

Issue One

# The Brick

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## “Naice one!”

After 126 Facebook likes, Jimmy Campbell seizes power in controversial election

# Interview

We take time to sit down and have a couple pints with the newly elected RCSA President, Jimmy Campbell. Jimmy recently won a divisive election that polarised different groups across the college.

*Brick:* So Jimmy, do you see yourself as a new David Cameron or Chairman Mao?

*Jimmy Campbell:* Fuckin hell. I'd see myself more as the *destroyer* like Mao in many ways. However I'm sure one day I could become the family man that David Cameron is.

*Brick:* Do you think this a victory for populism or shitism?

*JC:* I definitely think it was populism. I think many people who never would have voted before did vote for me. I also feel my performance at hustings changed some people's minds about what I could bring.

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*Brick:* General plans for the college?

*JC:* So far we're hoping to get a new TV for the TV Room to replace the current shit one. We're also hoping to replace the sports noticeboard outside the porters lodge with a swanky looking and practical chalk board. Also, in my overall position, improving the alternative prospectus, in order to have current students writing and also include an LGBT section. I'm confident that all our current plans will be approved by college.

*Brick:* Have you got any presidential pick-up lines?

*JC:* I'm the president of the RCSA, please get with me.

*Brick:* Do you think you unfairly used your sex appeal to win?

*JC:* *\*Amused chuckle\** Obviously it had an influence. Especially for the fresher girls. We all know it's humungous (*his "sex appeal" -ED*)

*Brick:* How have you enjoyed working with the RCSA so far?

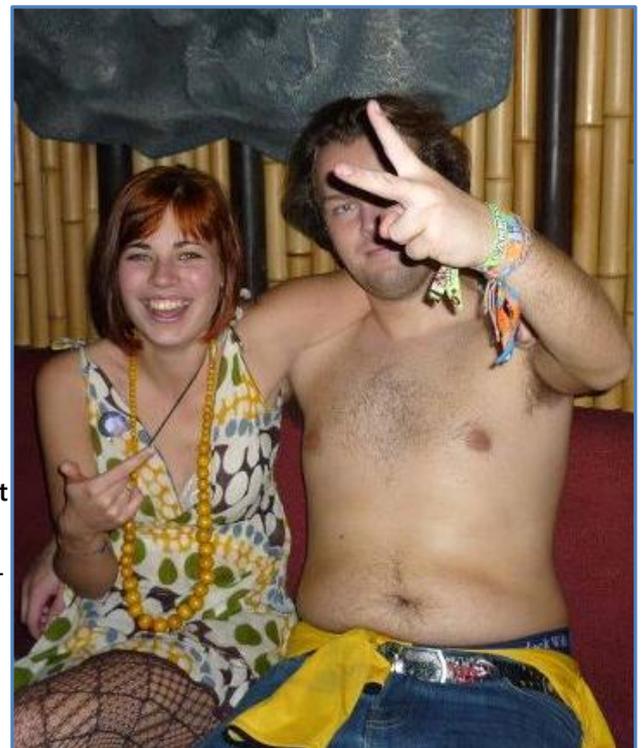
*JC:* All of the committee seem keen to make changes this year, which I enjoy. I'd also like to give special mention to Bryn, who in our first meeting was very helpful and has been very supportive in learning the ropes, and we did discuss how we're all from different friendship groups, and how we should exploit that to help the RCSA.

*Brick:* Could you have made it without the support Alice Udale-Smith?

*JC:* I believe it was the backing of my whole campaign team, including the campaign leader, Charlie Richards, and the style advisers, Kate Fairhurst and Sarah Pamenter. Kate, Charlie and Peter Judge also helped distribution of my presidential manifesto.

*Brick:* Why are you avoiding mentioning of Alice Udale-Smith?

*JC:* .... Henryk got with her. (*Henryk Bryzckzkzisksn, close friend of the president - ED*)



*Brick:* How do you feel about missing your first meeting with former President Rosalyn Old for a social event?

*JC:* Well, I attended my two and a half hour long handover meeting with Ros a couple days previous and had been committed to said social event for a week...

*Brick:* When we first met, you introduced yourself with a wank joke. I ask you, what role can masturbation play in the RCSA?

*JC:* As the president, I think it could be key for some members of the committee to ensure that they are not at all frustrated at any point. The job may be testing at times and therefore masturbation necessary.

*Brick:* Are you suggesting a mid-meeting wank policy?

*JC:* I am not suggesting mid meeting wank. Post or pre meeting is perfectly acceptable, but I would also like to add that I would be delighted if any member of the committee did *not* feel the need to masturbate due to a close friend's input, or alternatively being asexual.

*Brick:* Some people have described you as testicular bandit. How do you respond?

*JC:* This is one I fear the female members of college will focus on. Although, in the previous few weeks there have been many encounters with women, I would like to point out that none of these encounters have reached testicular levels (3<sup>rd</sup> base or more). So I reject these claims vehemently.

*Brick:* Thank you for your precious time, Mr Campbell. We know you've many presidential and masturbatory commitments.

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## Jimmy Campbell and Alice Udale-Smith: The New Power Couple of the RCSA?



Jimmy Campbell, the new president of the RCSA may not be working alone. In a suspicious turn of events, Alice Udale-Smith has been elected *unopposed* as his 'secretary'. Needless to say, they are clearly engaged in post-open meeting coitus. Ever since their intense engagement in esteemed Cambridge nightclub Lola Lo, rumours have spread of sordid relations between these two political dynamos, hidden behind the closed doors of 2 Adams. Surely the RCSA should know the nature of this relationship before entrusting college matters to these two deranged sex addicts.

But is this power couple necessarily a bad thing? Indeed the driving force behind many high profile political administrations have been a strong partnership. Just look at Michele and Barack Obama, Tony and Cherie Blair, and indeed Hillary and Bill Clinton. A strong relationship can foster political strength. Arguably, Alice Udale-Smith's presentability and maturity perfectly compliment Jimmy's insatiable lust for drink, drugs and vagina. It could be a match made in heaven...



# Ask Robinson

## How do you pull?

*Toby Butcher:* "Wear a vest, approach from the rear and grapple them until they lose the energy to escape."

*Daisy May Pope:* "Find a third year."

*Rachel Burd:* "Honestly, you can spot them, get eye contact, do sexy wink, and see if they come over."

*Will Nyere:* "I can run them down faster than they can escape."

*Lara Temby:* "Stand outside men's' toilets at Lola, pretend to sexy dance, then dance retarded when they come over and see what they do. If they stay, you've pulled. If not, shame."

*Jacob Waller:* "Chloroform"

*Alistair from Bar:* "As in people? What do you actually mean by pull? Just get them drunk!"

*Conor O'Malley:* "Well I'm a catholic so... I'm a good boy."

*Henryk Brzyski:* "Wifebeater."

*Chris Halcrow:* "Poorly and if at all in a big wet mess... One time I was sitting on a sofa, backed onto another sofa, I rolled over, pulled the guy and then walked off and threw up."

*Marria Farrimond:* "Very sporadically"

*Alex Kennedy:* "If I haven't done enough stretches before vigorous exercise..."

## Are you comfortable with your sexuality?

*Toby Butcher (from brighton):* "I'm not gay if that's what you mean? Jeez..."

*Adin:* "Joe (Pritchard) and I have always been secure."

*Daisy May Pope:* "Apart from Bryony Watson, yes. Such a babe..."

*Conor O'Malley:* "well im Catholic so..."

*Emma from the bar:* "Yes. I don't like women."

*Lara Temby:* "Yes, completely. I've got with girls before, it doesn't bother me."

*Kate Fairhurst:* "My ratio would suggest not."

*Will Ghosh:* "Not particularly." \*Joe looks up hopefully\*

*Emily Dear:* "I wasn't really sure if I was gonna end up a lesbian..."

*Heather Holland:* "Yes. I'm not a lesbian vegetarian."

*Michael Boyle:* "One of my favourite billy bragg songs."

*Chris Halcrow:* "YES!"

*Callum McCutcheon:* "Very much so, I'm a metrosexual."

## How far would you go with Jimmy Campbell?

*Bryn Pickering:* "Within the realms of the RCSA or romantic date? As far as it takes to get the students of Robinson College what they need."

*Josh Games:* "It's a numbers game."

*Alex Kennedy:* "I wouldn't elect him."

*Rachel Burd:* "I've already had to make this decision and it was a no game. Long, sweaty hug is as far as I'd go."

*(Contradicted by her behaviour the following weekend – ED)*

*Faye Lee:* "Take him to Japan and leave him there."

*Emily Dear:* "I would have just motorboated him, but now he's RCSA president all the way."

*Lucas Squirrel-Grey:* "I've already kissed him on the cheek and spooned. Not at the same time!"

*Will Ghosh:* \*Shakes head repeatedly... giggles for two straight minutes...\*

*Heather Holland:* "All the way baby, and I have!"

\*proceeds to stroke and fondle the RCSA president\*

*Andrew Shipley:* "I think I've already gone as far as I want to."

*Chris Halcrow:* "I felt nauseous when I saw that picture of him in his boxers."

*Shershah Assadullah:* "Depends how much I was being paid. If he was dead, I'd put my finger up his bottom for free." (Says the medic – ED)

*Migeul Tapas:* "To the chemistry department."

*Callum McCutcheon:* "A conservative two fingers in the bum. A cheeky couple of inches."

*Rosalyn Old:* "I don't want to answer that, although..."

*Nathan Grundy:* "Anything for presidential favour"

*Kitty Somerville:* "I'd like to say nowhere..."

*Curtis Ponnell:* "On a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being all the way....2.5."



# Robinson Life

## Winners of Lost 2011!



Peter Judge and Katerina Pascoulis were the overall winners of this year's LOST Competition in Cambridge. The premise of the competition is that pairs of students are dropped off without knowing where they are, have a shedload of challenges to complete and must return to college only on the charity of others and blind luck. We sat down to hear a little of their epic tale.

We started at 6am, realising why we're not rowers, dressed in a monkey and leopard onesie. Before we knew it they'd taken our phones off us and put us on a coach with the curtains all pulled down to keep us in suspense. It took us around two hours to reach Oxsted, where we were dropped off, in deepest darkest Surrey. Everyone else walked through some dense, unpopulated woods while we walked down to the road to catch a lift. Common sense... A kind woman gave us some directions and a lift. Eventually, a few charitable acts later, we made it to Brixton, a few challenges down. At Paddington, we met three bored drunk guys who agreed to buy us some return rail tickets and pints worth £80 in total! The tickets took us to Bath, to complete a load of challenges in the city, including having a pint in the smallest pub there. The tickets were return so we returned to London, where we eventually managed to get tickets back to Cambridge just in time for last orders at Robinson Bar!

Example challenges: -Get a picture outside Al Fayed's Mansion -Complete!

-Find a guy with a Mohican - Complete!

-Take a photo outside the Roman Baths - Complete!

-Climb a Tree - Complete!

-Blag yourself a free pint - Complete! Repeatedly...



## Open Mic Night



To celebrate the opening of the redesigned Robinson Bar, on the evening of Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> November the college threw open its doors to all lyrical and musical talents in an impressive array of acts. As previous Open Mic Nights have somewhat fallen on their face, it was a welcome surprise to have a lengthy showcase of entertainment. Our beloved Simon from the bar, being a romantic at heart, opened the night with some acoustic flavour, while highlights included a fantastic performance of Goodbye My Coney Island Baby by a barbershop quartet and Michael Boyle's attempts to play a complete Beatles song. First year Jonathan Coote also took the stage on guitar with singer Jo Morris from Clare College for a soulful cover of Beyonce's Halo. The headliner, and encore act was none other than Dan Dyer, who wrung every inch of emotion out of his ukele in his 'Wikipedia Song', cover of the 'Numa Numa' song and poetic masterpiece the 'Robinson Bar Song'. Success all around, let's have more of this in the future! -Alex Marshall

# Quiz: What kind of student are you?

1. What time do you usually wake up in the morning
  - a. 6am, to get some work done pre-breakfast
  - b. 8am, just in time for late breakfast
  - c. 10am, skipped 9am lecture, ready to go
  - d. I'm allergic to mornings
2. You have an essay deadline for tomorrow at 5pm, you...
  - a. Have already completed an well researched piece of work
  - b. Have done the plan but will work hard to get it on time
  - c. Have emailed my DOS 17 times for an extension
  - d. Are going to sit in the café all day then go to Cindies, get shouted about by your DOS, *Nerds!* get kicked out of college and lead a life of squalor and consistent arousal
3. You've finished your work, how do you treat yourself tonight...
  - a. Nice coke at the bar for a bit of a caffeine high.
  - b. Couple drinks in the bar, head out for a mediocre night at Cindies
  - c. Went far too hard, fell asleep in Cindies toilets.
  - d. Drink whole body weight in tequila, pissed in public and got with Jimmy Campbell. I then fought an army of masked baboons and ended up laid in a pool of my own mediocrity



*Lad!*

4. How is your student sex life?
  - a. I once watched a video of Michael Buble and got a bit teary
  - b. I've got with a couple people in clubs/have a partner
  - c. I regularly spread saliva like a rabid dog in Life and Lola Lo
  - d. I'm constantly running short of vital bodily fluids
5. What are you plans after university?
  - a. I've already got an internship lined up in the commercial sector
  - b. I've thought about it, I'll stay in academics or get a job soon enough
  - c. I haven't thought about it, surely money just happens?
  - d. I plan to burn out by 23, live life fast in die young to avoid the real world.

If you answered mostly ...

A's... Congratulations, you're Bill Nolan's ideal student. Look forward to excellent grades and a successful future career.

Suggested Subject: Maths

B's... You've a well behaved balance between social life and academia. However, you're at university, either geek-up or lash down!

Suggested Subject: NatSci

C's... Typical student fare. Just make sure you do get the grades and don't get drawn in the glamour of the Mahal.

Suggested Subject: PPS

D's... To be honest, your whole life is a hurricane of sweat, broken dreams and profound disappointment. Either take a good long, hard look at what your life has become or lash enough that you somehow become RCSA President.

Suggested Subject: Geography



# Agony Aunt



Robinson's problems are solved by the empathetic duo, Kate and Dickie



*I'm a first year student, I've settled in nicely at Robinson, but I've got a bit of a problem. It's embarrassing, but really bringing me down and affecting my studies. The truth of the matter is, I haven't pooped since matriculation dinner. Help me!*

Kate: Moving away from home and the stress than comes with such a move brings a variety of different problem for different people. In your case, you shouldn't be embarrassed by the longevity of your constipation. My advice would be to consult the college nurse as soon as possible and concentrate fully on settling into college as far as you can, and tell your tutor about your medical problems without details. In the meantime, kick back and have fun in the last few days of Robinson.

Dickie: Just sit down and force it out, you pecker.

*Agony aunt, please help me. I've been at Robinson for a couple of years now, and I have a wide group of friends. Recently, however, one of my male friends has started to come onto me, a fellow masculine type, and I don't know how to react without offending him!*

Kate: You've been at Robinson a few years now. So friendships have become solidly embedded within college life. It would be a shame to let any obstacle obstruct your friendship with this guy no matter what his feelings may now be. Talk to him frankly and openly. Stress your desire to maintain your friendship.

Dickie: Show the genitals first, ask questions later.

*I'm enjoying college life as a fresher, but frankly, I'm just a bit too homesick! Any advice?*

Kate: Uni life takes a while to settle into and there is no shame in feeling homesick. Making your room feel as comfortable as possible, keeping in close contact with friends and family at home and forming strong friendships here will all alleviate your feeling of homesickness in time. For now, concentrate on having fun.

Dickie: You pussy.

*I'm a guy in my last year at college, about to leave and get a job. However, I'm still a virgin! Have I missed out on a golden opportunity for some bedroom antics?*

Kate: College is about getting out of it what you want! During your time here, if you have had fun, come out with a good degree and achieved what you want, there is absolutely no reason why you should fixate upon being a virgin as being a negative point in your university experience.

Dickie: Put your dick in as many things as possible, as frequently as possible.



# Sports & Culture

## Football

It's been a mixed first term for Robinson football. The second XI have enjoyed a fantastic start to the season; unbeaten and scoring freely so far. Captained by none other than Jimmy Campbell, the 'academy' (read: the second team) have dispatched their 6<sup>th</sup> division opponents with ease, with Elliot Chambers frequently on the score sheet and Darius putting in some solid performances as goalkeeper.

However, the first team story has been rather different. Knocked out of the cup in the first round by Emma 1sts and languishing at the bottom of the table following three straight league defeats, it has been a tricky start to the season. A 2-1 victory over Corpus Christi following those defeats has proved the only consolation for such a poor start. Nevertheless there have been some outstanding individual performances from Nathan Procter, a fresher who has arguably the most pace in the league, and Jack Cummings who has consistently been this college's best player for three years now.

-Joe Pritchard

### 'Madagascar'

Many critics foolishly assume Pixar create the most meaningful, reflective and connectable children's animations. But these critics tend to overlook the intellectual wizardry of DreamWorks. Sure, Pixar created Wall-E (a film about loneliness, environmentalism and the passing of time) and Toy Story (a heart-breaking reflection on childhood) but never forget how DreamWorks were the power behind such classics as Kung Fu-Panda (a film about a panda that can talk), Shark Tale (a film about a shark that can talk) and of course, that pioneering, innovative, revolutionary film Madagascar (a film about a lion that can talk).

Madagascar has been unfairly criticised for its lack of original ideas, weak humour and poorly animated characters. Yet these criticisms overlook the purpose of Madagascar. Madagascar is quite blatantly an allegory for the Somerset protestant agrarian communist uprising in 1649. Cleverly, DreamWorks use the confines of the zoo to represent the restrictions of private land, while the subsequent dramatic zoo escape reflects the post-civil war turmoil in 1649. Our heroic band of animal friends (read: agrarian communists) escape their zoo (read: capitalist system) to escape to Madagascar (read: communist utopia). What follows is a near perfect political exploration of greed, power, and the ideal of a common treasury for all (read: a group of lemurs do a dance and some penguins commandeer a cruise ship). It is not to be missed.

**Merry Christmas Robinson! Make sure to check out the Panto on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup>!**

## Rugby

So far this season, Robinson have played Jesus, CCK, Queen's Twice and Downing winning 3 out of 5. This leaves them sitting comfortably in the middle of the Division 1 Table. Injuries have been a large problem so far this season with the destruction of Stefan 'Serbian Sensation' Filip by 'Big Baby' Harry Clifford being a large miss, along with injuries to Chris Sharman & Pete Evans. The forwards have been Robinson's key weapon so far this season, supplying pressure for the backs to play off & also scoring a few tries of their own. Try of the season so far was 'Pete Hall's' Scintillating 50m chip and chase.

-Peter Hall

## Rowing

Fuck all happened...

## Ghosh's Film Corner

