

Thomson Nguyen

CUBC Honorary Secretary Manifesto



Who am I?

My name is Thomson Nguyen and I'm standing for the position of 2008-2009 CUBC Honorary Secretary. I'm currently an MPhil at Clare Hall studying Computational Biology and will be starting my PhD next year at Cavendish Laboratory. I'm the men's captain at Clare Hall and in my spare time I like to make awful faces at photographers while rowing.

And why should you vote for me?

If you're reading this manifesto, chances are you know exactly why you like being on the river, either as a rower, doomed to slide back and forth on the same seat down the same stretch of river several times a week, or as a cox, men and women with the uncanny ability to be able to shout at eight of the aforementioned dupes and always be in the right. My reasons for rowing and coxing and captaining are the same as yours: I want to dedicate as much of my time and energy as possible into my boat club for the sole purpose of making its members compete and exert at their absolute best for the betterment of the club. If given the chance, I'd like to extend this same dedication, focus, and borderline-compulsive organizational skills to the CUBC and CUCBC as Honorary Secretary.

I came into Cambridge with a faint interest in rowing, not exactly knowing what to expect when I decided to join up. Several complete readings of the CUCBC Handbook¹ and uncountably many hours on the river rowing, coxing, umpiring, and coaching later, I've come to understand and appreciate the inner workings of the CUCBC that goes into ensuring a safe and efficient river for everyone on it. Additionally, everyone enjoys an Oxford trouncing, and I'd certainly want to help out CUBC in this endeavor in any way I can². In short, I want to be a part of this.

I've got a lot of ideas, I've got a lot of time³, I've got an extensive knowledge of the river and its encyclopedia of rules governing it, and I've got the drive to do this job and do it well.

All I need from you, is your vote.



Figure 1: What happens if you don't vote for me.

¹I wish I could say this was a joke.

²Because at 5'7" and 69kg, it sure as hell won't be as a member of the boat.

³Rowing is the only other thing I do here besides my PhD.