

# Shan Chang - Presidential Manifesto



## About me

I'm a first year PPE-ist from the faraway land of New Zealand. I chose Catz for its ethos of openness, friendliness and diversity, and I've been happier here than I've ever been before. As a foreigner Catz is basically my life and home now. Anyone who knows me will tell you that I'm the polar opposite of a CV-obsessed hack; I've been taking democracy in the JCR and the work of the committee seriously for a long time. I'm running because I have a pile of ideas, as you can see from below, and because I think I have the commitment and efficiency to carry them through. If you elect me, I'll be approachable and in touch with your concerns, but I'll also take a serious, no-bullshit approach to the role, which is what I think you'd want since the president deals with issues that really affect your lives at Catz. I will not let you down.

## Why me?

- ✓ **Excellent communicator, shrewd negotiator**; I've done national level debating and lots of public speaking and acting. This had made me **good at putting together and communicating strong, well-reasoned cases**, and makes me the sort of person you'd want **representing your interests to the college and to wider Oxford**.
- ✓ **Highly committed to the JCR**; I attend nearly every open meeting and have done since first term, I contribute to the debate in open meetings, I co-founded the squash club with Michael Fernando, am on the ball committee, and give up time to sing for Catz choir and play for the cuppers tennis team. I also know personally and could work well with the entire incoming committee, as well as pretty much every single candidate in these elections.

## I propose to

- ✓ Have a **happy hour once a week** to get people into the bar, and buy some **couches and beanbags for the JCR**.
- ✓ Reclaim the unclaimed portion of the Clubs & Socs pot. Dealing with rough figures, of the approx. £200 that the college sets aside for each student, about £150 is put into a Clubs and Socs pot, which would give a total pot of over £70000. What is not claimed we don't seem to get; we're not sure what actually happens to it. Footballs, tennis balls etc. do not cost very much - we may be missing out on a lot of money, and by the constitution (section 6 clause 27) it seems that the JCR *is* entitled to this unclaimed portion. I want to at least make this budget process more transparent, and **if we are missing out, I want to get the money back**.
- ✓ Have JCR **events and activities** (eg. open mic nights, karaoke, battle of the bands) **every non-entz Friday** (in Michaelmas and Hillary) to stop the College from feeling so dead.
- ✓ Look at **rigorously redesigning the balloting process** by consulting with the JCR and economics tutors who specialise in designing allocation procedures.
- ✓ **Re-price the salad bar, or clear up pricing** so it's less arbitrary; right now you can have exactly the same salad two different days and get charged totally differently.
- ✓ **Refurbish the 24-hr study room** in sc18, and let people know it's there. **Refurbish the JCR computer room** and put in big tables so it can be used as a group study space.
- ✓ Have **better staircase icebreakers** (over and above staircase parties) in Freshers' Week.
- ✓ **Introduce freshers to the JCR committee** and its work properly, and make the **first open meeting one of the big events of Freshers' Week**.
- ✓ Get a **printing system that works, and better wifi** (more routers maybe) in the old quad.