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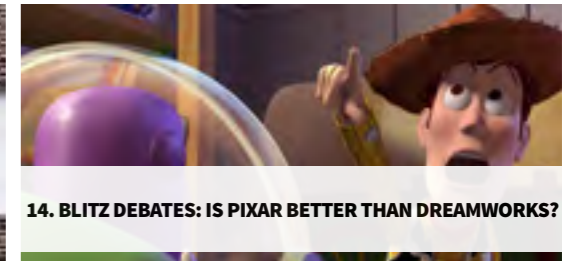


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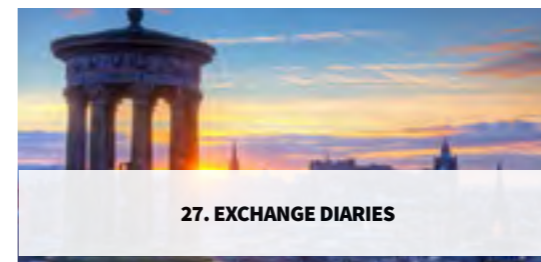
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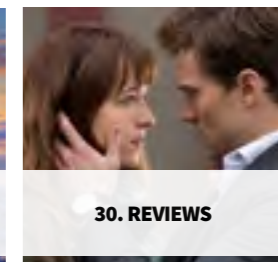
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FROM ANNALISE & OPHELIA



Top o' the mornin' to ya readers,

Unfortunately, with the first two weeks of uni done, highlighting course outlines will no longer suffice as study, but never fear because Blitz is here to school you on all the sick stuff happening at UNSW. We bet you a pint of Guinness this mag is more educational than your brand-spanking-new textbooks.

We can't think of a better way to get the brain working than to rustle up some green clothing from the back of your wardrobe and head to the Roundhouse for some noon bevies on St Patrick's Day. We give you the info on all things Irish on p.12, p.15 and p.17. Be prepared to see the three of us unleash some serious river dancing moves that are rivalled only by Sharon (from Kath and Kim).

Don't miss out, you might even make like the Irish and get lucky.

CHAIR'S LETTER

FROM BEN HEENAN



Welcome to W3! Congratulations on making it this far.

Things I hope you managed to do in your first two weeks:

Rocked up to at least one lecture, joined Arc, remembered that tutes don't start until W2, hit the Roundhouse (bonus points if you've done it every day you were on campus).

Things I hope you will do in the remaining weeks of the semester:

Rock up to at least one lecture, enjoy the fantastic benefits of Arc membership, go to 80% of your tutes, check out The White House and sign up to one of our sporting/fitness recreational courses.

If all of that was too much just head to the Roundie for a beer.

As always, feel free to shoot me an email about anything to do with Arc or student representation.

Ben

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Kate Crimmins

WROTE 'TECH GEEK' ON P.25

What do you study?
Information Systems

What's your tactic for coping with the first half of semester?
Double Happy Hour.

What's your best tip for getting lucky on St Patrick's Day?
A good pickup line. "Hey baby you make my shamrocks shake" or "you make my pants want to get up and river dance" ... works every time.

What's in your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow?
A good dance floor.

DreamWorks or Pixar?
DreamWorks. Kung Fu Panda is my spirit animal.

If you were any Pixar character who would you be?
Edna from *The Incredibles*. She's sassy, small and styles hot half-naked heroes! "Darhling please."

Shoot, shag or marry: Woody, Buzz and Mr Potato Head
Shag Woody, obviously. Marry Buzz. Shoot Mr Potato Head - who can resist a good potato gem.



Ross Adcock

WROTE 'MODEL STUDENTS' ON P.13

What do you study?
Education

What's your tactic for coping with the first half of semester?
Occupying myself with society events and Arc discounts ...

What's your best tip for getting lucky on St Patrick's Day?
Get acquainted with some Liam Neeson films and practise an Irish accent 'til you've nailed it.

What's in your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow?
A deed to one of those penthouses in Central Park wouldn't be too shabby.

DreamWorks or Pixar?
Pixar, because they can make you fall in love with characters with limited dialogue (Eg. *WALL-E* and the first 10 minutes of *Up*).

If you were any Pixar character who would you be?
Mr. Incredible, I mean... duh, super powers and a super-flexible wife.

Shoot, shag or marry: Woody, Buzz and Mr Potato Head
Shoot Buzz, too many identity issues. Marry Woody, that leadership. Shag Mr. Potato Head, he'd have the most holes, and I could take his mouth with me.



Ryan Bautista

WROTE 'SOCIAL STALKER' ON P.15

What do you study?
Media (Comms & Journalism)

What's your tactic for coping with the first half of semester?
I'm still figuring that one out myself. As High School Musical, aka The Greatest Disney Channel Movie Ever, taught us: 'We're all in this together.' Dance moves compulsory.

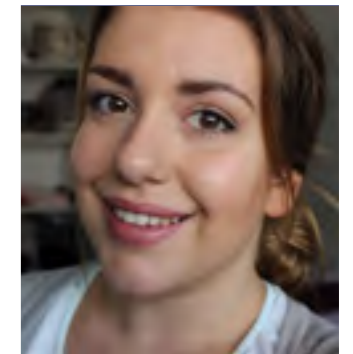
What's your best tip for getting lucky on St Patrick's Day?
This one's a secret. Victoria's Secret.

What's in your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow?
Lots and lots of money, so I can make raining cash happen.

DreamWorks or Pixar?
I'm on Team Pixar. Why? Because I can *drops mic*.

If you were any Pixar character who would you be?
Edna Mode from *The Incredibles*.

Shoot, shag or marry: Woody, Buzz and Mr Potato Head
Stuff that. Woody, Buzz, Mr Potato Head and I will form a squad of our own instead.



Alexandra Anastassiou

WROTE 'ST PATRICK'S DAY' ON P.17

What do you study?
Media (Comms and Journalism)

What's your tactic for coping with the first half of semester?
Get organised! Mid sem break is so cheeky at making you think you have plenty of time to get all your assignments done!

What's your best tip for getting lucky on St Patrick's Day?
Drink enough Guinness - eventually everyone will look fantastic and you're bound to get lucky that way. (drink responsibly kids)

What's in your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow?
A bottomless burrito basket.

DreamWorks or Pixar?
Pixar! *Toy Story*, *A Bug's Life*, *Finding Nemo*, *Monsters Inc*, *The Incredibles*, need I say more?

If you were any Pixar character who would you be?
Celia from *Monsters Inc*. Her hair game is so strong.

Shoot, shag or marry: Woody, Buzz or Mr Potato Head
Shoot Mr Potato Head (soz), shag Buzz and marry Woody, with his stable job as Sheriff and everything.

Pixar Trivia Night



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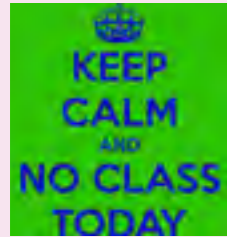
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Keen to contribute in *Blitz* too? We'd love to hear from writing enthusiasts, presenters, journos, designers, photographers, puppies and any all-round cool kids. So if you think that you could be any of these things.. Email us at blitz@arc.unsw.edu.au

BITZ AND PIECES



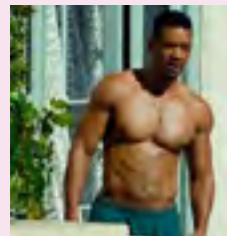
LIKE



Mid semester break. The countdown has well and truly begun and we're only in W3. Just ignore that creeping feeling that the second half of semester will drag on forever...



St Patrick's Day. Wear all the green you own and head down to the Roundhouse because it's going to be huge.



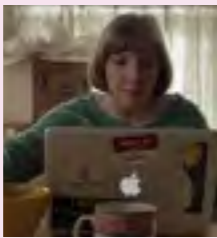
Focus. Will Smith is in it. Enough said.



DISLIKE



Guy Sebastian is going to represent Australia at Eurovision... what happened to the Kylie & Hugh duet we were hoping for.



Season 4 of *Girls* is ending. Now where will we get our weekly dose of Lena Dunham's breasts?



Our government planning to host an International Women's Day lunch at a men's only club.

Poll

The Walking Dead v. *True Blood*. Vote to decide which cult TV show is better. We just hope it's settled without any blood spilt (... or consumed!). Vote on [facebook.com/blitzmag](https://www.facebook.com/blitzmag) and see the results in our next issue.



Book Nook

The Lost Child of Philomena Lee by Martin Sixsmith

This book recounts the incredible true story of an Irish woman's deepest secret. After falling pregnant as a teenager in Ireland in the 1950s, Philomena's newborn is forcibly sold to America for adoption by the Catholic Church. After 50 years she decides to find him. This book, which has been adapted into a critically acclaimed film starring Judi Dench, is a poignant testament to the consequences of forced adoption and the powerful bond between a mother and child.

Missed Connection

To the muscular South African Business student (I think your name is Jim?). Can I join you for a workout?

Random Factoids

Only one McDonald's in the world has turquoise arches. Officials in Sedona, Arizona, thought that yellow would clash with the natural red rock.

People didn't always say 'hello' when they answered the phone. When the first regular phone service was established in 1878, people said 'ahoy.'

In *Silence of the Lambs*, Hannibal Lector (Anthony Hopkins) never blinks.

Twitter



Instagram

@_mynameiskev_ Owned by Aussie pro-surfers Alana Blanchard and Jack Freestone, this bulldog runs an impressive account.



Urban Dictionary

Nicholas Cage Syndrome

When you have the same facial expression no matter what emotion you're supposed to be showing.

Overheard

GIRL 1: What's your favourite muscle on a guy?

GIRL 2: Deltoids, but only aesthetically. Functionally I like the glutes.

TRENDING



Tween Julia Gillard. Our first female Prime Minister's school photo is too cute. We wish she'd kept the pigtails!



Breakfast raving. The people from Morning Gloryville are launching a pre dawn breakfast rave at an Alexandria warehouse on March 18 which lockouts can't touch.



Professor West. Kanye delivered an address to 300 students at Oxford University.



Summer is well and truly over. Soon Main Walkway will feel like an icy wind tunnel.



Shane Watson. He's finally been dropped from the Australian Cricket team after months of pressure from fans.



Adam Sandler. But let's face it, he's always been trending down.

SIX PIXAR CHARACTERS...

Even with the G-rating these characters leave us covering under the covers. We've rounded up the most disturbing characters from our favourite childrens films.



Syndrome

From *The Incredibles*

Syndrome is like that smart (but notably unhinged) nerd sitting next to you in your Mechanical Engineering tute. They harbour an inner anger towards the world, born out of crushed aspirations and rejection (*Ed*. Don't forget the ginger hair). Combine that with Sheldon Cooper-level intelligence and you have a sociopath on your hands. You always knew they'd crack but didn't think they'd go as far as kidnapping a newborn. Deep down, all Syndrome seeks is appreciation, and don't we all? (*Ed*. We think we could easily defeat him by sending a busty Biology student his way.)

BY GENEVIEVE GAO

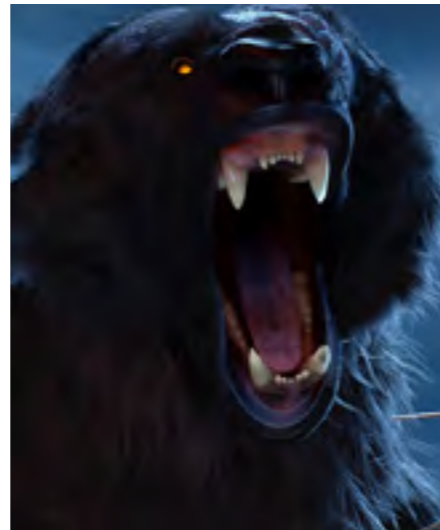


Sid

From *Toy Story*

Sid is the only kid in the neighbourhood who owns an M-80 and isn't afraid to use it (RIP Combat Carl). With half-a-dozen locks on his bedroom door, it can be concluded that he's hard at work expanding his Mutant Army and feeding his TERATOPHILIA, a word which here means, 'an erotic love of the deformed and monstrous'. Why else would he give unauthorised surgery to a Pterodactyl-Janie-Doll without anesthetic? We can only hope that he's not biding his time, stripping discarded toys for parts and awaiting the perfect moment to perform another double bypass brain transplant on an unsuspecting victim.

BY YAEL BRENDER

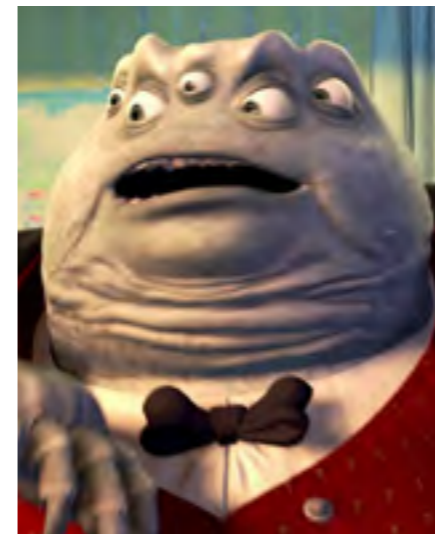


Mor'du

From *Brave*

Do you like bears? Of course you do: they're cute, fluffy, cuddly and reminiscent of your little snuggle buddy from when you were a baby (or Year 9, we don't judge). Mor'du is NONE of these things. The Al Pacino of the teddy bear world, Mor'du is the spirit of a crazed prince who murdered his entire family. He's more terrifying than any group presentation you'll face and more frightening than the idea of sitting the UMAT - this is the stuff of nightmares. There isn't much to redeem this character. Much like looming mid-session assignments, you can't escape this beast - all you can do is stand your ground and just hope you win the fight.

BY ROSS ADCOCK



Mr Waterhouse

From *Monsters Inc*

This monster CEO is not someone you'd want to go toe-to-toe with (or claw-to-claw). Arguably more evil than Jordan Belfort, he runs a company that literally makes money by scaring children. Mr Waterhouse is like the devil love child of Mr Krabs (SpongeBob) and Shelob (the Great Spider from Lord of the Rings); he's fatherly and impatient on the outside, but inside he's a poisonous, ruthless money-grubbing machine. With a nasty set of six legs and five eyes Waterhouse really is a monster.

BY ERIN MIDDLETON

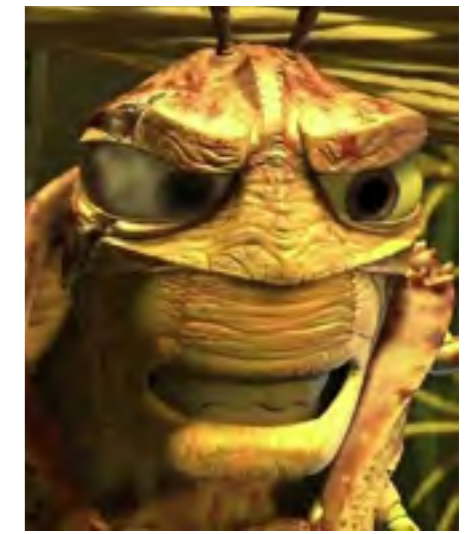


Bruce

From *Finding Nemo*

Bruce is that person who tries way too hard to be your friend despite every hint, sign and desperate plea that you really don't want to be his. He's like the smiling salesman coming up your driveway but he's also nature's best killing machine. Within seconds you lock your doors, turn off every light, hit every mute button and press yourself up against a wall out of sight. That unnecessary and unwanted social interaction is made much worse with the knowledge he might try to eat you in a blood frenzy.

BY ATUL VIDHATA



Hopper

From *A Bug's Life*

Hopper is that realistically terrifying character that haunts your dreams, it's not because this creature was one of the 10 plagues of Egypt and is voiced by the same man who made my soul crumble into itself while watching *Se7en*, but for the simple fact that we all know someone like Hopper. Maybe they didn't plan to assassinate the leader of a small colony, but that kid in school definitely chased ants around with a magnifying glass and squished them just as they were approaching their nest. Don't care if I'm 20, still scared.

BY ALEX ANASTASSIOU

THAT GIVE US NIGHTMARES

Put your Pixar knowledge to the ultimate test at the Roundhouse's Pixar Trivia Night. For more info turn to P17 and check out unswroundhouse.com.

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KINGSWOOD

Blitz caught up with the bass player, Jeremy 'Mango' Hunter, of Melbourne band Kingswood in the midst of their national *Microscopic Wars* tour.

The boys (Fergus Linacre, Alex Laska, Jeremy 'Mango' Hunter, and Justin Debrincat) had a huge year in 2014, earning an ARIA nomination and landing two tracks in the Hottest 100 (*I Can Feel That You Don't Love Me* and *Microwars*). We can't wait to brush shoulders with you in the mosh pit when they rock the Roundhouse on 18 March.

What's the best and worst thing about touring?

Getting to travel around Australia and meeting heaps of legends along the way. Australia is an amazing country. Worst part is being away from partners, family and friends.

What's been Kingwood's biggest 'holy shit' moment as a band?

Definitely winning the triple j Unearthed Splendour in the Grass gig. It really came out of nowhere and it was our first big festival that we ever played.

How did the nickname 'Mango' come about and does the group have any other nicknames inspired by fruit?

Family were mango farmers in Cambodia. There are a few food-related nicknames that get thrown around a bit actually. 'Snacks Laska', he loves snacks. 'Burger Debrincat', ate burgers non-stop in the US. We also called Fergus, 'Frucci' for his affinity for Coca Cola back before he joined the clean eating fad of 2013-2014.

Can the band member with the most luscious facial hair give us some beard-grooming tips?

Coconut oil and a pet groomer do the trick.

Do you have any pet peeves with each other?

Plenty. We have been a band for 10 years. There are bound to be a few pet peeves.

What is your dream festival line up to play on?

One where nothing goes wrong and we aren't served pre-mixed cans of 3.5% Sailor Jerry and Coke instead of a bottle of Jameson's.

Who are your favourite Aussie bands right now?

Karnivool, Luca Brasi, Pond, Remi, Luluc.

Any advice for budding student musicians?

Practise hard and don't accept mediocre. When you think a song is perfect, try changing it up or adding in something else. It may not work, but at least you know that you have tried every avenue before finalising a composition.

What's your favourite dance move on stage?

Probably the Philadelphian shuffle, words cannot describe it.

What can UNSW students expect at your Roundhouse gig?

A few laffs and a few froffs.

RAPID FIRE

Your song-writing muse?

Bertie Beetle

Your spirit animal?

Spotted Tiger Moth

Burgers or burritos?

Burritos

Jimmy Fallon or Jimmy Kimmel?

Fallon

Don't miss Kingswood at the Roundhouse on 18 March.
Grab the cheapest tickets on their Aussie tour at unswroundhouse.com.

MODEL STUDENTS

BY ROSS ADCOCK



Vans 'Suede Leather Era 59' in Pine Needle, \$55
Get river dancing in these skate shoes.



Stance 'Imperial' Socks in Blue, \$19.95
Your ankles will have never looked so psychedelic.



Insight 'Army Slouch' Backpack, \$69.99
This bag has plenty of room for all your lucky charms.



FallenBrokenStreet 'Free Flight' Hat, \$89.95
This has to be the most stylish Leprechaun hat we've ever seen.

BAG RAID

We chased down a Leprechaun (or, in hindsight, a bearded student of short stature) and raided their bag to find the ultimate student accessories for St Patrick's Day. Not only will these picks go perfectly with Guinness at the Roundhouse, but they'll also leave your mates green with envy.



Kit Cosmetics 'Mood Lift' Nail Polish, \$15.95
This high shine polish will prime your fingers for all that four-leaf clover picking.



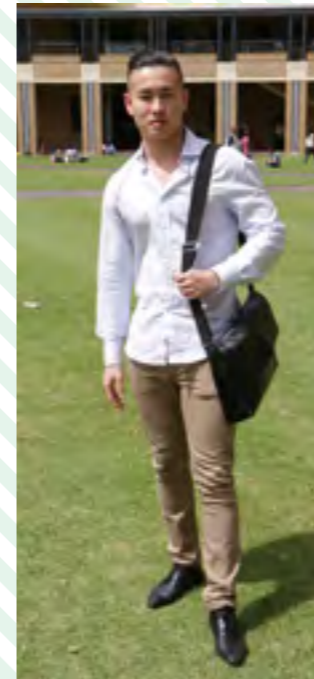
Nixon 'Time Teller Matte' Watch in Peppermint, \$99.99
Ensure you start drinking at noon with this watch. That's when the party starts at the Roundhouse.



Skullcandy 'Uprock' Headphones in Bunny Teal Grey, \$54.95
Pump some Ronan Keating and get ready to party.



Status Anxiety 'Audrey' Wallet in Emerald, \$89
You'll need this Italian leather wallet when you find that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.



Ryan

SCIENCE/COMMERCE

You're Wearing: Brunello Cucinelli shirt, Ksubi pants, Aquila shoes, and a Jack Spade bag.

You in three words: Passionate, driven and fun.

Most treasured item: Immaterial would be my family, material is my car.

Biggest fashion inspiration: David Beckham. His hair and his family are really lovely.



Katherine

COMMERCE

You're Wearing: Steve Madden boots, Zara shorts, Forever New cardigan, top and handbag, and Chanel sunnies.

You in three words: Witty, sassy and phresh-to-death.

Most treasured item: A Tiffany bracelet my father bought me for my 18th birthday.

Biggest fashion inspiration: Nicole Richie and Rihanna. They're killing it all the time, always looking fresh and cute.



William

COMMERCE/ARTS

You're Wearing: Target shirt, Industrie pants and Kmart shoes. My bag was a gift from friends.

You in three words: Sociable, energetic and funny.

Most treasured item: My bag, which was given to me as a going away present from Brisbane.

Biggest fashion inspiration: Industrie models and billboard models.



Vivian

MEDICAL SCIENCE

You're Wearing: General Pants backpack and Ray-Ban sunnies. My top and jeans are from a boutique in Crows Nest and my boots are from a street market in Hong Kong.

You in three words: Unfashionable couch potato or crazy cat lady.

Most treasured item: My cat Salem, named after my primary school go-to TV show.

Biggest fashion inspiration: A mix between my sister Victoria and Jenn Im from YouTube and Instagram (@imjennim).

YES

SAYS ALEXANDRA BLACK

Pixar is better than DreamWorks. There is no question. Let's look at this logically, shall we?

Pixar has been going strong from the start. I mean, their first film was *Toy Story*. You know... that film that made history? The film that made it to infinity and beyond? And the sequels are actually good. I'm really excited to see *Toy Story 103* when it comes out!

But what makes Pixar really strong is that they haven't been afraid to push ideas aside because they weren't working. The idea for *Wall-E* came up in a meeting but wasn't made into a film for another 10 years!

They're also not afraid of failure. Sure, Pixar has taken the typical kid's movie route, with toys and cars that come to life, but they've also run with some pretty bizarre ideas. Who would have thought a film about an old man who moves to South America would be so successful? Pixar did bitches...

Pixar have had seven Oscar nominations. Not only is that more nominations (and definitely more wins) than Leo, but it's also an Academy guarantee that Pixar are boss (*Finding Nemo's* win, anyone?).

This success has lead to Pixar's join with Disney. Pixar-is-the-best-Disney. And you don't mess with Disney.

Ah Pixar, you've got a friend in me.



BLITZ DEBATES

Is Pixar better than DreamWorks?

NO

SAYS JESSICA HARRIS

One word... *Shrek*.

Let's face it. Who can compete with that oniony ogre? With the voice of Mike Myers, *Shrek* will always be a favourite (Ed. Is *Shrek* the green, child-friendly Fat Bastard?). I'm sure dedicated DreamWorks' fans will have noticed the perfectly chosen cast of comedians used to voice these characters.

Let's talk storylines. Pixar has graced us with the story of hundreds of rats cooking food in a French restaurant... Yep, they've pretty much done the impossible and turned us off French food.

DreamWorks, on the other hand, has some of the most memorable plotlines. Who could forget Jack Black reincarnated as a chubby panda who defies all odds to become a Kung Fu warrior? Or Ben Stiller, as a lion, deserted on an island with a group of other zoo animal comedians? (Ed. Pretty much your average SNL skit)

Those who are fans of... Pixar (shudders*) may argue that DreamWorks has had a lot of hits and misses in its time, but, as they say, practice makes perfect! And DreamWorks sure came close to perfect with *How to Train Your Dragon*, *Chicken Run* and *Antz*. Not to mention the highest-grossing animation in the US: *Shrek 2*.

I'll leave you with one last thought. Along with its casts of A-list celebrities, DreamWorks was co-founded by the man who bought aliens, dinosaurs and man-eating sharks onto our screen – the story-telling genius, Mr Steven Spielberg.



HOW TO Get Lucky on St Patrick's Day

BY SARAH SCHOFIELD



Can't catch a break? Want to channel your (very distant) Irish heritage? Just want to wake up on the day after St Patrick's Day minus the knowledge you drunk-texted your ex? Fear not! Here are our five tips for how to have your luckiest St Patrick's Day yet.



FOUR-LEAF CLOVER

You'll probably require someone luckier than you to find this four-leaf clover... put on your best Irish accent, shout them some Guinness, and convince them to give it up (if they start quoting Rick Astley, you've lost them). It'll take up most of your time, but if you're determined, give it a shot. It can't hurt, right?



WEAR GREEN

No longer reserved for Kermit or Yoda, St Patrick's Day is the one day of the year you can wear a hideous shade of green and be guaranteed to enjoy yourself more because of it. Embrace emerald tones and you may even win over that special guy or girl... who can resist a leprechaun?



GUINNESS

Assuming the Felix Felicis doesn't work out (I hear convincing Slughorn to make it is really difficult these days), you could try Guinness. It'll certainly make you feel lucky (*Ed. A bit of liquid courage might help you woo an Irish lad or lass*). Besides, it's St Patrick's Day, why wouldn't you try it?



RABBIT'S FOOT

Go buy yourself a fake one and hope like hell that it works as well as a real one, because cutting off actual rabbits feet is just cruel.



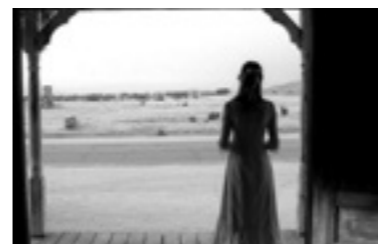
DRINK A WHOLE BOTTLE OF FELIX FELICIS

Hey, if it works for Harry Potter...

Come down and get lucky at the Roundhouse on St Patrick's Day. Find out more at unswroundhouse.com.

#SOCIAL STALKER

BY RYAN BAUTISTA



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Have you ever wondered, 'How does one capture an iconic film in one single frame?' Well, wonder no more! Meet @OnePerfectShot, your daily dose of still images from cinema's past and present. Created by filmmaker @TheGeoffTodd, the feed comes off as a recommended viewing list, covering films from way back in the 1900s to Oscar favourites *Birdman* and *The Grand Budapest Hotel*. All film-lovers should give this Twitter account a follow.



Instagram: [Hot Dudes Reading @hotdudesreading](https://www.instagram.com/hotdudesreading)

Hot Dudes Reading will make that pre-9am lecture commute somewhat bearable. This Instagram account sees photos of men in NYC getting into dat literature on the subway. Exactly how hot are these dudes? That's entirely up to you and your definition of 'hot' (*Ed. We'd get between their covers any day*). Regardless, the brilliant captions make *Hot Dudes Reading* worth following.



Tumblr: [Mean Girls Art History meangirlsarthistory.tumblr.com](http://meangirlsarthistory.tumblr.com)

Public Service Announcement: There is definitive proof that *Mean Girls* existed before Lindsay Lohan. OMG! WHAT?! WHERE?! Look no further than *Mean Girls Art History*, a Tumblr blog that pairs iconic one-liners from the 2004 film with historical paintings. Scrolling through this blog you'll be like, 'That's so fetch!' (Stop trying to make fetch happen, you!). The limit doesn't exist, which is why you can alternatively see *Mean Girls Art History* on Instagram (@meangirlsarthistory). Groot.



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WHAT'S ON UNSW
16 MAR - 29 MAR

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TUES 24 MAR

W4 International Square (near Globe Lawn)



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BETTER THAN STUDYING

WHAT'S ON UNSW

St Patrick's Day



BY ALEX ANASTASSIOU

It's that time of year again when cheeky bearded men come out to play and the world gets a little greener... And, no, I'm not talking about Saturday night in Newtown.

Ah, St Patrick's Day: when drinking begins at the stroke of noon (as if the first weeks of S1 haven't done that to you already) and unsuspecting first years fall into the trap of thinking they will like Guinness (Ed. Don't worry there's plenty else to tempt your tastebuds).

There will be Irish music live in the BeerGarden, fantastic prizes to be won and plenty of food and drink specials to see you through, so bust out your shamrocks and start practising your jigs, because this is an event not to be missed.

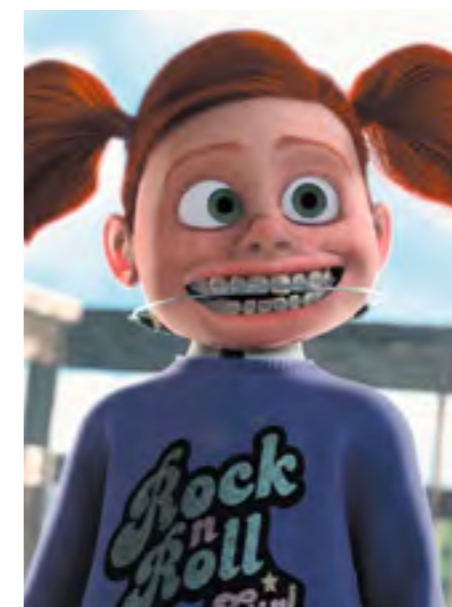
Entry is free, but get down to the Roundhouse fast for a table with your friends because not even your lucky charms will be enough to help snag a seat.

The Irish are renowned for having a good time so get ready for a wild night of dark beer and some serious River dancing.

We'll see you there, ready to paint the night green!

WHERE: Roundhouse (18+ only)
WHEN: Tues 17 March, 12pm 'til late
PRICE: Free! (Entry that is, not the beer)
VERDICT: You're guaranteed to get lucky

Pixar Trivia Night



BY ROSS ADCOCK

Still can't decide which *Toy Story* is best?

Are you heartbroken that P Sherman, 42 Wallaby Way doesn't exist?

Then get yourself to the Pixar Trivia Night at the Roundhouse, where you can put on a *Brave* face and prove once and for all that your team are the true *Incredibles*. Get your geek on and show those Dreamworks fanboys what REAL animation fans look like!

Relive those childhood memories with the perks of being a uni student - all the nostalgia of yesteryear with all the enjoyment of alcohol. So grab some of your mates, put a team together, and get your research on. (Did you know Joss Whedon, King of Nerds, helped write *Toy Story*?)

Whether you're looking to prove that you're an animation know-it-all, or just some light-hearted fun after Happy Hour, the event is FREE to register!

And who knows, among the throngs of like-minded animation fans, you could find the *WALL-E* to your EVE. So get *Up*, hop in your *Cars*, and hit up the Roundhouse for a fun-filled night.

WHERE: Roundhouse
WHEN: Tues 24 March, 6pm til late
PRICE: Free!
VERDICT: Incredible

WHAT'S ON



CIRCUSOC INTRO TO CIRCUS WORKSHOP



FREE HOW TO MAKE COCKTAILS



KINGSWOOD



CARNAUNI 2015

PULL ME OUT AND TAKE ME WITH YOU!

WEEK 3

MON MAR 16

Breakfast Special

8-11am
@ **The White House**
Make Monday morning better with banana bread and a regular coffee for \$6.

Lunch Special

11am onwards
@ **The White House**
Get rapt about this lunch deal – a wrap and draught beer for \$14.

Education Collective Meeting

12pm
@ **Level 2, Arc Precinct**

Campus Bible Study Talk

1-2pm
@ **Chemical Sciences, M18**

Women's Collective Meeting

1-2pm
@ **Women's Room, Arc Precinct, Basser Steps**

Drinks Special

2pm onwards
@ **The White House**
Get fancy and try \$8 cocktails at The White House. It's guaranteed to improve your Monday.

Free Ping Pong

2-8pm
@ **Roundhouse**
Fancy yourself a bit of a Forrest Gump?

Happy Hour

4-5pm
@ **Roundhouse**
Enjoy some cheap drinks and get psyched to watch *Game of Thrones*.

Queer Collective Meeting

4-6pm
@ **Queerspace, Chemical Sciences, 9.21**

CircuSoc Intro to Circus Workshop

5.30pm
@ **Physics Lawn**
Round up, round up to learn some crazy circus skills that are sure to impress your friends.

Free Game of Thrones Double Screening

6pm
@ **Roundhouse**
Dragons, violence and incest – what's not to like?

TUE MAR 17

Breakfast Special

8-11am
@ **The White House**
Everything that is good and holy in a \$7 breakfast wrap. Yum!

Lunch Special

11am onwards
@ **The White House**
You're guaranteed to be bloated but satisfied with pizza and a draught for \$15.

Tea Society Gathering

12-2pm
@ **Colombo House Foyer**
Come along to the Tea Society's weekly tea gathering.

Drinks Special

12pm onwards
@ **The White House**
Ola amigo, come to The White House for a \$19 jug of sangria.

St Patrick's Day

12pm onwards
@ **Roundhouse**
Who wouldn't skip a lecture to kick the party off at noon? Don't miss out, you'll be green with envy.

People of Colour Collective Meeting

1-2pm
@ **Level 2, Arc Precinct**

Social Soccer Beginner's Game: Soccer 101

2.30-4.30pm
@ **Village Green**
Bend it like Beckham or trip over your feet and then sulk on the side of the oval.

Happy Hour

4-5pm
@ **Roundhouse**
It's an Irish edition of the Happy Hour you know and love.

WED MAR 18

Breakfast Special

8-11am
@ **The White House**
The most important meal of the day just became more important with an omelette and hash brown for \$8.

Lunch Special

11am onwards
@ **The White House**
Ciao Bella! Pretend you're in an inexpensive Italy with pasta of the day and a glass of wine for \$11.

Drinks Special

11am onwards
@ **The White House**
Definitely better than goon (although I'm not sure we'll know the difference) – sip \$6 glasses of any premium wine.

Enviro Collective Meeting

11am-12pm
@ **Level 2, Arc Precinct**

Free How To Make Cocktails

1pm
@ **Roundhouse**
Learn from a master mixologist – it's cheaper (and arguably more educational) than your degree.

Free Giant Games

1-3pm
@ **Roundhouse**
Beware of those humungous Jenga blocks.

Happy Hour

4-5pm
@ **Roundhouse**
Economical and delicious – what better way to get over hump day?

Doctor Who Society Laser Tag

5pm
@ **Strike Entertainment Quarter**
Channel the Doctor and battle it out at laser tag with the Doctor Who Society. It's only \$15 for two games. Watch out for the aliens!

Filmsoc Screening: Rope

6pm
@ **Webster 327**
Don't miss a screening of this Hitchcock psychological thriller.

Kingswood

7pm onwards
@ **Roundhouse**
Comb that beard and get ready to dance because this Aussie four-piece band from Melbourne is set to rock the Roundhouse.

Social Sport Registrations Close

Last chance to sign up to play a fun sport with mates. They even have Quidditch!

THUR MAR 19

Breakfast Special

8-11am
@ **The White House**
You're almost at the end of the week. Treat yourself with \$9 for pancakes and coffee, yum!

Lunch Special

11am onwards
@ **The White House**
You can almost believe you're kicking back at the beach with calamari and draught for \$13.

Women's Collective Meeting

12-1pm
@ **Women's Room, Arc Precinct, Basser Steps**

Campus Bible Study Talk

1-2pm
@ **Electrical Engineering, G25**

Education Collective Meeting

1pm
@ **Level 2, Arc Precinct**

Queer Collective Meeting

2-4pm
@ **Queerspace, Chemical Sciences, 9.21**

Happy Hour

4-5pm
@ **Roundhouse**
Get happy at Happy Hour.

Law Revue Social Dance Block

4-7pm
@ **Roundhouse**
Put on your dancing shoes and learn two choreographed numbers to get prepping for Law Revue. All skill levels are welcome.

Drinks Special

5pm onwards
@ **The White House**
Don't like beer? Finally there's a cheap drink for you with \$7 pints of cider.

Rec Course Registrations Close

Don't miss out! You can even register for a first aid course and add it to your CV.

FRI MAR 20

Breakfast Special

8-11am
@ **The White House**
The classic brekky: an egg and bacon roll plus coffee for \$7. Warning: spilling BBQ sauce down your top is almost unavoidable.

Women of Colour Collective Meeting

10-11am
@ **Level 2, Arc Precinct**

Lunch Special

11am onwards
@ **The White House**
What could be better than fish and chips and draught for \$14.

Drinks Special

2pm onwards
@ **The White House**
Even the thirst of the snobbiest beer snobs will be quenched with boutique beer only \$6.40.

Happy Hour

4-5pm
@ **Roundhouse**
You did it! You made it to the end of the week and you deserve a medal in the form of a cold drink.

Social Soccer Trivia Night

5pm
@ **TBA**
Kick off the weekend, and put your knowledge of balls to the test, with some soccer trivia.

Free DJ Set

6.30pm onwards
@ **The White House**
What better way to finish off the week than with some sweet tunes and drinks with mates?

CARNAUNI 2015

All Day
@ **Roundhouse**
Have you ever dreamed of partying it up in Brazil during Carnival? This vibrant event has been brought to UNSW.

B BISTRO SPECIAL WEEK 3



BURRITOS \$9.50

ROUND HOUSE DRINKS SPECIAL WEEK 3

SMIRNOFF BLACK CAN \$7



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*Not available during major events

BLITZ PICK OF THE WEEK

KINGSWOOD

Don't miss rocking out to Kingswood at the Roundhouse on 18 March. With the cheapest priced tickets on their Australian tour, you can catch the Aria nominees for only \$12. Boo yeah!

WHAT'S ON



FREE GAME OF THRONES SCREENING



FREE BEER TASTING NIGHT



FLEA MARKETS



ARTS SOCIETY ARTS CAMP

PULL ME OUT AND TAKE ME WITH YOU!

WEEK 4

MON MAR 23

Breakfast Special

8-11am
@ The White House
Start the week off with some toasted banana bread and a regular coffee for \$6.

Lunch Special

11am onwards
@ The White House
Mmm lunch special... you gotta love a wrap and draught beer for \$14.

Education Collective Meeting

12pm
@ Level 2, Arc Precinct

Campus Bible Study Talk

1-2pm
@ M18, Chemical Sciences

Women's Collective Meeting

1-2pm
@ Women's Room, Arc Precinct, Basser Steps

Drinks Special

2pm onwards
@ The White House
Dangerously delicious cocktails for only \$8 are the perfect cure for that Monday-itis

Free Ping Pong

2-8pm
@ Roundhouse
Try not to fling your racket across the Roundhouse in the heat of competition.

Happy Hour

4-5pm
@ Roundhouse
Sip a beer and prepare yourself for an epic *Game of Thrones* screening.

Queer Collective Meeting

4-6pm
@ Queerspace, Chemical Sciences, 9.21

Free Game of Thrones Double Screening

6pm
@ Roundhouse
Catch a double screening of episodes from S4.

Free Beer Tasting Night

6pm
@ The White House
Free beer. Need we say more?

Board Elections Nominations Open

Make a difference on campus by becoming a Board Director.

Rec Courses Start

Get stretching because Rec Courses kick off today.

TUE MAR 24

Breakfast Special

8-11am
@ The White House
\$7 of deliciousness in a breakfast wrap.

Lunch Special

11am onwards
@ The White House
Make like Homer and demolish a pizza and beer for \$15.

Drinks Special

12pm onwards
@ The White House
A noon fiesta at The White House with \$19 jugs of sangria will definitely help you with studying. Trust us.

Flea Markets

All Day
@ International Square
Rummage through vintage clothing, jewellery and books to snag a bargain.

People of Colour Collective Meeting

1-2pm
@ Level 2, Arc Precinct

Free Bingo

1pm
@ Roundhouse
Come on lucky number 7...

Happy Hour

4-5pm
@ Roundhouse
The happiest of hours before shit gets real with poker. Prepare yourself.

Free Poker

5pm
@ Roundhouse
Your skills may lie with Uno but you can still whip arse in a game of poker.

Pixar Trivia Night

6pm
@ Roundhouse
Come on. We know you can quote all of *Finding Nemo*. Show off your knowledge at Pixar Trivia.

Social Sports Start

You've read all the books and seen the films. You spent the summer practising running around with a broom between your legs. The time has finally come to make your Quidditch debut.

WED MAR 25

Breakfast Special

8-11am
@ The White House
Ease into hump day with an omelette and hash brown for \$8.

Lunch Special

11am onwards
@ The White House
Forget the goon and microwaveable Easy Mac. The White House has you covered with pasta of the day and a glass of wine for \$11.

Drinks Special

11am onwards
@ The White House
Show off your wine knowledge while drinking a \$6 glass of any premium wine.

Enviro Collective Meeting

11-12pm
@ Level 2, Arc Precinct

Tea Society Gathering

11-1pm
@ Colombo House Foyer
Come along to the Tea Society's weekly tea gathering.

Free Giant Games

1-3pm
@ Roundhouse
They're your classic childhood games. But giant. Boo yeah.

Free Pool

3-5pm
@ Roundhouse
Try not to sink the cue ball and get husslin'.

Happy Hour

4-5pm
@ Roundhouse
Need some liquid courage for Open Mic Night? Happy Hour's got you covered.

Free Open Mic Night

7pm
@ The White House
Belt out *Wonderwall* and entertain (or horrify) your mates.

Film Soc Screening: Jodorowsky's Dune

6pm
@ Webster 327
Check out this sci-fi film adaptation with the Film Society.

THUR MAR 26

Breakfast Special

8-11am
@ The White House
Get stoked to eat stacks of pancakes with a coffee for \$9.

Lunch Special

11am onwards
@ The White House
Mmm rings of deep fried yumminess. Devour calamari and a beer for \$13.

Women's Collective Meeting

12-1pm
@ Women's Room, Arc Precinct, Basser Steps

Campus Bible Study Talk

1-2pm
@ Electrical Engineering, G25

Education Collective Meeting

1pm
@ Level 2, Arc Precinct

Enviro Collective Meeting

2-3pm
@ Level 2, Arc Precinct

Queer Collective Meeting

2-4pm
@ Queerspace, Chemical Sciences, 9.21

Happy Hour

4-5pm
@ Roundhouse
Say goodbye to Thursday lectures and hello to cheap drinks with Happy Hour.

Drinks Special

5pm onwards
@ The White House
What better way to end a day at uni than with a \$7 cider?

FRI MAR 27

Breakfast Special

8-11am
@ The White House
It's almost the weekend so treat yourself with an egg and bacon roll plus coffee for \$7.

Arts Society Arts Camp

9am
@ Berry Sport and Recreation Centre
This three day 'The FASS and the Furious' Arts camp begins today.

Women of Colour Collective Meeting

10-11am
@ Level 2, Arc Precinct

Lunch Special

11am onwards
@ The White House
Pretend it's already the weekend by sitting in the sun at The White House and eating fish and chips with beer for \$14.

Drinks Special

2pm onwards
@ The White House
Try all those beers you've always been too stingy to buy with boutique beer for \$6.40.

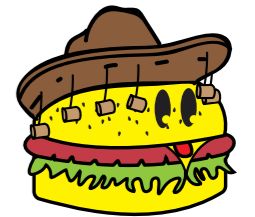
Happy Hour

4-5pm
@ Roundhouse
Who isn't happy on a Friday afternoon? You'll be grinning even more with Happy Hour.

Free DJ Set

6.30pm onwards
@ The White House
Tunes, food and friends – the perfect way to bring in the weekend.

B BISTRO SPECIAL WEEK 4



AUSSIE BEEF BURGER \$9.50

ROUNDHOUSE DRINKS SPECIAL WEEK 4

SUPER DRY JUG \$14



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BLITZ PICK OF THE WEEK

PIXAR TRIVIA

From the window to the WALL-E, it's all happening at Pixar trivia. Put on your game face and stop pretending you don't still watch children's films.



Spectrum: Now Festival

Say hello to the first ever *Sydney Morning Herald* Spectrum: Now Festival. Essentially, it's going to be the pages of *Spectrum* come to life, in events across Sydney. There is HEAPS on offer, from paper-shoe making workshops to music gigs, exhibitions and theatre productions.

Our pick of the bunch are:

"Hollywood Nights" by the Golden Age Cinema and Bar, running from 11th-22nd of March, is a silent, open-air cinema pop-up in The Domain. \$20 will get you a deckchair, some headphones (think silent disco, but the movies) and a front row seat (if you get there early enough) to watch some epic cult classics. *Back to the Future*, *Labyrinth* and *The Big Lebowski* are all on the agenda, and we're bloody excited.

The Room, showing at the Cremorne Orpheum on March 13 at 9pm for \$15, is not to be missed. Blow off your Friday 13th woes, purchase some plastic spoons and get yourself down to Cremorne to watch what is widely considered the WORST film of all time. Tommy Wiseau's 2003 romantic drama is so bad, it's fantastic. Grab some mates and join the heckling – just be sure to practise your throwing technique beforehand... that screen is further away than it looks.

There's way more on the agenda than movies – get down for behind-the-scenes conversations with artistic directors, choreographers, musicians and creative folk as well as free exhibits and a good old 1920s garden party (because who doesn't love the 20s). See you there!

WHEN: March 11-29
WHERE: Across Sydney
COST: Varies depending on event, some are free!
VERDICT: Culture
MORE INFO: spectrumnow.com.au

CHEAP AS SYDNEY

16 Mar - 29 Mar | Affordable Events
 BY SARAH SCHOFIELD

SWIM



WOMBARRA BEACH

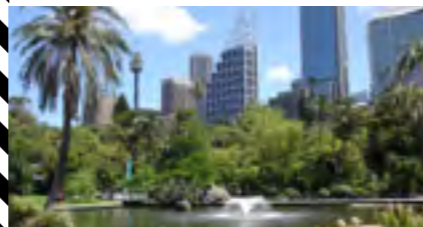
WHEN: WHENEVER YOU LIKE

WHERE: WOMBAR

COST: FREE

Enjoy these last weeks of warmth by hitting the beach. If you fancy somewhere a bit more secluded, try Wombarra down near Scarborough. While it takes an hour and a bit to get there by train from Central, it's a pretty chilled ride, and the view as you go through Scarborough is stunning. Grab some snacks before you go though!

EXPLORE



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS

WHEN: THOSE BEAUTIFUL SUNNY DAYS WHEN YOU REALLY SHOULD BE STUDYING

WHERE: SYDNEY CBD

COST: FREE

Not only beautiful and well located but also free! I like to take along a book or a magazine and just read all day, but in any case, people-watching is all the rage. Take some food, and you've got yourselves the makings of a pretty cheap and chilled out day!

VOLUNTEERING



Blitz caught up with The Mob student coordinator Keiran Hannan to get the goss on this Arc volunteer program... and no, they're not gangsters.

What is The Mob?

The Mob is your friend when you're away from home. It helps students who aren't from Sydney adjust to Sydney life. We provide a network and organise social events so students feel like adjusting isn't so hard. It's also an Arc program that helps volunteers build skills that they may not get inside the classroom. This can be anything from task and time management skills to communication skills.

Why did you become involved with the Mob?

For me it was a great opportunity to talk to people who weren't from my own personal context. I've always been interested in hearing from people what it's like on their side of the world. It's not just someone being international, they could be from rural Australia or from another state, and I get to see how their perspective on life is different to my own.

What's your favourite event that has been organised by The Mob?

Probably kayaking in Sydney Harbour. It was really nice to be able to talk to people and get to know

them on a nice sunny day with one foot hanging in the water and the Harbour Bridge on your left hand side. We were kicking people over and having a bit of a laugh, all in good nature though. That was my ideal event, and I really couldn't ask for more.

What does volunteering for The Mob involve?

Some volunteers might take a role in organising events and others might just come along on the day. During events volunteers basically just have fun. There's always someone to talk to and people around to help with the organisational aspects.

How big are your events?

It depends. We run small events, like in the past we've run going to the Absinthesalon in Surry Hills. That was about 10 to 15 people at the very most. Then bigger events, like the Blue Mountains and Hunter Valley, run about 40 to 50 people.

What's been the highlight of your time with The Mob?

As I said, getting to know people outside of my own personal context. I actually became such



good friends with someone that invited me to their going away party even though we knew each other for a very short time. It's great to keep in touch with them even now. It's actually weird to think about me knowing people from all over the world.

Why do you think it's important for UNSW to have a volunteer program like The Mob?

Everyone knows what it's like to be a stranger in a place and The Mob helps with that. Having people there that are willing to talk to you and let you know the tips and tricks will always be comforting. When you have friends and a social network it will make your experience of a place a thousand times better.

Want to get involved with The Mob? Head to arc.unsw.edu.au/get-involved.



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LAB PACK ONE

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- 1 PAIR OF GOGGLES



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LAB PACK TWO

- 1 CRESTED LAB COAT
- 1 PAIR OF GOGGLES



- 1 FREE UNSW CRESTED NOTEBOOK

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BOOK PACK ONE

- 1 FIVE-SUBJECT NOTEBOOK



- 1 FREE UNSW CRESTED PEN

\$8.50

TOP OF BASSER STEPS
MORVEN BROWN BUILDING (C20)

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RECENTLY IN SCIENCE

BY GHADA ALI



Futurama heads in jars could be close...

Have you ever had that feeling where you WISH you could just have someone else's head on your shoulders? Well now Italian scientists from the Turin Advanced Neuromodulation Group say that a new head transplant could be ready in a matter of two years.

New supermassive black hole discovered

Astronomers have discovered an ultraluminous quasar with a supermassive black hole from the early universe, just 900 million years after the Big Bang, and although this seems like a LONG time in puny human years, this is a relatively short time in the universe's total age. According to a study, the black hole has a mass that's about 12 billion times that of our sun. Sweet jebus.



Stephen Hawking predicts the cause of the end of the world

Have you ever wondered how the world will end? Meteor? Aliens? Whatever the hell happened in that 2012 movie? Well, according to Stephen Hawking, military aggression will be the downfall of man., "A major nuclear war would be the end of civilization and maybe the end of the human race," he said.

TECH GEEK

BY KATE CRIMMINS



UE Boom, \$170

Every student's arsenal wouldn't be complete without a decent sound system. The UE Boom has dual performance capabilities to ensure any dance sesh is all about that bass. With its 360° wireless speaker, Bluetooth connectivity and battery life of 15hrs, the UE Boom is the perfect way to kick off any Start of Session Party.



Seagate BackUp Plus, \$109

"My computer crashed" is seen as a "dog ate my homework" excuse for all lecturers. So stay smart and get an external hard drive. The Seagate BackUp Plus has 1TB of storage. I love this model as it has the ability to schedule backups, helping out us time poor students. After an all-nighter throw on a 4am scheduled backup and get back to bed. Next time you knock a beer over your computer, you will be sorted.



The SmartPen, \$150

These bad boys not only track your pen strokes and record your handwriting to a digital page but also record audio whilst you are writing. The Livescribe Echo SmartPen allows you to save interactive notes to your computer, iPad or iPhone via a micro-USB that is also used to recharge the pen. With storage that holds between 400 and 800 hours of audio, this pen is guaranteed to be your best friend in lectures!

UNSW CREATIVE

FEATURING OSCAR & THE GROUCHES

Blitz caught up with Luke Gerber (Music and Education), Jack Janis (Design), Oscar Sharah and Jacob Siles from student band Oscar & The Grouches.

How did you guys meet?

Oscar (vocals/guitar), Jack (keys), and Jacob (drums) all went to school together. Oscar saw Jacob and Jack from across the playground... a few quick glances were exchanged and they knew something magical would happen. Luke (the bearded behemoth bass player) is the new guy. Oscar got him to play bass for some productions of his but Luke couldn't resist the funkiness and was roped in.

How would you describe Oscar & The Grouches' sound?

If you were going to put a pop song in a blender and make a gluten free smoothie... Your banana would be funk, your mango would be reggae, your ice cream would be surf rock, and the nutmeg on top would be hip hop. Basically we're delicious.

What's been the biggest moment for your band so far?

It's between playing the Metro as part of a band competition called Emergenza and recording the EP we're still working on.

Who would feature on your ultimate road trip playlist?

Michael Jackson because he is the funkier man of all time and there are dance moves to go along. The Beatles because we all have lonely hearts, and recently when we've been driving down Abbey Road, Oscar brought his revolver and turned the journey into a magical mystery tour.

Any advice for juggling studying and music?

It's difficult to manage any serious passion, but if you can do it alongside study, the two influence each other positively. It comes down to priorities and discipline but also making sure you don't overload yourself. We've found doing music practice first thing in the morning gives your mind clarity and gets your endorphins flowing for a day of study.

Do you have any pre-gig rituals?

Traditionally, we just eat a lot of Thai food, maybe an icecream if we've been good, and tell each other how much we love each other.

When you're totes famous and someone writes a book about you what will the blurb say?

Oscar & The Grouches: the Real Story is the tale of four best friends pretending to be Bruno Mars, Mark Ronson and Sticky Fingers. Get to the bottom of how the Grouches stole their chord progressions from Michael Jackson, their synth ideas from Flume, and their beats from Dre.

What are your best tips for dressing like a hipster musician?

Generally, as long as you have cool shoes and a nice haircut, anything in the middle flies. If it's rolled up, buttoned up and doused with a topknot, that bad boy doesn't need to match. Just call it 'artfully distasteful' and you'll be hilariously ironic.

RAPID FIRE

Your new single, *Jealous*, in three words?

Funky fresh coconut.

Beards or man buns?

Porque no los dos?

Cons or Vans?

Vans.

Shoot, Shag or Marry: Ned Flanders, Kanye West and Jim Carrey

Shoot: Kanye
Marry: Ned Flanders
Shag: Jim Carrey

Stranded. Desert Island.

Three things. Go!
All you can eat buffet, a squishy waterbed, and resources to turn the island into a resort.

Find out more about Oscar & The Grouches at blitz.arc.unsw.edu.au and oscarandthegrouches.com

EXCHANGE DIARIES

Blitz tracked down UNSW Arts/Fine Arts student, Chloe Courtenay, to get the goss on studying abroad at the University of Edinburgh.



Why did you decide on Edinburgh, Scotland for your exchange?

If I'm being honest, my biggest priority was finding somewhere English-speaking. Edinburgh stood out to me as a beautiful city filled with old buildings, history, small bars, and a thriving arts scene. Did I mention that we have a castle? A big-ass, old-school, chilling-on-a-hill castle.

What's been your favourite tourist activity?

My favourite Scottish activity was at a Ceilidh hosted by the uni for Burns Night. A Ceilidh is a social event filled with traditional dancing. Picture a room full of students in highland dress (kiltzzzz) doing a much cooler and more complicated version of barn dancing. It was so much fun, but I definitely have to give all credit for surviving the experience to my partners.

What's the craziest thing you've gotten up to while abroad?

I went on an impromptu ski trip to a town called Kitzbuhel in the Austrian Alps for my birthday. It was absolutely amazing but I will be giving myself more time to organise everything next time. Europe may be close and easy to get to, but finding accommodation at a popular ski resort one week in advance will always be stressful.

What's the weirdest food you've eaten?

I'm going to have to go with haggis. Picture sheep lung, heart, and liver stuffed into an animal stomach with some onion, oatmeal and spices. It's actually surprisingly edible considering the off-putting description.

What surprised you about Edinburgh?

The weather isn't (quite) as miserable as I had been anticipating. While there has been plenty of snow, sleet, wind, and rain, it's actually really sunny for the most part.

What's the biggest challenge you've faced on exchange?

I lost my credit card a week after arriving in Scotland. Navigating a new city without any cash for the 10 days it took for my replacement card to arrive, was pretty daunting. Luckily, I had made some new friends who were more than happy to help me out, but it was not my best move.

Are you slowly adopting a wee Scottish accent?

I've been actively trying but apparently my attempts have been closer to pirate than Scottish (much to everyone else's amusement). I'll master it eventually.

Any tips for students wanting to go on exchange?

If you're thinking about it - DO IT! It's an amazing opportunity to live in a new city and meet people from all over the world. The two things I wish I had had the foresight to do before coming were to bring a spare credit card and to calculate walking time from accommodation. I have to walk half an hour to uni every day which is 28 minutes more than all of my other exchange friends.

RAPID FIRE

Exchange in three words:
Cold, awesome, exhilarating.

Kilt or Pants?
Kilt all day 'erry day.

Is Nessy real?
Absolutely! Don't crush my dreams.

Australian winter or Scottish summer?
I just looked up the weather averages and it's pretty similar so I'll have to go with summer in Scotland; you get the Edinburgh Fringe and the rest of Europe at your doorstep.

If you're keen to get jet setting, check out Student Exchange and Global Education Opportunities at student.unsw.edu.au/exchange to see if studying abroad is right for you.

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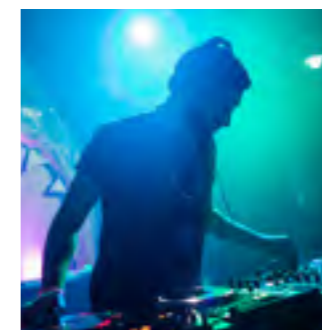
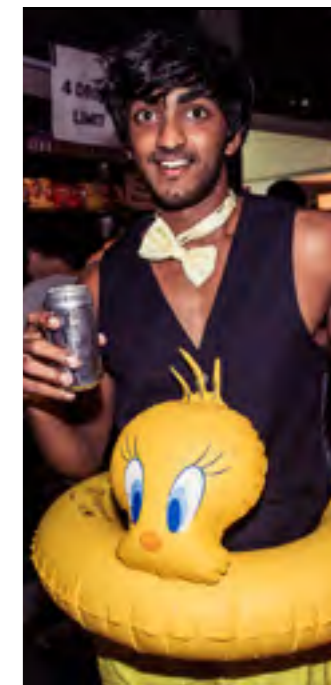
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REVIEWS

FILM



Fifty Shades of Grey

Morten Tylden

BY Yael Brender

Taylor-Johnson's film is a vast improvement over the E.L. James source material. The film strips away Ana's inane juvenile idiocy and creates a credible and relatable character. Christian's lighter, romantic side makes it easier to stomach his darker, disturbed side ... not to mention that Jamie Dornan is fifty flavours of delicious.

Cinematographically, the film is a glossy, visual feast. It blends palpable tension and tasteful eroticism with a decent smattering of nudity and sex toys. But most surprising of all, this film is genuinely and intentionally funny.

To its credit, the film represents a step forward in Hollywood's depiction of women and sex. Dakota Johnson believably transforms from mousy coed to illustrious woman, giving Ana a spark and a spine that book-Ana sorely lacks. The sex scenes will disappoint anyone yearning for the heavy-breathing adult movie theatres of the 70s but will titillate anyone with a working sex drive.

Most importantly, the film succeeds where the book fails in that it doesn't take itself too seriously. It's not corny, or embarrassing, or insulting – it's intentionally funny. Ana's physical goofs coupled with Christian's bumbling moments, even in the midst of supposed sensuality, is what makes this film both introspective and intelligent.

CREDIT PLUS

BOOK



Yes Please

Amy Poehler

BY BRITTNEY RIGBY

On a recent flight, I greedily gobbled down Amy Poehler's *Yes Please* like one would gobble down a whole cheesecake (yes, we all want to do that). I wish I could tell you that I gobbled down Amy Poehler herself but unfortunately, her words had to suffice. But what bloody good words they are.

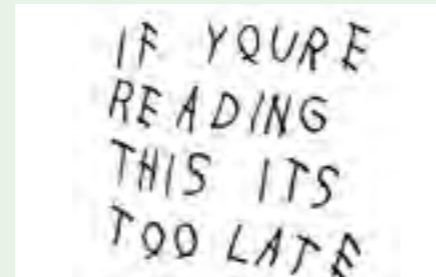
I knew there was no way that Amy Poehler could write a bad book (if you're sensing that I have a bit of a crush, you'd be right). She's fierce and funny and successful and *Parks and Rec* is the best thing that's happened for those who appreciate bacon and sarcasm (thank you Ron and April). But I didn't expect *Yes Please* to be filled with so much brightness, freaking good storytelling and a few sexual, feminist truth-bombs. You definitely wanna read it now, don't you?

The book itself is beautiful; the graphics and handwriting and photos scattered throughout made me regret reading Amy's warm words on a cold plane on my iPad. The eBook felt like a disservice, so please at least have a flick through a hard-copy version next time you remember that bookshops still exist. Read it already. Don't say Nope to Knope (*Parks and Rec* reference – don't get it? I don't get you).

Enjoy Amy's words as much as I did. They're words that I felt guilty for reading too quickly. More Amy Poehler? Yes please.

HIGH DISTINCTION

ALBUM



If You're Reading This It's Too Late

Drake

BY LAKSHA PRASAD

To the surprise of none and the applause of many Aubrey 'Drake' Graham dropped his 'surprise mixtape'. *If You're Reading This It's Too Late* is a 17-track album that hosts the Canadian rapper's ode to his endless supply of money, mortgages and love for his mother.

True to form, Drake has once again spun a myriad of slow beat, fast-talking tracks that fall outside the line of traditional hip hop – a style that has led his three previous albums to success. Unlike the others, the latest mixtape lacks the punch that the self-proclaimed '6 God' has. The first three tracks of the tape start off promisingly with classic Drake style and flex, which quickly dies down after a rather confusing 6th track titled *Madonna*, which sounds more plebian than god-like. The tone of the album quickly plummets below quality production, leaving only four tracks ringing in your head – *Legend*, *Energy*, *6 God* and *6PM in New York*.

To the ear of a true fan, the mixtape's overall vibe echoes that of *Take Care* and his 2007 mixtape *Comeback Season*, a factor you can thank frequent co-producers Boi-1da and Noah Shebib for – yet this time round, makes for a dull reproduction of former Drizzy glory. With only four clear stand-out tracks from the entire tape, I suggest picking your top 3 and playing them till they die a quick death.

CREDIT

BLOG



Geekologie

geekologie.com

BY ROSS ADCOCK

There's a lot that we don't understand in this modern age. Science and technology seem to be progressing at such an extreme rate and it feels difficult to keep up. Thankfully, if you're looking for someone to be confused with, Geekologie is the blog for you. Themed around classic "geek" content such as movies, video games, science and of course *Star Wars*, Geekologie is updated a couple times a week for your reading pleasure.

The best thing about this blog is definitely the personality of the writer shining through. Their main interests include sex with dinosaurs, fear of the robot apocalypse, and eating bacon (you know, normal Gen Y stuff).

His reviews of the latest happenings in the geek world are loaded with humour and wit. There's even room for viewer submissions of their own geek-related ideas, ensuring the content remains relevant (or at least ridiculous). A great blog for reading in a lecture and posting to your friends on Facebook, I guarantee (not a real guarantee) this blog will elevate your social standing.

DISTINCTION

GAME



Cat Piano

App and Play Stores

BY CLARA TEODORA

In an age where the technology on our phones could launch a rocket, or at least set up an exciting presentation, circumstances call for some lolcat-based entertainment.

If you've been looking for a new way to be obnoxious, bothersome and musically frustrating to all your friends, look no more! *Cat Piano* is here. Designed to cater to all needs, this simple iPhone app is just a keyboard with piano and strings settings...as well as many cat voices. You get the basic Meow, accompanied by other named kitties (our favourites are Simo, Pussy and Momoko). A drumbeat is also available, either in the form of purrs or, y'know, an *actual* drumbeat.

While \$1.29 unlocks the full version of this annoyance game, the free version is just as good, boasting no less than five kitty voices for your listening pleasure. This app also comes with the option of an extended keyboard, just in case you want to meow out actual songs.

Don't have an iPhone? Android users can get the same amount of fun with their very own *Cat Piano* app – just play, shake, and change voices! So grab your phone and next time your lecturer is particularly boring, go to *Cat Piano* for a bout of meowtastic purrfection.

DISTINCTION

FESTIVAL



Soundwave Festival 2015

Olympic Park

BY GENEVIEVE GAO

The annual *Soundwave* festival is one of the mostly hotly anticipated of the music scene. Worldwide acts and waves of enthusiastic punters make this a must-see event, and I was lucky enough to participate. So what made this festival such a hit this year?

The crowds ruled. Circle pits, crowd surfing, walls of death – *Soundwave* had it all. Particularly outstanding mosh pits this year included Slipknot, Confession and Lamb of God (yes, all metal acts).

Some acts really knew how to show you a good time, like Steel Panther. This glam-metal outfit proved how dirty jokes and self-deprecating humour can be enjoyed while rocking your face off.

There were lots of surprises as well. You never know what musical gem you might find at this gig. I was pleasantly surprised by Finnish band Apocalyptica, who brought something fresh to the metal scene with unbelievably fast cello playing.

And just when I thought terrible weather would ruin the event, I was proved wrong. If anything, the rain during Papa Roach's set made the crowd even more pumped. And the sudden bursts of confetti (like during Slash), made a set even more of a party.

DISTINCTION

WICKED CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

Third year design student Amy Knowlton shares her secret indulgent brownie recipe with *Blitz*.



Makes 32 pieces
VEGETARIAN

Ingredients

- 1 ¼ cup soft baking margarine
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ¾ cup cocoa powder
- 1 cup castor sugar
- 4 large eggs
- ⅓ cup chocolate chips

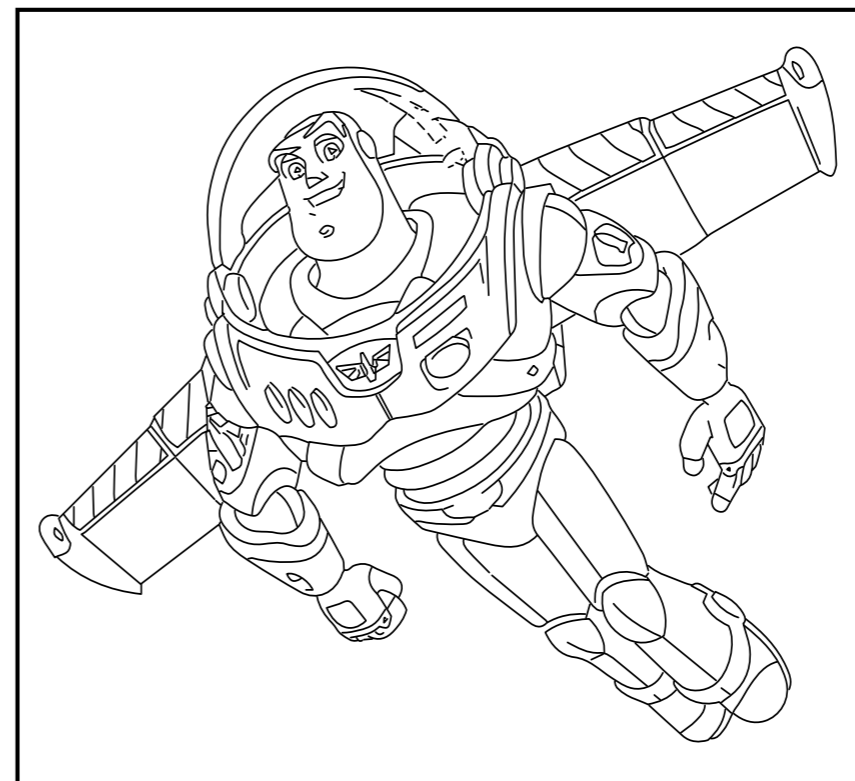
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1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
2. Line a small roasting tin with foil and grease well.
3. Put all of the ingredients into a bowl and mix well until blended. This can be done in a food processor, mixing in the chocolate chips by hand.
4. Spoon the mixture into the roasting tin and level the top.
5. Bake for 40-45 minutes until set. You can check this by placing a skewer into the centre and, when ready, it will come out clean.
6. Remove brownies from oven and allow to cool in the tin.
7. Cut into squares.
8. Serve.

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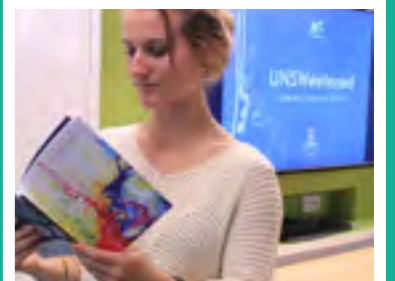
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ARIA nominees Kingswood have announced a huge nationwide tour, and they will be performing at the Roundhouse March 18. Hailing from Melbourne, this four-piece indie rock outfit have toured with British India, Grinspoon, Aerosmith and others, and they've played at packed festival crowds at Splendour in the Grass, Big Day Out, Groovin The Moo, and more. They've arrived on the music scene in a big way, already making the top ten in the 2014 ARIA charts with their debut album Microscopic Wars. And with triple j boasting their "swagger filled guitar riffs" and "incredibly smooth and strong vocals", this is not one to be missed.

Kingswood will be joined by a killer lineup of The Belligerents, Food Court and Bad News Toilet DJs.

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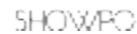
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BY EDEN GILLESPIE

Raisa

Psychology

What's your best tip for getting lucky on St Patrick's Day?

Eat a big breakfast and anything good will happen.

Who is your favourite Pixar villain?

Lotso from *Toy Story*.

How do you catch up on readings?

Grab a coffee, then go somewhere, even if you die, they won't find you.



Hudson

Advanced Science

Pixar or DreamWorks?

Pixar, because they were part of my childhood and my all-time favourite movie is *Monster's Inc.*

What's your best tip for getting lucky on St Patrick's Day?

Bring a four-leaf clover.

Who is your favourite Pixar villain?

Syndrome from *The Incredibles*. "If everyone is super, then no-one will be."



Elian

Engineering

What's your best tip for getting lucky on St Patrick's Day?

Wearing a green suit.

How do you catch up on readings?

Cram.

What is your spirit animal?

A naked mole-rat.



Janie

International Studies

Pixar or DreamWorks?

DreamWorks.

What's your best tip for getting lucky on St Patrick's Day?

Wear a four-leaf clover around your neck.

How do you catch up on readings?

Summarise, scan and highlight.



Nick

Engineering and Science

Who is your favourite Pixar villain?

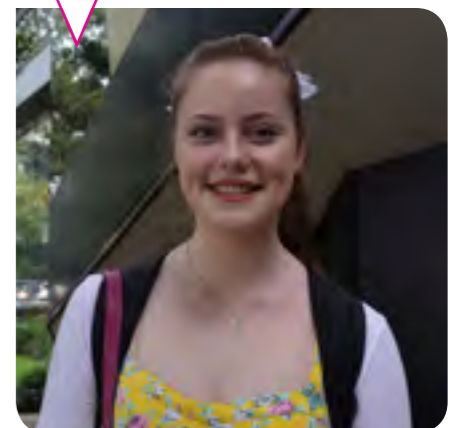
The evil panda from *Kung Fu Panda* (Ed. Sorry... wrong animation studio).

How do you catch up on readings?

Skim it.

What is your spirit animal?

A dragon.



Rebecca

Criminology

What's your best tip for getting lucky on St Patrick's Day?

Get out of the right side of the bed.

How do you catch up on readings?

Don't sleep.

What is your spirit animal?

A deer.



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