos from this year. Whether it's from nights out, nights in, sports matches, or maybe something more imaginative, we want to see Emma students having fun.

Anyone's pics are welcome - email (roar@ecsu.org.uk) or add to the ROAR! Facebook group. If we get none, you'll be treated to lots of pictures of Marriott. You don't want that...

LibraryWatch™

sponsored by Karen Kim

Victory for ROAR!?

The Library is beginning to look deserted as more and more of us escape the endless tests... ROAR! is pleased to report that, **for the first time ever (and, we'd like to think, after our extensive campaign last term), bottled water is now to be allowed in the Library (in sports cap bottles).** This is the most exciting thing to happen to any library ever, so you'd better be pleased.

Please read the emails we got from Dr Barnes about the new rule: if we piss about we will lose not just water in the library but also the coffee room. It's a nicely kitted-out building now, be proud of it.

Notice from the Librarians

Please remove any personal possessions from the College Library by the end of Full Term, Friday June 17th. Any personal possessions left after this date will be removed and disposed of. Please note that this includes any items left in the library lockers.

If you have removed any of the locker keys please either return them to a member of staff at the library reception desk or leave them in the key hole of the relevant locker.

The Peking Duck

The Duck was at Life this week. Congratulations must go to the second-year who was caught *dangling*, his tongue down another's throat - apparently their blizzard of love swept them into the M&S doorway.

Apparently the rest of the Emma ducklings are too busy working to "get around". Shame on you.

Quack!

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With thanks to the porters, the Bursary, the pigeonholers and Jeremy for giving it away.



Sport

Rowing is really cool, yeah

63 Emma students prepare to spectacularly crash their boats

While most of you will spend this week warming up your livers for May Week, a large percentage of Emma students are focussed on something else: the May Bumps.

You may have wondered why boaties get up at ridiculous o'clock in rain, snow and thunder to sit in a boat. Even rugby matches are called off in icy conditions, and they're supposed to be hard men. Is it because rowers are just completely hardcore? Yes, but also because at the end of it all, they get to race in the bumps, which makes up for it all.

The whole point of bumps is to row really really fast and to crash into the boat in front of you. Yes, really - you're meant to make contact. If you hit them, you swap places with them for the next day of racing. Bumps is over four days, and the ultimate aim is to 'bump' up on each of those days, moving four places up the chart.

If that didn't sound ridiculous enough... there are eighteen boats in a division, each about a boatlength and a half apart, each chasing someone ahead of them. The starting gun is actually a cannon. A real cannon. They race around three hairpin bends in 20 grand boats that are too straight to

actually go around three hairpin bends. Each year, boats are written off when they crash into banks and split in half. Sometimes oars get stuck in the water and helpless rowers are ejected from their boat into the murky waters of the Cam.

Emma has four men's boats and three women's boats this year - all have a chance to do well. Starting positions in bumps are decided by where we finished last year: our first men are currently 12th from top, and the women are 4th, which means they have a chance at taking the 'headship' number 1 position. If they manage it, they get to burn an old boat and jump through the flames. Yes, really.

The 4th men's boat is a novice boat made up entirely of members of the Emma rugby team. They did extremely well to qualify for bumps after just 10 trips out in a boat, beating crews that have been training all year. They will also be sporting rather cool pink tie-dye vests.

If you have time this week, EBC would love your support - please come down and watch. The CUCBC website (cucbc.org/mays) has a lot of good info on where to watch - you don't need to be a boatie. In fact, most of the 1000s of people

who come down during Bumps week aren't rowers, but people who want to sit in the back garden of a pub with a jug of Pimms and a hotdog and idly watch some boats speed past. We don't care, as long as you cheer for us - we're the blue oars with two pink stripes.

In the words of the infamous David Sprague... row well, Emmanuel.



Are you interested in writing for ROAR! next term?

Next term, your esteemed ROAR! editor will be jetting off to Mozambique for his Year Abroad. Something tells us that writing Cambridge's best newsletter from such a faraway location won't be easy, so we need your help. The current plan involves giving a different person each week in Michaelmas term a chance at playing editor, with my remote electronic guidance, with a view to letting you try it out before elections at the end of term.

A couple of people have already let me know that they're interested, and I'll get back to them this week. If you are, try joining the ROAR! facebook group, or sending me an email: roar@ecsu.org.uk.

Exeat deadline

A reminder that the deadline to submit your departure date on the online exeat system was yesterday, and that a £10 charge is made to those who forget. If you haven't done it already... do it now!

Subject and college parent applications

Our apologies if you haven't heard back about these applications yet - this doesn't mean you haven't got accepted! We are waiting on various things at the moment, including College's opinion, before we finalise next year's parents. Please be patient!

The leaning tower of Front Court

Wren's impressive erection leans back



ROAR! was shocked to discover this week that the tower on top of Chapel is leaning backwards, and is dangerously close to falling off.

The Master explained that nobody had realised the problem until going up to take a look. Sensors have been installed, which will alert College if the angle of lean becomes too unsafe.

The best place to see the lean is from the Master's own back garden, but failing that, try having a look from the Paddock.

The Chapel was designed by Christopher Wren, famous for St Paul's Cathedral. Can such a famous architect have made such a fatal mistake?

Maybe he did it on purpose.

Photo by Will Woodhead.

Argh why is there no real news...

ECSU debt survey 2011 now live!

The ECSU Debt Survey for 2011 is now available online at: http://ecsus.org.uk/debt_survey/2011/. We've simplified many of the questions this year to make filling out the survey easier and faster. We would be extremely grateful if you could complete the survey before the end of May Week. The information we collect from the survey is anonymous but you will be required to log in with Raven to make sure people can only complete this year's survey once. The results from the survey are used to help the College to target its financial resources for student hardship more effectively and helps the Development Office in response to queries from (potential) Benefactors.

Space-filling joke

Why does Snoop Dogg carry an umbrella?

Fo' drizzle.

There will be more use of space-filling jokes next week, with the return of Tom's Bombz...

Letters

Re: Library

Dear Editor,

I am writing with regard to your relentless bombardment of the student body on the matter of the Wates Room Rules.

We are all aware, as is stated in no uncertain terms on the noticeboard, that food and drink are not to be consumed outside of the Wates Room, so as to preserve the "environment" of the library. As a result of my amazing ability to read, I am also aware that phones are not to be used, similarly, anywhere outside of the coffee room.

WHY IS IT THEN THAT YOUR PHONE MANAGES TO DESTROY THE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY, EVERY SINGLE DAY.

I appreciate that your life is terribly hard and frantic: producing 2 pages of fifth-rate journalism once a week is tough enough, but juggling that with immersing yourselves in certain other people's tedious yet dramatic gossip must really test your organisational skills. Pressing the "Silent" button on your phone, I imagine, might be enough to push you over the edge.

Unfortunately, my sympathy goes hand-in-hand with being a stickler for double standards, and you are Number 1 on the offenders list.

A plea, then. Either stop the moaning, or turn your effing phone off.

Library inhabitant

Comments? Suggestions? Gossip?
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tinyurl.com/roarpekingduck

On the grapevine

A selection of your secrets, confessions and musings

This year, ROAR! introduced the anonymous submission page (tinyurl.com/roarpekingduck) to let you send us your gossip and feedback without having to give your name.

It has been a storming success.

Each week, ROAR! receives a range of messages, ranging from romantic tales of who kissed who, to confessions of misdemeanours and unrequited love.

Here's a selection. They're all real - just copy-pasted.

"What time is love?"

"You know I hate penguins, Pooley..."

"No gossip, soz, I'll kiss some more boyz for you"

"No bottled water is a war crime. Fact."

"i think about matt pooley all the time. I just want to murder his fit girl friend and ravish him ROAR "

"I need some tips cos i keep on making men i meet at cindies bleed."

"I did unspeakable things to a watermelon"

"I saw Blantyre and Barnwell sneak off for a quickie behind Tesco's"

"Matt Pooley. Tom Marriott. Windy Tree."

"I miss my buzz buzz feel good"

"I can no longer afford the pressent i wanted to give my girlfriend :(:("

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"Marriotte and pooley was burning each other in the chapel the other day"

"Chris Richards has beautiful legs"

"i love Eva and want to marry her. i lovvvve her"

"someone got with a book in the lib."

The Procrastination Page

It's back! - your fix of numbers and words

Easy (0.37)



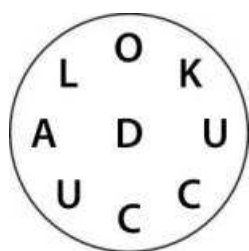
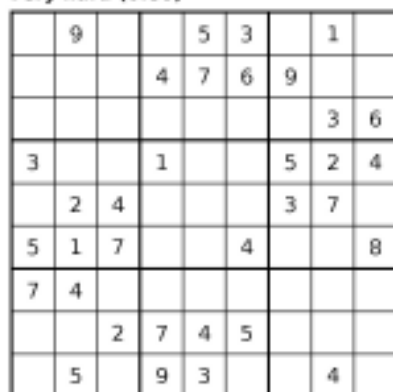
Medium (0.56)



Hard (0.65)



Very hard (0.80)



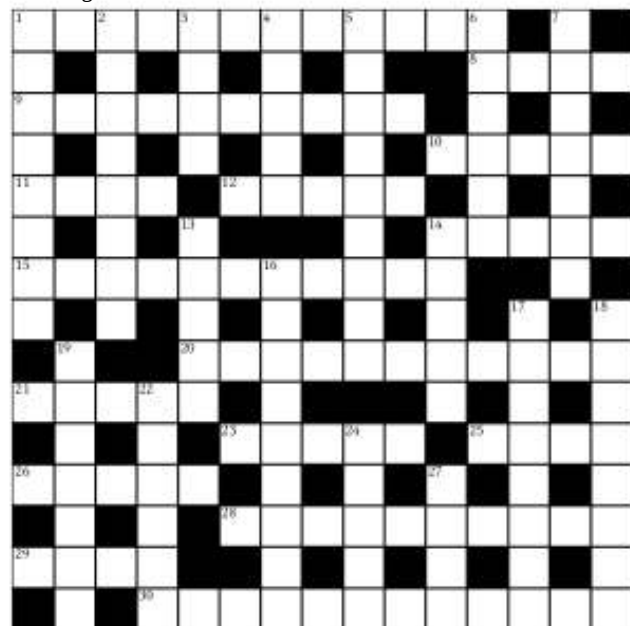
Word wheel: Make as many words as you can using the letters in the wheel. You must always use the central letter somewhere in the word. Can you find a 9 letter word?

Proper nouns aren't allowed, cheaters.

Cryptic crossword

set by Ego

Well done to James Pattinson, who won last time. This week we have a new cryptic crossword writer... First answer out of the hat gets choc, as ever.



Across

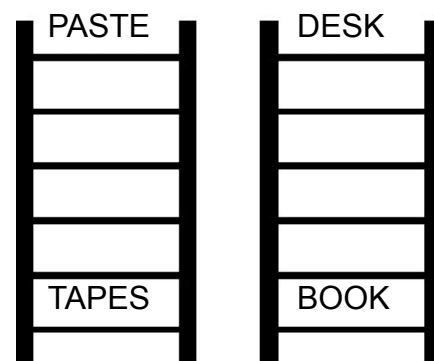
1. Bubbly causes crazy nerve effects (12)
8. Pissed, start to undress rather excited architect (4)
9. Beat in operatic solo leads to heart trouble (10)
10. Be inviting the agency worker to get tea (5)
11. Tablet, or a golden delicious (perhaps) sanitary towel? (4)
12. Cult leader backs peer to make temporal strain (5)
14. Pertaining to poultry? Don't get it, Luke (5)
15. "Nuclear Tehran, lemme be", say the holy Kurds (11)
20. Secretive family fortune (why off, E-on) (11)
21. Top find, gold street. But you sold your Otis LPs. (5)
23. Langerhans being rented? (5)
25. No rights, I draw flipping ravine in middle-east (4)
26. Loot Winchester, perhaps (5)
28. Biased Tzar, debase! (10)
29. FA chief: "Corrupt FIFA no eye to dither" (4)

30. Old European economic order crazy, faulty, messed (6,6)

Down

1. Idi in sex-ed (topless) make life not not worth living (8)
2. Flaming guns! (8)
3. 'An increase,' say Charles and Liotta? (4)
4. Anaesthetic is incorrect there (5)
5. Hell's iced all over, well-defined (9)
6. You into detox rubbish, DJ (6)
7. Every other beet sap cookie made to order (7)
13. Brazen action star hides limb, is tardy? (5)
14. Conservative leader, hurry to do what Asad does (5)
16. Higher education hoarding? Or somewhere to display one's chiefs? (9)
17. Doubly whipped, huge lead actor reportedly 'failed to hit' (8)
18. Filthy Peru: mine between your legs (8)
19. Extreme, but short of a full HOMO (7)
22. Joint flurried flips and final fuff (6)
24. Praise for the former Tower of London's heads (5)
27. What's up the general's sleeve (and why)! (4)

Change the start word into the end word progressively, creating an existing word at each step. At each step you can change one existing letter.



SPOT the DIFFERENCE

There are 15 differences between these two pictures. Can you find them all?



If you like, you can colour in the pictures.

*What belongs to you,
but everybody uses it
more than you do?*