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EDS' LETTER

FROM ANNALISE & OPHELIA

Hey Blitzers,

Oh, have we got an issue in store for you...

We've rounded up some of the biggest names in town for the Sydney Comedy Festival to talk all things stand up ... and sweet Yeezus, our abs are still sore from laughing so hard. We quizzed Noel Fielding about unicorn tears on p.8, heckled Ross Noble on p.9, got dating advice from Greg Behrendt on p.10 and spoke soul patches with Arj Barker on p.11. Be warned... you're guaranteed to laugh too loud if you're reading this on the train home.

We also chatted with outspoken Aussie rapper 360 about everything from drug addiction to his dog. Don't miss it on p.13.

Sheets gonna go down at Toga Party in W8. Prepare for the ultimate Roman bash with p.14, p.17 and p.28. TOGA! TOGA!



CHAIR'S LETTER

FROM BEN HEENAN

Hi all,

Hopefully most people are now over the hump of mid sem assignments. For those who are still going – good luck!

The Board has also had a busy start to the year. We began a review on Arc's strategy, made some decisions on the best way forward for Clubs, considered some issues around election policy and seen a very positive external audit.

Student Director elections are coming up (check our website for full details), so make sure you think about who would serve the best interests of our members and cast your vote accordingly!

Also, we're hoping to have some more regular meetings with student leaders from around campus. This will give us a broader understanding about what's on everyone's mind and relay that information up to the senior people within the Uni if required. So if you ever have a concern about anything related to UNSW (or think something can be done better), just shoot me an email.

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Ghada Ali

WROTE RECENTLY IN SCIENCE
ON P.25

What do you study?
Media

If you were going on exchange where would you go?
Hogwarts! I'm sure my letter got stuck in the post (or the United States... which ever happens first... please be Hogwarts).

Cleopatra or Caesar?
Caesar. Cleopatra is the reason the bros before (you know the word) code was created.

Which Roman God or Goddess would you party with?
Jupiter! Because you only ever party with the king.

Who is your favourite comedian?
Robin Williams. Rest in peace funny man, you will be missed.

If you were a piece of stationery what would you be?
You know that passive aggressive pencil case you bought from Typo? Yeah, I'm pretty sure I was born from one of those.

What book should every student read?
The Picture of Dorian Grey by Oscar Wilde. Go. Read it. Now. Educacate yourself little one.



Atul Vidhata

WROTE *BLITZ* DEBATES ON P.14

What do you study?
Law

If you were going on exchange where would you go?
Okinawa. But exchanging me back would be the trick.

Cleopatra or Caesar?
Caesar!

Which Roman God or Goddess would you party with?
Vulcan, God of the forge, for those inevitable post-party munchies
Me: 'You can make a killer axe but how about a killer sandwich?'
Vulcan: 'Mortal, it's 3am.'

Who is your favourite comedian?
Russell Peters.

If you were a piece of stationery what would you be?
Those little tabs you put in textbooks: 'Look at this! This is so cool! This is important!'

What book should every student read?
Jon Steel's *The Perfect Pitch*. Fun read to learn how to improve your presentation skills for class or to chat up someone from your tute.



Saira Gugnani

WROTE VOLUNTEERING ON P.23

What do you study?
Science/ Law

If you were going on exchange where would you go?
Somewhere in Europe – I'm tossing up between France and Britain.

Cleopatra or Caesar?
Veni, vidi, vici! Caesar it is.

Which Roman God or Goddess would you party with?
Well, Dionysus is the God of festivity (*Ed.* and wine... oh yeah) so I can sure imagine partying away... But I favour Minerva (Athena), we'd probably get along great!

Who is your favourite comedian?
Rowan Atkinson. There is no one quite like Mr Bean!

If you were a piece of stationery, what would you be?
A metal ruler. Going by elimination, really, because if I were a pen, pencil or eraser I'd get disposed of eventually, and if I was a post-it note I'd be crushed to death in books I don't even like.

What book should every student read?
The Harry Potter series. No explanation necessary.



Sonaal Mediratta

WROTE ARJ BARKER INTERVIEW
ON P.11

What do you study?
Commerce/Science

If you were going on exchange, where would you go?
Zürich in Switzerland. If anyone would like to fund me, I will repay you with some quality 10 seconds snaps on Snapchat.

Cleopatra or Caesar?
Definitely Caesar. Who doesn't love a military and diplomatic genius who, in his free time, created the all powerful Roman Empire. Also he makes a mean salad.

Which Roman God or Goddess would you party with?
Bacchus, God of wine. We would share a similar 'sophisticated' appreciation for Goon.

Who is your favourite comedian?
I am in love with Jerry Seinfeld. For me, he will forever be the king of observational humour.

If you were a piece of stationery, what would you be?
A highlighter. So I could be the highlight of everyone's day.

What book should every student read?
The play *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller, get on it.

Want to see your own name in these shiny pages? Become a *Blitz* contributor by emailing us at blitz@arc.unsw.edu.au

BITZ AND PIECES

BY SIDDHARTH LAHA



Like



Sydney Comedy Festival. We can't wait to laugh our way through a world-class line up of comedians. Find out about the Comedy Festival Showcase at UNSW on p.17.



Dislike



Meghan Trainor's song *Dear Future Husband*. Encouraging women to base their self-worth on male acceptance – no thanks.



Bus lines at Central are a little shorter in the mornings. Or maybe we are just finally used to the daily struggle.



Daylight Savings is over and winter is kicking in. Now leaving the final class of the day feels like you're leaving class at midnight.



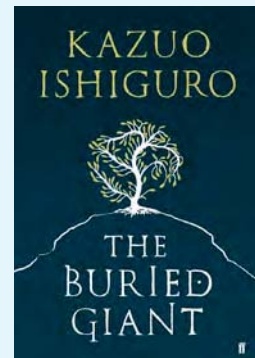
The Apple Watch will soon be released. Time to get your hands on the tech giant's new must-have gadget.



Readings. It's that time of semester when you start to lag behind. Remember: caffeine is your friend.

Poll

Do you prefer partying to a live band or DJ? Cast your vote at [facebook.com/blitzmag](https://www.facebook.com/blitzmag) and see the result in our next issue.



Book Nook

The Buried Giant by Kazuo Ishiguro

The author of *Never Let Me Go* and *The Remains of the Day* has returned after ten years with a new novel. *The Buried Giant* follows a couple, Axl and Beatrice, as they cross a troubled land in search of their long lost son. Set in post-Roman Britain, they are prepared to face hazards, but do not foresee how their journey will reveal the dark and unpleasant corners of their relationship. This story is sure to move you to tears.

Overheard

Girl: I don't eat nectarines... It's got 'neck' in it.

Boy: I'm not your f***ing bae!

Random Factoids

Stayin' Alive has the optimum tempo for performing CPR on someone who has just suffered a heart attack.

The UK is the first country in the world to allow the creation of babies from the DNA of three people.

David Warren, the inventor of the black box, was buried in a casket labeled 'Flight Recorder Inventor; Do Not Open'.

Twitter



Instagram

@tford14 Run by Tim Ford, a triathlete and UNSW Law student. This guy is all the fitpiration you'll ever need.



Urban Dictionary

falawesome 🗣️

Falafel that is heaven in your mouth. The opposite of falawesome is falawful.

The falafel at Pita Hut is falawesome! It's a nice change from the disgusting falawful that I've been eating.

UNSW Love Letters



TRENDING



Coachella. Inspiring some serious cases of FOMO everywhere.



Comedy Central's Roast of Justin Bieber. If you haven't watched the little boy struggle through it yet, you need to give it a go.



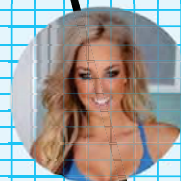
Mumford and Sons. Their new album is coming out and we couldn't be more keen.



Tony Abbott eating an onion. I think we finally have proof that he truly is an alien.



Dallas Buyers Club... Time to delete your uTorrent.



Nutrition and fitness advice from health 'experts'... No thanks Ashy.

NOEL FIELDING

He's a comedian, artist, actor, co-creator of *The Mighty Boosh* and a team captain on *Never Mind the Buzzcocks*. Noel Fielding sat down with *Blitz's* Charlotte Goodsir for a quick chat before he begins his Sydney Comedy Festival Show, An Evening With Noel Fielding.

Describe your comedy show?

There is standup, music, animation – I actually take someone from the audience and animate them. My brother is in it, Naboo the Shaman, The Moon (Mighty Boosh) is in it, and his alter ego The Dark Side of the Moon also makes an appearance and I have to explain to the moon who he is because he doesn't understand.

You also mentored and directed a show for Paul Foot. Will you be seeing his show this year?

Yeah, I will see his show and I think we will be going for afternoon tea. That's what we do in England. We have cake and sandwiches and tea. High Tea you call it?

Is there anyone else you were hoping to see at the Comedy Festival this year?

Tony Law, he's great. Sam Simmons as well while I'm down here. Also Greg Fleet I am a big fan of him. James Acaster is really good.

How have other comedians impacted your comedic voice? Who were your original inspirations?

Spike Milligan, Monty Python, The Goodies and Barry Humphries – they all influenced me when I was younger. One year I won The Barry Award and I went to tell Barry: "Mate I've won your award" and he replied with: "Is there such a thing?" because he didn't know.

RAPID FIRE

What is the best way to capture unicorn tears?

I drink unicorn tears actually. Recite poetry until they weep and then collect them from their eye with a funnel straight into your mouth.

If you were an elephant would you rather play hopscotch or jump rope?

Hopscotch. Is that the right answer?

What vegetable do you aspire to be?

A courgette (or a zucchini, that's what you call them here). I like the way they go around town, they are a high status vegetable.

You mean the way they pretend to be a cucumber?

They do, they are like mini cucumbers.



BY CHARLOTTE GOODSIR

Enjoy more comedy gold at The Comedy Festival Showcase at the Roundhouse on 29 April. Check out [facebook.com/UNSWRoundhouse](https://www.facebook.com/UNSWRoundhouse) for more info.

ROSS



BY NYASHA NYAKUENGAMA

He's the master of improvised stand up who you might recognise from appearance on *Spicks and Specks* and *Thank God You're Here*. *Blitz's* Nyasha Nyakuengama heckled Geordie funny man, Ross Noble, in the midst of his Aussie tour.

Your stand-up is mostly improvised. Are you ever worried that you'll run out of ideas?

That's like people who worry about dying. There's no point worrying about something until it happens. There's always something [to perform] – the world doesn't stop.

When you're on stage you might have an idea about something and an idea about something else and it's where those two ideas smash together that something else comes in. Or you might have five or six ideas that all intercept with each other. People describe me as surreal but I think that's a bit of a lazy way of describing it.

You've spent a lot of time in Australia. What's your favourite part of this country?

I've got a real soft spot for Melbourne because that's where I've spent most of my time but I absolutely love north of Western Australia. It's an incredible place – thousands of kilometres of just nothing.

Is there anything about the Australian culture that keeps you coming back?

It's an incredibly laid back place. Even the people that are doing it hard seem to be quite chilled about the whole thing. [No worries] should be on the coat of arms really.

How do you go about dealing with hecklers?

You don't fight them. Some new comedians see hecklers as an attack but often it's in a way trying to help. Sometimes it's fun – somebody tries to be aggressive and you could tear them apart easily. It might be the first time that they've tried to be funny in front of a room full of people but what you do is, unless they're just being a dick and annoying people, take what they've said and turn it into something [positive].

Could we give that a go? Could I heckle you? I'll think of something mean.... Oh Ross, get a haircut! Your hair's a bit long!

Well you are right in your assumption that my hair is too long. I'm not going to get a bob but I'm open to a trim. Is VS Sassoon trying to drum up some business? Do you come along to a show where performers have long hair just so you can get a bit of work?

Or I might take it somewhere a bit more bizarre and say something like that [the heckler] creates mousse instead of sperm, he's got mousse

balls, and he has to use up all his mousse by the stroke of midnight or his balls will swell and he'll die.

What advice would you give to students wanting to try stand up?

The most important thing is stage presence. With stand up there's no shortcut. It's not like going to a studio and recording an album and bang that's it. You just have to get in front of an audience. That's where you learn.

Just relax and enjoy it because a lot of people are so frightened about doing it that they forget to have fun. Do what you think is funny and not what you think an audience will think is funny.

RAPID FIRE

What is your go-to karaoke song?

It's The End Of The World As We Know It by R.E.M.

Meat pie or sausage roll?
Sausage roll.

Cats or frogs?
Frogs.

Do you keep your tomato sauce in the fridge or cupboard?

I keep it in the fridge because my wife's Australian and that seems to be what you people do.

N O B L E

GREG BEHRENDT

BY SERENA DONG

He appeared on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* and *Oprah*. He wrote for *Sex and the City*. He toured the world as a rockabilly. He wrote four-plus books, including the #1 *New York Times* Best Seller *He's Just Not Into You*. *Blitz* caught up with the one and only Greg Behrendt.

What can we expect from your show 'I Am The King Sweater' at the Sydney Comedy Festival?

I spent two years from 1985 to 1987 in Japan as a rockabilly star and cosmetics icon (although there are people in the music industry and members of my family who will contest that). That's what the show is about.

As a rock-a-billy at heart, what bands do you like listening to?

Oh god it's so hard to even begin to say! I guess it starts and ends with The Clash.

You studied business but went on to become a comedian. Why the switch?

I just ran out of options and it's the only skill I slightly possess. I never saw it as a skill set or something that I was better than other people at,

but I guess I possess the one extra step which is to just go up there and do it into the microphone.

Were your parents on board with your decision?

When I started doing it, they were down with it. They also knew I was a hopeless human being otherwise so they were really happy that I did it.

Are you down with your daughters pursuing comedy?

They might because they are both obsessed with comedy, [but] they are both competitive dancers right now and are both really good at it. And the women in comedy right now are just really crushing it.

What's your life motto?

To continually try new things. [Life] is just about trying a bunch of shit and trying to have as much fun with it as I can, while trying to support my family. My life has been a series of little adventures and that's more important to me than being famous. That stuff is dumb, but the travel, meeting interesting people, and getting to wear a pink suit – that stuff is exciting.

As an author/love consultant, what dating advice would you give to students?

I would just say you're young and

you're gonna f*** it up so don't worry about it. No matter what happens, it's not the end of the world. There will always be another. If you just hang in there it will be over in the blink of an eye and you will look back on it and laugh, I promise you. Start a band, write a book, join the bowling team, do anything but don't kill yourself over it because he's not that important, she's not that important. From great, great pain comes great, great [knowledge]. Use it.

RAPID FIRE

Three words to describe yourself:

Pink Cashmere Sweater

Worst nickname?

Frosted-tip douche

Pet Peeves?

Pet Peeves

Dream pet?

A Pillow Pet



ARJ BARKER

Blitz's Sonaal Mediratta chatted to Arj Barker, the always-funny stand-up comedian and Roundhouse alumni. In the midst of his current tour down under, we asked Arj about everything from future projects to soul patches.

When did you realise comedy and performing was your calling?

I think from the first time I was on stage I had so much fun, that I was instantly, completely addicted.

If you could study any degree at UNSW what would it be?

No question, it would be music production. I'm setting up a home studio. I want to learn how to make electronic music and I'm going to be launching a podcast soon.

What kind of podcast do you want to make?

It's just going to be subjects that interest me. One week it might be about UFOs, next week it might be about quantum physics or artificial intelligence or a whole episode on farts and get a fart expert in.

What keeps you coming back to Australia?

It is the amazing reception I get here;

the warmth of the people in the audiences. I really feel like this is my audience out here more so than in my own country.

What was young Arj's most awkward dating experience?

I was in my early twenties and the date had gone well. The girl was really cute. I was saying goodnight. I smoked back then and I pulled out my pack of cigarettes to offer her one and I had unwittingly gripped a condom between the cigarette pack and my finger and it was just in plain view. It was just like: 'ugh, okay, I guess I'll never see you again, bye.'

What would you say to people considering to grow a soul patch?

I'd say go for it! I've held onto mine through thick and thin, in style and out of style.

What is your biggest pet peeve about young people?

That I'm not one of them. I still feel young. I have to remind myself that I'm not in my twenties anymore.

What's your biggest advice for University students right now?

Come see my show. No, please fix the world because it's f*****. Also have fun because one day you'll look back and go shit, I wish I was still in Uni.

You've performed at UNSW before. What do you hope for your next performance at the Roundhouse?

When I think of the Roundhouse, I always think of a 'roundhouse kick' and I'm always disappointed at the lack of martial arts when I visit. But it's always fun. I like to bring a mix-match of material and really just bust it open and have a good time.

BY SONAAL MEDIRATTA

RAPID FIRE

Favourite Comedian beside yourself?

Mitch Hedberg.

Favourite Aussie word or saying?

"Cracked it" or "Cracking the shits."

Current favourite TV show?

Better Call Saul. The hard part is accepting that it's not Breaking Bad.

First celebrity crush?

Princess Leia. Once I saw her in a bikini... it was all over.



Don't miss Arj Barker at the Roundhouse on 23 April. Go to facebook.com/UNSWRoundhouse for more info.

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360



It's hard to think of a rapper who has created as much of a stir in the Aussie music scene as 360. Surrounded by controversy, 360 has become iconic for his narrative rap, strong Australian accent and eagerness to speak his mind.

Blitz's Eden Gillespie caught up with 360 in the midst of his Australia-wide Retopia tour and chatted about everything from his drug recovery to his dog, Dr. Pepper.

What was your main inspiration behind your newest album *Utopia*?

I really wanted to talk about everything that was going on in my life. It was a very personal album and quite honest. I went through the process of getting sober, dealing with a lot of mental illness, like anxiety and depression. For me personally I know that when I write about this stuff it really helps, it's quite therapeutic.

Do you have any tricks before a show that you use to pump yourself up?

Before I was sober, I used to drink a lot. Now I don't really have any rituals but, probably about an hour before shows, I pace back and forth – I look like a psychopath. I get all pumped up like I'm going to go and punch-on or some shit.

What advice would you give to students wishing to pursue a music career?

I think it's something you know you want to do for

your whole life – it can't just be a part-time hobby.

That's the most important thing – that you know you're passionate about it and you know you want to do it everyday. It has to be everything to you, you know?

What about your favourite tattoo?

My grandfather's initials H.S.N on my wrist. It's not like a crazy, wild tattoo or anything but it probably means the most to me because I really miss my grandpa. I loved him a lot.

What is your least favourite tattoo?

The Ninja Turtle I have on my right arm. I love Rafael from *The Ninja Turtles*, but it's a shocking tattoo, the guy who did it was off his face.

Who do you dream about collaborating with?

I would like to work with Kayne, that would be amazing. He's so forward-thinking. He is always evolving and changing his shit – I love how he makes music.

Weirdest fact about yourself?

That's a hard question. I have an eye disease called Keratoconus and I'm half-blind and I have had a cornea transplant. I don't know if that's weird but that's something different...

You post a lot on Facebook about your dog. Tell us about her.

Her name is Dr. Pepper. She's the funniest little dog. She has a massive personality. I miss her a lot on tour but I also miss my family. She's a staffy, we adopted her from a shelter so she's been abused, she's a real scaredy-cat if she hears any loud noises and shit, but she's still really cool.

YES

SAYS ALEX ANASTASSIOU

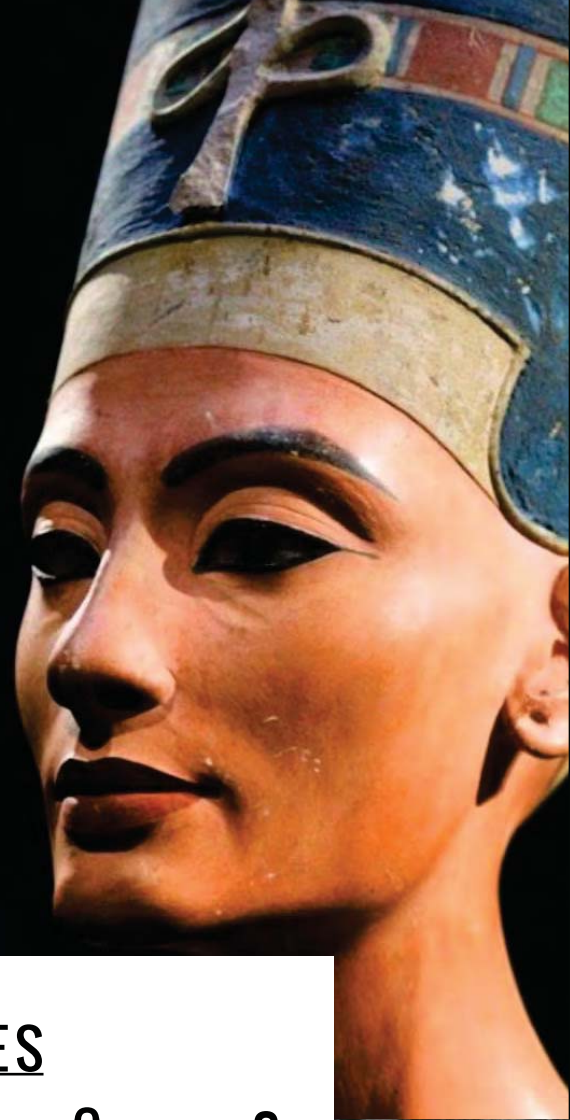
Clearly we recognise that getting a nod to your legacy in a Katy Perry video will always be worth more than having a salad with stale bits of bread named after you, but that is definitely not the only reason this leading lady is better than our favourite backstabbed Roman.

Let us start with a nice neat cultural punch to the opposition's face as to just how much better Cleo is than Mr Look-At-Me-I-Don't-Play-Well-With-Others. First, the incomparable Ms Elizabeth Taylor (a woman who had as many husbands as Cleo) played our favourite Egyptian queen on the screen.

Cleopatra was a woman so badass she inherited the throne but still managed to get people to like her, unlike her overexcited baby-daddy Caesar (it's okay girl, we all have flings that we regret), who took over leadership and single-handedly brought about the demise of the Roman Empire (nice one, Julius). A woman who was so confident, that it is said when Antony first saw her, he 'plunged into a love affair with Cleopatra', well holla if you have a *Notebook*-worthy love affair, Julius? I think not.

Though not the first, Cleo is credited as being perhaps the most famous of the female pharaohs of Egypt, more than holding her own in the male-dominated pages of history. With historians suggesting that she was not only very beautiful, but also witty, charming and let's face it: gave modern women one hell of a case of #inspo when it comes to doing our eyeliner.

Thanks for the soggy lettuce and stale bread Julius, but we know that Cleo is the clear winner here.



BLITZ DEBATES

Is Cleopatra better than Caesar?

Dress up as Cleopatra or Caesar at the Roundhouse Toga party on 30 April. Find out more at facebook.com/UNSWRoundhouse



NO

SAYS ATUL VIDHATA

This is a debate? The guy who conquered half the known world or the Ancient Egyptian Kim Kardashian? Here's a hint: it's easy to be remembered for looking pretty but if that's all you're known for, it's pretty sad.

Caesar might not have had looks but he had game. He owned Rome like cat videos own the internet. He convinced an almost modern democracy that they'd be better off with him as absolute ruler... three times. Today this might not seem important but it's the same as convincing your lecturer that you don't need to sit the exam because you should be teaching the course. Cleopatra's power strategy was about getting someone to put a ring on it.

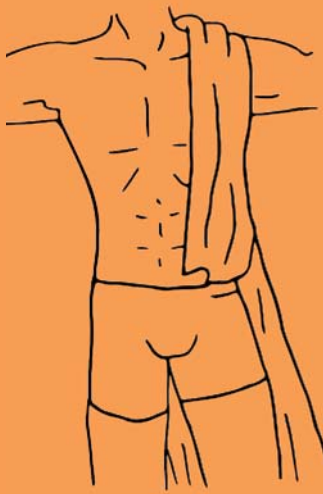
When he was 22, Caesar was kidnapped by pirates. Not only did he persuade them to let him join the crew while waiting for his ransom, he demanded they increase it and took a cut. When she was 22, Cleopatra had herself delivered to Caesar inside a carpet. Reasons like this are why a month is named after him but there's no Cleopatuary (Ed. For those wondering it's the month of July after Julius).

If Cleopatra and Caesar were on Tinder, the hot Egyptian queen's selfie filled profile might get more swipes right but Caesar's legendary oral skills would get dates. His life is why his name stands for more than just a salad; his legend is why Caesar is a title of kings.

HOW TO TIE A TOGA

BY AMMARAH TASNEEM

1. SELECT A SHEET



Any hot-blooded university student knows that the best and cheapest party togas come from the comfiest sheets, so dig out that one sheet you haven't spilled coffee or any exam-comfort food on and drape one end over your left shoulder with the long end behind you..

2. WRAP LIKE YEEZY



Wrap the long end across your back, under your right arm and across your chest. Toss the long end over your left shoulder, adjust the height and you're almost Roman ready.

3. KNOW YOUR KNOTS



Secure your toga. While you don't necessarily need to have the knot-tying skills of a scout leader, a basic level of skill is required so that you don't have a wardrobe malfunction. Pins are a better option to secure this bad boy, but beware no one's prepared to see you practice amateur acupuncture techniques on the dancefloor if they come undone.

4. ACCESSORISE



You've successfully wrapped yourself in a sheet but you're not quite ready to step out in public. Accessories are crucial. Pull out those gladiator sandals and don't forget the laurel wreath. If you're feeling particularly creative/Ke\$ha-esque be sure to pile on the gold glitter.

#SOCIAL STALKER

BY SONAAL MEDIRATTA



Stuff Drake Does
@StuffDrakeDoes

Have you come across a situation and thought: 'what would Drake do?' (WWDD for short). If your answer is yes, you are not alone. Stuff Drake Does has two writers take on the persona of the rapper Drake. This twitter feed focuses on every sentimental aspect of life, leaving no #feels untouched.



Zach King
@finalcutking

Welcome to the land of editing magic. Zach King's Instagram feed, consists of 5-10 second videos, all with the sole purpose of leaving you wondering: 'WTF...but...how?!' From edited mind tricks to death defying stunts, this account is sure to leave even Dumbledore stirring in his grave.



Jasmeet Singh
@JusReign

You may affectionately know him as the guy who does those funny vines, but JusReign is so much more. His Youtube account is comprised of comedic rants, skits and music videos largely exploring the struggles of being a second generation Indian. If you're looking to educate yourself whilst on the floor hyperventilating with laughter, look no further than this channel.

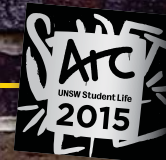
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WHAT'S ON UNSW

Toga Party



BY SAIRA GUGNANI

Forget the Colosseum, the Roundhouse is the real amphitheatre at the centre of all the Roman action. And who can say no to cheap travel to Rome and back in one night.

Strip your mattress, knot, twist and pin your sheets, drop your flower crown and let your inner god/goddess reign.

Don't know how to tie a toga? We've done all the research for you, check out p12 and p15 for everything you need to know on wearing a bed sheet in public.

Whether you're born to lead the Roman Empire, have a penchant for ancient Greece or chariot racing is your thing, grab your mates, and get down to the Roundhouse.

Check out facebook.com/UNSWRoundhouse for more info.

WHERE: Roundhouse

WHEN: Thur 30 April

PRICE: \$10 Arc, \$15 UNSW, \$20 GA

VERDICT: Fun between the sheets

Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase 2015



BY GENEVIEVE GAO

Bogged down with assignments, maybe you're an amateur comedian in need of inspiration? Whatever your ailment, the Comedy Festival Showcase is the ultimate remedy.

With hundreds of comedians shaking up Sydney stages during the Sydney Comedy Festival, we're psyched to see a killer line up take to the stage at the Roundhouse.

The Showcase is set to bring some side-splitting acts on campus, so prepare for belly aches and sore cheeks from laughing too hard. You might even discover your next favourite comedian with the line up boasting some serious international and local talent.

It's sure to be a fun-filled night so what are you waiting for?

Grab your tickets at unswroundhouse.com

Warning: cracked ribs from endless laughter are a high possibility.

WHERE: Roundhouse

WHEN: Wed 29 April at 7:30pm

PRICE: \$29.90 (+Booking Fee)

VERDICT: Hilarious

WHAT'S ON



ELLEN VAN NEERVEN



ARC FLEA MARKETS

WEEK 7

MON APR 20

\$6 Banana Bread and Coffee

8-11am

@ The White House

Baked goods and a caffeine hit are the only way to kick of the week.

\$14 Wrap and Draught Beer

11am onwards

@ The White House

We're rapt to dig into this deliciousness.

Education Collective Meeting

12pm

@ Arc Reception (Arc Precinct, off Basser Steps)

Campus Bible Study Talk

1-2pm

@ M18, Chemical Sciences

Women's Collective Meeting

1-2pm

@ Women's Room (Arc Precinct, off Basser Steps)

\$8 Cocktails

2pm onwards

@ The White House

Get a little fancy on Monday afternoon with some of the most delicious drinks on campus.

Free Ping Pong

2-8pm

@ Roundhouse

Do you think you can handle the fierce competition at ping pong?

Happy Hour

4-5pm

@ Roundhouse

Get the brain ticking and prep for Trivia with some cheap drinks.

Free Trivia

5pm

@ Roundhouse

The time has come to win over your peers with all that useless knowledge you've been saving up over the years.

Queer Collective Meeting

4-6pm

@ Queerspace, Chemical Sciences, 9.21

UNSWriting in partnership with Nura Gili presents Ellen Van Neerven

6.30pm-8pm

@ Io Myers

Catch author Ellen Van Neerven in conversation with literature specialist Elizabeth McMahon about her book Heat and Light.

TUE APR 21

\$7 Breakfast Wrap

8-11am

@ The White House

It's like a normal brekkie but in wrap form. Yep, we're excited.

Arc Flea Markets

10am-5pm

@ International Square

Sort through a treasure trove of preloved bits and bobs and find a bargain.

\$15 Pizza and Draught

11am onwards

@ The White House

These two were made for each other. Pizza and beer are the perfect lunch special after that Tuesday morning tute.

Veggie Soc Lunch

12-2pm

@ Outside Roundhouse

Get your herbivore on and enjoy a plate of vegan or vegetarian food for \$6. Oh yeah.

Tea Society Gathering

12-2pm

@ Colombo House Foyer

It's teatime! Nothing could be better than sipping on a nice hot cuppa with some friends.

\$19 Jugs of Sangria

12pm onwards

@ The White House

Grab some amigos and enjoy!

Free Bingo

1pm

@ Roundhouse

Make like a pensioner and scream BIIIIINGO!

People of Colour Collective Meeting

1-2pm

@ Arc Reception (Arc Precinct, off Basser Steps)

Happy Hour

4-5pm

@ Roundhouse

Were you really going to do those readings? Take a load off and enjoy Happy Hour.

Free Poker

5pm

@ Roundhouse

It's sure to be a FULL HOUSE at poker so go STRAIGHT there.

WED APR 22

\$8 Omelette and Hash Brown

8-11am

@ The White House

The most important meal of the day! Start it off the right way with a scrumptious dish.

\$11 Pasta and Wine

11am onwards

@ The White House

The ultimate lunch special to get you over hump day.

\$6 Glass of Premium Wine

11am onwards

@ The White House

A drink special to warm the heart of any wine connoisseur.

Enviro Collective Meeting

11-12pm

@ Arc Reception (Arc Precinct, off Basser Steps)

Free Giant Games

1-3pm

@ Roundhouse

Embrace your inner child and take on the giant games at the Roundhouse. It's guaranteed to be more fun than your Wednesday arvo lecture.

Indonesian Night Market 2015

4-9.30pm

@ Outside Roundhouse

Prepare for some delicious Mie goreng and satay at the Indonesian Night Market.



VEGGIESOCLUNCH



ARJ BARKER

Double Happy Hour

5-7pm

@ Roundhouse

Double the fun and double the bargain – a reward for making is halfway through the week!

Filmsoc Screening: The Babadook

6pm

@ Webster 327

This Aussie horror flick is sure to scare your pants off. Brace yourself!

Free Open Mic Night

7pm

@ The White House

Hit the high notes you normally reserve for the shower or the car.

THU

APR 23

\$9 Pancakes and Coffee

8-11am

@ The White House

You'll enjoy stacks of deliciousness before that early morning lecture with this breakfast special.

\$13 Calamari and Draught

11am onwards

@ The White House

Ahh the taste of the ocean.

Women's Collective Meeting

12-1pm

@ Women's Room (Arc Precinct, off Basser Steps)

Campus Bible Study Talk

1-2pm

@ Electrical Engineering, G25

Education Collective Meeting

1pm

@ Arc Reception (Arc Precinct, off Basser Steps)

Enviro Collective Meeting

2-3pm

@ Arc Reception (Arc Precinct, off Basser Steps)

Queer Collective Meeting

2-4pm

@ Queerspace, Chemical Sciences, 9.21

Happy Hour

4-5pm

@ Roundhouse

Get giggly before Arj with some cheap drinks.

\$7 Pints of Cider

5pm onwards

@ The White House

Wrinkle your nose at beer? Finally there's a cheap drink for you and oh... it's good.

Arj Barker

7pm

@ Roundhouse

Get reading to rofl at Arj Barker's Greatest Hits showcase.

FRI

APR 24

\$7 Egg and Bacon Roll and Coffee

8-11am

@ The White House

TGIF! What better way to kick off the best day of the week than with a simple but yummy brekky.

Women of Colour Collective Meeting

10-11am

@ Arc Reception (Arc Precinct, off Basser Steps)

\$14 Fish and Chips and Draught

11am onwards

@ The White House

An oldie but a goodie, you can't go wrong with this lunch special.

\$6.40 Boutique Beer

2pm onwards

@ The White House

Try out those beers you're normally too cheap for.

Double Happy Hour

5-7pm

@ Roundhouse

It's the only thing better on Earth than regular Happy Hour. Boo yeah!

Free DJ Set

6.30pm onwards

@ The White House

Time to dance in the weekend with some killer beats.

Grab Your Comedy Festival Showcase Tickets Now

The show's on next Wednesday and trust us when we say you don't want to miss out on the giggles.

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TAKE ME WITH YOU!**



BISTRO SPECIAL WEEK 7



LASAGNE

\$9.50



DRINKS SPECIAL WEEK 7

**KIRIN
CIDER**



\$7

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BLITZ PICK OF THE WEEK

ARC FLEA MARKETS

**Hey Macklemore! Can
we go thrift shopping?
Come pop some tags
and grab a bargain at
the Arc Flea Markets.**

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 8

MON APR 27

\$6 Banana Bread and Coffee

8-11am

@ The White House

Go bananas for this brekky special that is guaranteed to get your week off to a killer start.

\$14 Wrap and Draught Beer

11am onwards

@ The White House

This lunch special is the best way to prepare for your Monday arvo lectures.

Education Collective Meeting

12pm

@ Arc Reception (Arc Precinct, off Basser Steps)

Campus Bible Study Talk

1-2pm

@ M18, Chemical Sciences

Women's Collective Meeting

1-2pm

@ Women's Room (Arc Precinct, off Basser Steps)

\$8 Cocktails

2pm onwards

@ The White House

These deliciously cheap cocktails are guaranteed to improve your Monday.

Free Ping Pong

2-8pm

@ Roundhouse

Do you possess Forrest Gump level Ping Pong skills? Show them off at the Roundhouse.

Happy Hour

4-5pm

@ Roundhouse

Improve your game (trivia game that is) with a bevvie.

Free Trivia

5pm

@ Roundhouse

What is a group of unicorns known as?



\$19 JUGS OF SANGRIA

Queer Collective Meeting

4-6pm

@ Queerspace, Chemical Sciences, 9.21

TUE APR 28

\$7 Breakfast Wrap

8-11am

@ The White House

Make that 9am lecture (almost) bearable with some brekky yumminess.

\$15 Pizza and Draught

11am onwards

@ The White House

This one is a Homer Simpson favourite so you know it's good.

Veggie Soc Lunch

12-2pm

@ Outside Roundhouse

Get your herbivore on and enjoy a plate of vegan or vegetarian food for \$6. Oh yeah.

Tea Society Gathering

12-2pm

@ Colombo House Foyer

Take a break from lectures with your favourite hot beverage and friends.

\$19 Jugs of Sangria

12pm onwards

@ The White House

Have a fiesta with this sweet, fruity drinks special.

Free Bingo

1pm

@ Roundhouse

Come on luck number 7...

People of Colour Collective Meeting

1-2pm

@ Arc Reception (Arc Precinct, off Basser Steps)

Happy Hour

4-5pm

@ Roundhouse

Practice your poker face over some seriously cheap drinks.

Free Poker

5pm

@ Roundhouse

Your skills may lie with Uno but you can still try poker! Pull a convincing (or confused) poker face and fake it 'til you make it.



FREE BINGO

WED APR 29

\$8 Omelette and Hash Brown

8-11am

@ The White House

Who can say no to a good old fashioned egg breakfast?

\$11 Pasta and Wine

11am onwards

@ The White House

Get in a Roman frame of mind with this yummy lunch special in time for Toga Party tomorrow.

\$6 Glass of Premium Wine

11am onwards

@ The White House

Swap in the goon and enjoy this drinks special.

Enviro Collective Meeting

11-12pm

@ Arc Reception (Arc Precinct, off Basser Steps)

Free Giant Games

1-3pm

@ Roundhouse

Watch out for when those giant Jenga blocks fall.

Happy Hour

5-7pm

@ Roundhouse

Need some liquid courage for Open Mic Night? Happy Hour's got you covered.

Filmsoc Screening: Identity

6pm

@ Webster 327

Don't miss the Film Society's weekly screening.

Free Open Mic Night

7pm

@ The White House

We know you can belt out Wonderwall... show us what you got.

Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase 2015

7.30pm

@ Roundhouse

What better way to get over hump day than with some serious entertainment from an awesome line-up of comics at the Roundhouse.



SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL SHOWCASE 2015



TOGA PARTY

**PULL ME OUT AND
TAKE ME WITH YOU!**

THU APR 30

\$9 Pancakes and Coffee

8-11am

@ **The White House**

This breakfast deal is definitely worth dragging yourself out of bed for.

\$13 Calamari and Draught

11am onwards

@ **The White House**

Seafood and beer deserve their own couple name cos they're such a good match. We're thinking beer-mari.

Women's Collective Meeting

12-1pm

@ **Women's Room (Arc Precinct, off Basser Steps)**

Campus Bible Study Talk

1-2pm

@ **Electrical Engineering, G25**

Education Collective Meeting

1pm

@ **Arc Reception (Arc Precinct, off Basser Steps)**

Enviro Collective Meeting

2-3pm

@ **Arc Reception (Arc Precinct, off Basser Steps)**

Queer Collective Meeting

2-4pm

@ **Queerspace, Chemical Sciences, 9.21**

Happy Hour

4-5pm

@ **Roundhouse**

The time has come. Adjust your wreath and brace yourself for the massive Toga Party soon to come with some cheap drinks at Happy Hour.

\$7 Pints of Cider

5pm onwards

@ **The White House**

Sweet, ice-cold, appley goodness. Hell yeah.

Toga Party

8pm onwards

@ **Roundhouse**

TOGA! TOGA! Make sure you wrap your toga tight because you're going to busting some serious moves at Toga Party.

FRI MAY 1

\$7 Egg and Bacon Roll and Coffee

8-11am

@ **The White House**

This breakfast is delicious but be careful: sauce down your top is almost guaranteed.

Women of Colour Collective Meeting

10-11am

@ **Arc Reception (Arc Precinct, off Basser Steps)**

\$14 Fish and Chips and Draught

11am onwards

@ **The White House**

It's the ultimate lunch to prep you for those last afternoon classes before the weekend.

\$6.40 Boutique Beer

2pm onwards

@ **The White House**

This bargain is a beer snob's dream come true.

Double Happy Hour

5-7pm

@ **Roundhouse**

It's Friday! Get your weekend off to a killer start with double the fun at Double Happy Hour

Free DJ Set

6.30pm onwards

@ **The White House**



BISTRO SPECIAL WEEK 8



**SPARE
RIBS**

\$9.50



DRINKS SPECIAL WEEK 8

**BUDWEISER
STUBBIES**

\$5



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BLITZ PICK OF THE WEEK

COMEDY FESTIVAL SHOWCASE

**An impressive line-up
of some of the Sydney
Comedy Festival's best
comics will have you
laughing 'til you cry at
the Roundhouse.**



What's On Sydney: ANZAC Day

BY CASSIDY RITTER

ANZAC Day this year marks the 100th anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli. There are a range of events around Sydney, should you wish to remember our fallen soldiers.

Commemorate by sleeping under the stars in Centennial Park on 24 April. The night includes camping in authentic swags, big screen showings of historic films and documentaries, food and live entertainment. Find out more at campgallipoli.com.au/sydney.

If camping out isn't your thing, rise bright and early and attend the Dawn Service on the 25 April at The Cenotaph in Martin Place. Follow this with the ANZAC Day March in Sydney CBD. Then after the parade, there will be a Commemoration Service at the War Memorial in South Hyde Park.

If you prefer sunset to sunrise you can attend the ANZAC Day Sunset Service Ceremony at The Cenotaph in Martin Place at 5pm. The NSW Ambulance Service Band will accompany this service followed by the lowering of the flags.

Or grab some mates and head to the local for a beer and a game of Two-up.

Seek out events and participate in remembering the fallen that helped build our country. ANZAC Day is for everyone to get involved.

WHEN: 24 - 25 APRIL

WHERE: CBD

COST: MOSTLY FREE

MORE INFO:
SYDNEY.COM/EVENTS/ANZAC-DAY

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\$5 MOVIES

WHEN: EVERY MONDAY AFTER 5PM

WHERE: HAYDEN ORPHEUM PICTURE PALACE IN CREMORNE

COST: \$5

MORE INFO: ORPHEUM.COM.AU

Not only is this art deco cinema an absolute stunner but it also offers an absolute bargain '5 after 5' deal for students. Visit after 5pm on Mondays and see any 2D flick for \$5 (just don't forget that sweet, sweet student card). We'd even consider seeing *The Duff* for that price.

SEE



WHITE RABBIT CONTEMPORARY CHINESE ART COLLECTION

WHEN: 10AM TO 5PM, WED TO SUN

WHERE: 30 BALFOUR ST, CHIPPENDALE

COST: FREE

MORE INFO: WHITERABBITCOLLECTION.ORG

White Rabbit boasts the world's largest collection of contemporary Chinese art that will amaze even the most clueless art novice. Its Chippendale building was a Rolls Royce service depot in the 1940s and contains a Tea House with some seriously delicious dumplings. Not only is this place magical, it's free.



VOLUNTEERING
BY SAIRA GUGNANI

Volunteer Spotlight



Ryan

Blitz indulged its stationery fetish and interviewed Erin Bailey, the student coordinator of the Stationery Reuse Centre, about free stationery on campus.

Let's get this straight – is there really free stationery on campus or is it just a cruel urban myth?

Yep, it might sound too good to be true, but the Stationery Reuse Centre really does exist and it really gives free stationery to students!

Where are you guys located and when are you open?

We're located in middle campus at QUAD1001A, right across from the Arc Offices, just off the Basser Steps, and we're open 10am-4pm weekdays during semester.

What's an average day in the life of a volunteer?

Volunteers are generally involved in running the Stationery Reuse Centre – so that could involve helping UNSW staff and students find the stationery they're looking for, liaising with external companies to source new stationery, or stocking the donations we received from companies all over Sydney. Volunteers might also help with everything from running events, or creating fun publicity strategies.

What skills do volunteers gain from the Stationery Re-use Centre?

Volunteers are able to develop their communication, organisation, customer service and teamwork skills, as well as having the chance to gain skills in areas like data management, creativity, external relations and event management.

Why is it important to have a service like the Stationery Re-use Centre at UNSW?

It helps lift the economic burden that students and other UNSW community members face, by providing essential uni life items such as pens, papers and folders for free. It also has a really positive environmental impact by providing a service for companies and offices to give their unwanted stationery items a second life. It promotes values of recycling and helps to prevent creating unnecessary landfill.

What is your favourite thing about volunteering here?

I love that I'm contributing to a

program that has a positive impact on society, both in the immediate university sense, and in a larger global sense. I also really enjoy how many new people I get to meet and make friends with!

Other than the inevitable temptation of free stationery and the self-control required to resist, what is the most challenging part of your role as volunteer?

While that is a struggle, the most challenging part for me is probably carrying and putting away all the boxes of stationery we get! I'm really weak. Otherwise it's a pretty fun and relaxed time.

How do you pass the time when it's quiet?

Often we spend the time putting away new stationery or tidying up the Centre, but when I get the chance I really like to make some fun and crafty decorations – it's actually a really fun way to chill out and forget about the stress of my readings and assignments!

Volunteering at the Stationery Reuse Centre in three words.

Recycle, free, shopping.

If you could be any piece of stationery what would you be?

A magazine holder – they seem to be the most expensive.

Best remedy for a paper cut?

Use a Band Aid probably, or leave it.



Vania

Volunteering at the Stationery Reuse Centre in three words.

Awesome, reuse, sustainable.

If you could be any piece of stationery what would you be?

Pens- everyone needs pens

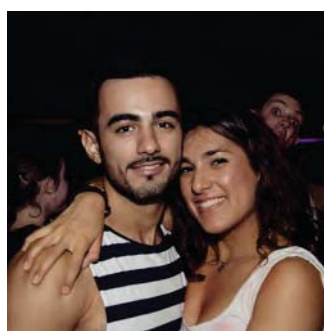
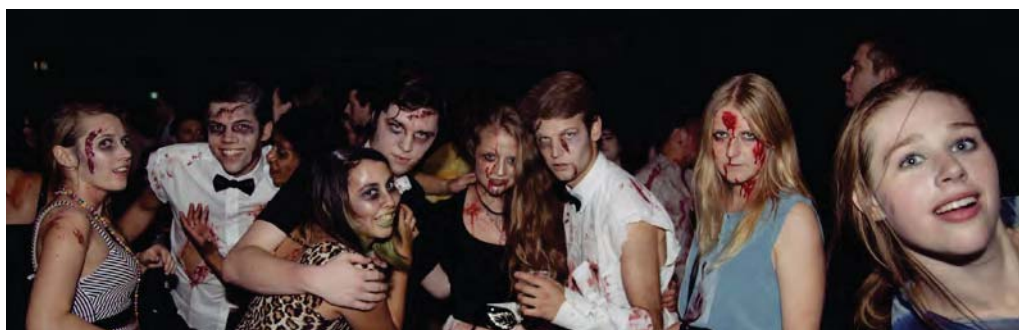
Best remedy for a paper cut?

Just leave it? I don't do much, maybe suck it?

ZOMBIE PROM

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RECENTLY IN SCIENCE

BY GHADA ALI

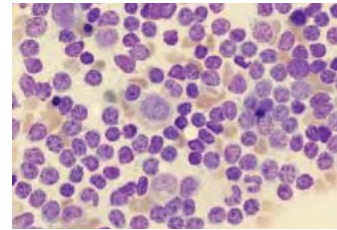


Penis transplants are a thing now

South African doctors have achieved the world's first successful penile transplant. During a nine-hour procedure a 21-year-old patient received a donor's penis. He'd lost his own when complications arose during a circumcision.

Dangerous leukaemia cells made not so dangerous

Scientists from Stanford University have discovered that it is possible to force leukaemia cells to mature into a kind of immune cell that may help clear the body of tumour cells. This was discovered when scientists were trying to keep leukaemia cells alive in a culture plate.



Homeopathy has been disproven

Homeopathy, an alternative form of medicine (you can Google it in detail), has been proven to not work. Like, not at all. After 225 controlled studies and 1800 research papers, scientists have confirmed that it does not help ANYTHING.

TECH GEEK

BY JENNIFER CHOWDHURY



Breathometer, \$49.99

This simple device plugs into the headphone jack on your smartphone. Once blown into, the app will tell you your blood alcohol concentration reading. Be careful though, this may be fun with mates but test results are not accurate enough yet to be taken as proof of driver safety.



Solargopack Solar Powered Backpack, \$139.95

Never bring those pesky charging cables to uni again. Solargopack's Solar Powered Backpack is a waterproof bag with removable solar panels to charge all your mobile devices. The powerful 12,000 mAh battery comes ready with most popular adapters. Ditch finding a room with a power point at lunch and relax on the lawn in the sun while your devices charge.



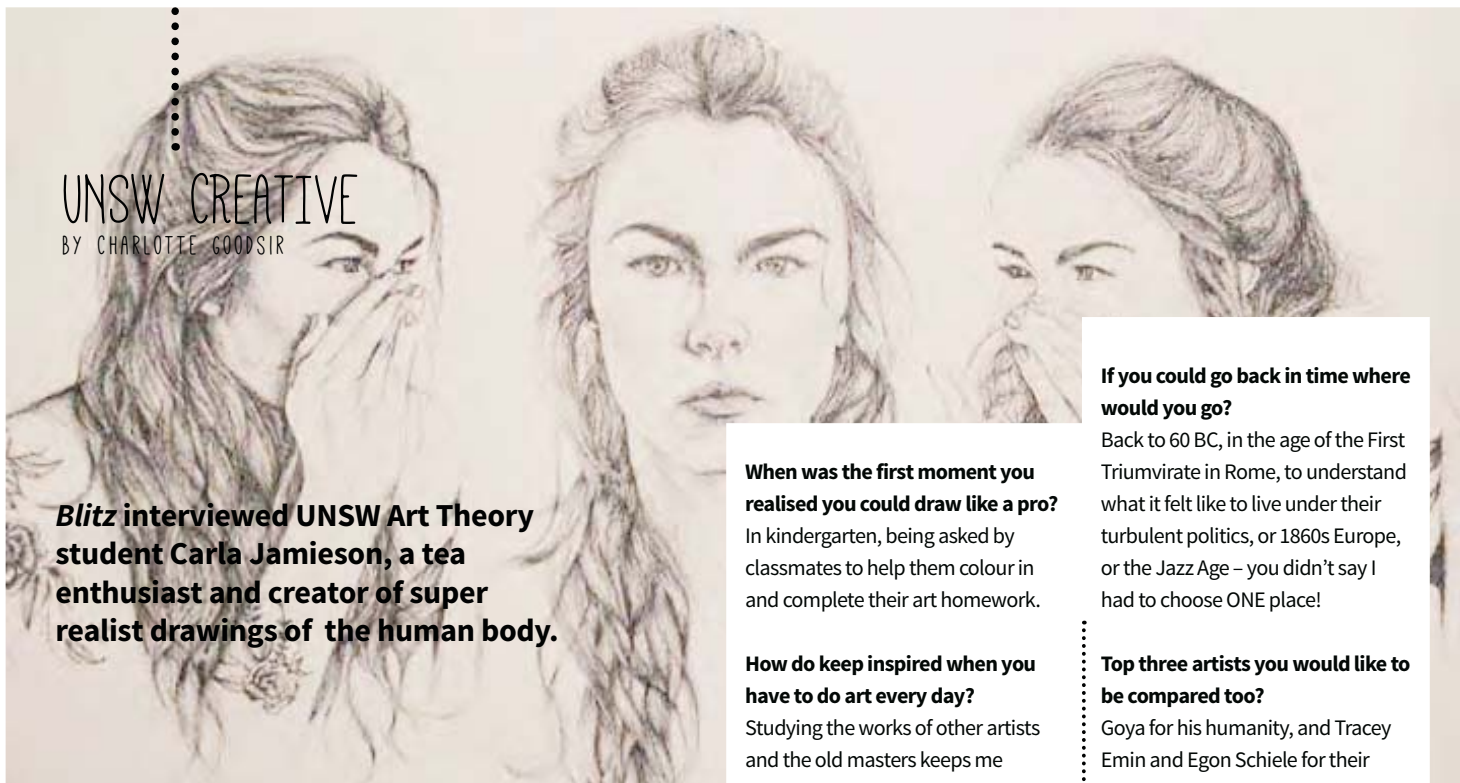
Google Chromecast, \$49

Turn your ordinary TV into an incredible video streaming device, and use your smartphone, tablet or laptop as the remote. Streaming videos and music on your regular device is old news – now you can stream straight from YouTube, Plex, Vivo and Netflix onto your TV. You can be utilizing your procrastination time with Google Chromecast. Thank me later.

UNSW CREATIVE

BY CHARLOTTE GOODSIR

Blitz interviewed UNSW Art Theory student Carla Jamieson, a tea enthusiast and creator of super realist drawings of the human body.



When was the first moment you realised you could draw like a pro?

In kindergarten, being asked by classmates to help them colour in and complete their art homework.

How do keep inspired when you have to do art every day?

Studying the works of other artists and the old masters keeps me eternally inspired. Also, reading art books - at the moment I'm halfway through Scott Bevan's *The Life of William Dobell* and Françoise Gilot's *Life With Picasso*. I am really an art theorist at heart, not an artist.

What has been your favourite piece you've produced?

A diptych containing sleeping portraits of my grandmother and the young son of a family friend in pencil (Ed. a diptych is two separate images composed as a pair), for its sentimental value and the sincere human responses I received from those who saw it.

What has been the highlight of your artistic journey so far?

Every breakthrough moment in drawing is just as wonderful as the next. The enthralling high one experiences when the work begins to flow intuitively and all elements come together is unlike anything else. These landmarks no matter how small, are turning points in the artistic journey and some of the best moments in my memory.

Are you more of a hunter or a gatherer?

Definitely a gatherer. I'm a self-confessed hoarder, like a squirrel.

If you could go back in time where would you go?

Back to 60 BC, in the age of the First Triumvirate in Rome, to understand what it felt like to live under their turbulent politics, or 1860s Europe, or the Jazz Age - you didn't say I had to choose ONE place!

Top three artists you would like to be compared too?

Goya for his humanity, and Tracey Emin and Egon Schiele for their intimacy. I have a soft spot for the old master painters. I'm mainly concerned with provocative or controversial artists - this can speak a lot about humanity and culture.

For those of us with a limited sense of aesthetics how can we dress like a hipster artist?

Be comfy. Slides and socks everyday.

RAPID FIRE

Stone-wash or tie dye?
Stone-wash.

If your artworks were an alcoholic beverage what would it be?
Gin.

Shoot, Shag or Marry:
Beyoncé, Kimmy K and Emma Watson
Shag both Beyonce & Kimmy K and marry Emma Watson, shoot none. Does that count?

Do you believe in ghosts?
Maybe spirits, not ghosts.

Wanna find out more?
Check out Carla's tumblr at:
www.mmelk.tumblr.com

Are you a talented student artist who would love some exposure? Let us know at blitzeditor@arc.unsw.edu.au.



EXCHANGE DIARIES

BY KATE ALLMAN

Blitz caught up with Nick McGann to discuss his time on exchange at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada.

What made you decide to go on exchange?

I'd spoken to so many people who had done it and had a good time. I never really thought I would go on exchange but it seemed a good way to tie in travelling whilst studying, and before starting a full time job.

What kind of extra-curricular activities did you get involved in?

I joined the Outdoors Club and the Ski Club. The Outdoors Club did a weekend in Jasper National Park in the Rocky Mountains, and the Ski Club took us to Marmot Basin Ski Resort. I joined the Law Society ice hockey team, bought some ice skates and did a lot of skating at the uni ice rink. I also dabbled in a curling lesson, which was pretty fun! It's just lawn bowls on ice.

Where else did you travel?

At the end of the semester I spent six weeks

travelling around the USA. I started in Utah where I went skiing for a week, then to Washington DC, New York, New Orleans, Austin, Las Vegas, San Francisco, and then LA.

Did you have any disasters?

The only hiccup was when I went on a rugby tournament in Calgary. I had a good time until I managed to break my hand in two places. That made uni pretty difficult for the last five weeks, including writing exams. Even worse, I couldn't pick up weights in the gym – which was devastating. All hopes for a Canadian winter bulk were destroyed.

What was the weirdest food you ate?

I wish we had eaten the alligator in New Orleans so I could say that! The weirdest drink was definitely a 'vodka Caesar' – it's got 'clamato juice' (half clam juice, half tomato juice). I don't know the exact ingredients but Google it – it's gross.

What's the best and worst thing about living overseas?

The best part is that you really immerse yourself in a different country as opposed to just visiting and getting a taste of it. The

worst part is missing people back home and getting your head around the fact that it's not a holiday... You do have to do uni work at some stage.

Any advice for students going on exchange to Canada?

Whatever you do, stay away from the 'cult' dodgeball society in Edmonton. They're so obsessed, it really freaked me out. Definitely do not get involved in that, and if you do, please don't purchase helmets, knee or elbow pads unless you have a legitimate medical reason for wearing them.

RAPID FIRE

Best meal in the country?

The ribs and chicken combo at Earl's Restaurants.

Bacon and eggs or bacon and waffles?

Bacon and eggs.

One Canadian thing that makes you irrationally angry?

Tipping and taxes at restaurants

Keen to go on exchange? Check out student.unsw.edu.au/exchange for more info.



Warehouse Flat Leather Pouch, \$29

The one downside of togas is no pockets... this clutch is perfect for carrying all your Toga Party essentials.



L'Oréal Paris Colour Riche Le Vernis Top Coat in Gold Carat, \$7.95

You'll be giving the gods a run for their money with this gold polish.



Lavish Kayela Women's Gladiator Sandals, Coral, \$49.95

Show that you've got the spirit of a gladiator and dance all night in these sandals.



Maybelline 'Eyestudio Tattoo Bold Gold' Eyeshadow, \$9.99

This gold shadow can double as body shimmer. It'll look as though the gods have blessed you from above (just don't dance too close to anyone).



Ikea 'DVALA' sheet in white, \$9.99

The one time walking around campus in nothing but a sheet is socially acceptable.



Redds Red Beer Cups 25 pack, \$3.90

Let's be honest: no frat party is complete without these bad boys.

BAG RAID

We've raided the resident Roman's bag to prep you for the Roundhouse festivities on 30 April.

BY GENEVIEVE GAO



Lincraft Nickel Safety Pins (Assorted Size), \$2.79

I know it seems plebeian for a Roman God/Goddess to need safety pins, but trust me, you're going to need them to hold your toga up when the dance-offs start.



CostumeBox Bronze Roman Wreath Headband, \$5.99

Forget attacking your mum's garden to try and fashion your own laurel wreath, this headband is perfect.



ASOS watch with tan strap, \$43

With no sundials at the Roundhouse this watch will come in handy.

Find out more about Toga Party at unsw.roundhouse.com.

MODEL STUDENTS

BY CYNTHIA KRISTAL ISKANDER



Fiona

FINE ARTS/ARTS

You're wearing:

Topshop socks and Storeroom Vintage dress. I bought the boots in Paris a couple of years ago. My necklace, the stone is from the market in Laos.

You in three words:

I don't know... Can those be my three words? I guess creative, honest and um... indecisive?

Your most treasured possession:

Cameras (plural).

Your fashion inspiration:

Just travelling everywhere. Seeing different people everywhere.



Manish

MEDICAL SCIENCE

You're wearing:

Steve Janoski Air Max shoes, Stussy shirt and Nike gym bag (I love Nike). There were ads on Facebook for a site called Bronze Snake which is where I got these pants.

You in three words:

Dress to impress.

Your most treasured possession:

Probably my car, yeah.

Your fashion inspiration:

Not anyone in particular. Everyone has a different style. I just like to wear different brands and dressing nice to be honest.



Sam

COMMERCE

You're wearing:

Preen by Thornton Bregazzi sunnies, Pull & Bear bag and Converse All Stars. I like to op shop so this shirt's from Glebe Markets and these shorts are from Bondi Market.

You in three words:

Adventurous, friendly and hardworking.

Your most treasured possession:

My sunnies, which I scratched the other day. They were face down in my bag all day.

Your fashion inspiration:

Alexandra Spencer (@4thandBleeker) and Margaret Zhang (@margaret_zhang).



Mac

MEDIA/INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

You're wearing:

Vinnies shirt, Converse All Stars and Bronze Snake shorts. My bag, actually my Mum gave me this, it's a Ted Baker bag. I've got a few rings – one's from Mexico, one's from Turkey and one's from Peru.

You in three words:

Oh God, okay... passionate, I'd say. Adventurous. And I think happy?

Your most treasured possession:

My bed. I love my bed.

Your fashion inspiration:

Just the whole casual surf scene – I live in Manly. A little bit grungy but not really. Nothing fancy or too expensive.

REVIEWS

FILM



The Theory of Everything

Directed by James Marsh

BY Yael Brender

If you really want to understand life, read *A Brief History of Time* and make sure you have a dictionary and someone smarter than you by your side. But if you want to understand Steven Hawking, look no further than *The Theory of Everything*. Hawking wasn't always in a wheelchair, his voice wasn't always synthetic, and it is precisely this humanity that brings warmth to the otherwise tragic story of the brilliant man, brought down in his prime by ALS.

The Theory of Everything asks the age-old question: how far would you go for the person you love? There's no fairy tale answer in this story – Jane (Felicity Jones) becomes Hawking's wife and fulltime caregiver. In life, Jane stands in her husband's immense shadow, but in the film a long-overdue light is shone on her predicament.

The film positively sparkles with passion. Eddie Redmayne, who won the Academy Award for Best Actor for this role, is as talented as he is delicious. The beautiful Felicity Jones is terrific in a role that seemed tailor-made for her. The film's greatest strength is that it leaves the humdrum topics of quantum mechanics, general relativity and black hole radiation alone, because Hawking's vivid physical and emotional torture is infinitely more interesting.

BOOK



Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children

Written by Ransom Riggs

BY ONG LIH TYNG

What happens when you combine fantasy writing with Ransom Rigg's fascination towards vintage photographs of peculiar children? You get a mysterious, incredibly eerie and wonderful book that is *Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children*.

Don't let the title fool you. This book is not for children although it reveals the kinds of adventures our inner child would love to have. The plot follows 16-year-old Jacob Portman's journey to resolve unanswered questions after his Grandpa's death. He time travels through secret bogs, treads around abandoned ruins, and manages to meet the best and worst people he could ever imagine.

Riggs has a flair for drawing out the most vivid imagery through words. It's the kind of book you won't want to stop reading because it's too spellbinding; never mind that it's 2am and you have assignments due the day after. It's also the kind of book that will make you slightly afraid to turn the next page because it contains a haunting collection of vintage photographs of children that he includes randomly and without warning. Still, it's worth a read and something tells me it will persuade you to watch the movie adaptation coming out in 2016.

ALBUM



Gracetown

San Cisco

BY MICHAEL KING

Has it already been three years since we were humming along to *Awkward?* You know that catchy tune with that simple guitar riff, cute lyrics about a slightly creepy stalker? Well... yes!

San Cisco are back with their sophomore album *Gracetown*. Let's be honest, a lot may have changed for most of the general public since then but nothing has for San Cisco. *Gracetown* picks up where their first LP left off and gives us another 12 tunes to keep our summer going throughout the year.

One could of course argue that it's too simple, too naïve, too... San Cisco really! The sophomore album of a band is often regarded as a turning point or a time for potential innovation, but San Cisco don't need that. Every track gives me that same feel good vibe and that's all I want.

Whether it be the single *Run* that triple j will be playing on repeat, the slow-tempo *Magic*, the killer base line in *Wash It All Away*, the melancholic *Mistakes* or the killer lyrics of *Skool*, San Cisco are back and I'm loving it!

HIGH DISTINCTION

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TV

Netflix

Streaming Media Company

BY ALEX ANASTASSIOU

Now unless you've been living under a Wifi-less rock for the past few months (I don't judge, rent is expensive), you've heard about US media streaming site Netflix arriving on our shores... Netflix is finally here!

Unfortunately, the range on offer to Australian customers is nowhere near as appealing as the library that is available to the US but for under \$10 a month for the base package, how could you not? Hellooo *House of Cards Season 3*. While I admit finally getting Netflix felt more like a fizzle than a bang, I won't pretend that I haven't spent every spare second watching everything from Netflix comedy specials to all the Disney movies in their library (not sorry).

The offer of a relatively cheap streaming service is super tempting to take up, but do your research kids, a nice and neat 3 season binge of your favourite TV show (if they have it, that is), will definitely chew into your Internet usage – so consider bringing your headphones to uni and holding your own screening in the library.

Disclaimer: I do not take responsibility for your grades dropping because you watch so much Netflix you forget what sunlight feels like.

GAME

Hand of Fate

Developed by Defiant Development

BY NICHOLAS VARDANEGA

Defiant Development, a studio braving the barren wasteland that is the Australian video game industry, recently released their latest crowd funded game, *Hand of Fate* on PC, PlayStation 4 and Xbox One.

Hand of Fate is an intriguing mix of a tabletop style game combined with roguelike elements. The player moves along a randomly generated board of cards, attempting to reach the final boss of the 'dungeon'. Each card presents an event to the player, which they overcome through decisions, combat, or just plain luck. If the player is successful they're rewarded with equipment, food or gold. Failure may lead to curses, loss of health, or patronising remarks from the game's sketchy (but oddly charming) 'dealer'.

Unlike many roguelike games, which determine the player's encounters by random chance, *Hand of Fate* has a unique deck-building feature. Before each game, you can choose what encounters and equipment will appear based on what cards you've unlocked.

Quality voice-acting, suspenseful tone and pacing, and a unique and engaging concept are dragged down by stale combat that plays akin to a never-ending quicktime event. If you can look past that, you'll find a game that is still more than worthy of trying out.

FESTIVAL

Jessie J

Big Top Sydney

BY SARAH SCHOFIELD

From the moment the lights went down in the Big Top at Luna Park, you could tell that this was going to be one hell of a party. With a good mix of new and old, Jessie J wowed the crowd with her incredible voice – I'm 99% sure that the microphone was totally unnecessary.

Some of the best parts were between songs when she stopped to chat. It gave the crowd a chance to find out what the English singer is really like, and she didn't disappoint. But, of course, that's not the priority here.

Price Tag, *Loud*, and *Do It Like A Dude* were pretty much enough to blow the roof off. After an hour and a half of dancing and singing at the top of our lungs, Bang Bang (with everyone told to imitate Jessie, Ariana Grande or Nicki Minaj) was the perfect way to finish, even if it did mean we all lost our voices. Totally worth it. This concert was high energy fun (minus the exercise).

UNSW EATS



MEDITERRANEAN BAKED EGGS

RECIPE AND PHOTO BY JOHANNA HAGENAVER

VEGETARIAN | GLUTEN FREE | SUGAR FREE

Prep time: 5 mins

Cook time: 25 mins

Difficulty: Medium

Serve: 2

Ingredients

**1 capsicum, red or green,
chopped in small cubes**

**½ small red onion, finely
chopped**

1 can of sardines

⅔ can of chopped tomatoes

small piece of goat's feta

2 eggs

1 tablespoon olive oil

4 black olives, thinly sliced

1 teaspoon capers

3 anchovy filets, finely chopped

1 tablespoon chopped parsley

salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Heat the olive oil in a small oven-proof pan on medium heat, add the chopped onion, pepper bell and anchovies - let sizzle for about 5 minutes.
2. Add the chopped tomatoes, sardines, black olives, capers, parsley and salt and pepper to taste and let the mixture simmer for approximately 15 minutes.
3. Using a wooden spoon and by pushing the tomato mixture to the side, create two little holes in the mixture and crack an egg into each of the holes.
4. Wait for the bottom of the eggs to set, crumble the feta cheese on top and then place the pan into the oven (180°C, fan-forced, no need to preheat).
5. Bake for about 7 minutes or until the eggs are cooked through.
6. Serve with bread or by itself along some greens.

Want more student recipes? Write down the date for the Student Cookbook launch on 3 June.
Find more of Johanna's recipes on her website thriftywholesome.com and Instagram @thrifty_wholesome.

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JOBS & OPPS

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International Studies/Media

Who is your favourite comedian?

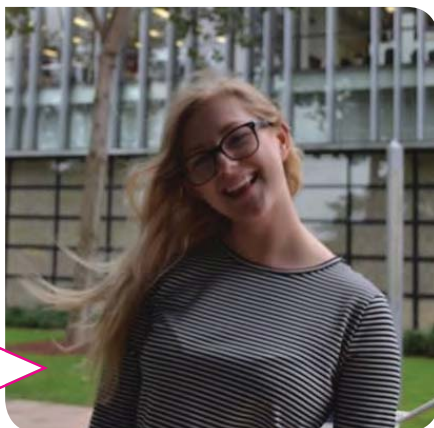
Chris Rock. He doesn't really care about what anyone else thinks but at the same time he's relatable. He's not your standard cool guy.

Going commando under your toga, yes or no?

Yes. Let it free, be a free spirit.

Caesar or Cleopatra?

Cleopatra, because I'm all about female empowerment.



Manishka

Science/Education

Going commando under your toga, yes or no?

Wear something under your toga! I don't know why you wouldn't wear anything!

What would you sell at the UNSW flea market?

Well, I love jewellery, especially earrings.

Caesar or Cleopatra?

I had enough of Caesar in high school, so Cleopatra, because she's not Caesar.



Yukraj

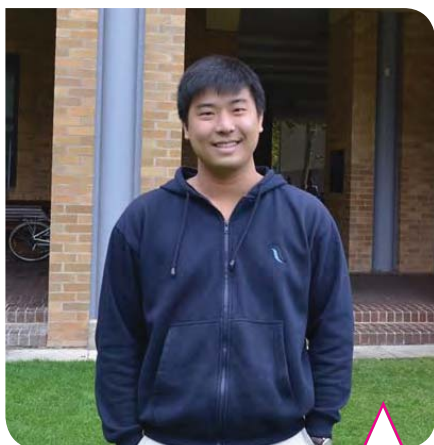
Software Engineering/ Commerce

Going commando under your toga, yes or no?

It's not advised – danger! Flashing people by accident would not be good and togas are pretty loose.

What would you sell at the UNSW flea market?

I have some old video games that I think are pretty cool. I'd be more than willing to part with them if people are interested.



Michael

Commerce

Who is your favourite comedian?

Kevin Hart. He's really witty and a big character. His personality is very infectious.

Going commando under your toga, yes or no?

No, no commando. I still would have the undies on underneath just to be safe.

Caesar or Cleopatra?

Caesar, because I like Caesar Salad.



Srestha

Psychology

Who is your favourite comedian?

Russel Peters! He is a Canadian stand-up comedian who is hilarious and totally relatable because he is brown himself and often brings up stories from his childhood which most brown kids can relate to.

Going commando under your toga, yes or no?

Personally, no! I would feel so uncomfortable and unsupported!



Rhys

Commerce

Who is your favourite comedian?

I like a lot of Robin William's old stand-up. He was very animated on-stage and made comedy interesting to watch.

Going commando under your toga, yes or no?

Yes, I feel like it would be very comfortable. I'd strongly consider it... Actually, my final answer is no, I'd hate for the toga to slip.



A portrait of a man with dark hair and a slight smile, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt. The background is orange with white diagonal lines radiating from behind his head.

ARJ BARKER

& JOEL OZBORN

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