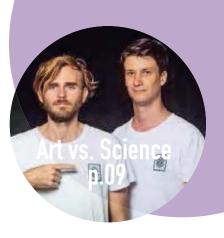
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Hey UNSW,

Now that O-Week has concluded welcome back to university proper. I hope you were able to take part in the festivities but if you weren't, it's not too late to get involved in a club, society or volunteering program.

In week three Arc will be holding an extraordinary general meeting to consider changes to our constitution that would change the composition of our board to more accurately reflect the student body and enable us to govern in your best interests. You will have received notice for the meeting in your email, but you can also find more information on our website —please do come along and have

As always, if you have any questions, queries or concerns about Arc please do get in touch, I'm always happy to help.

Cheers.

Tom



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Hey Blitzers,

The Roundhouse is hosting a Lost In Space themed mid-session party and to celebrate we've got an issue that's out of this world.

Have your universal space questions answered about farting, sneezing and aliens from the mouth of a real-life astronaut himself on p.12. On p.13 learn how to pull off a sci-fi look that the Starman, David Bowie, would salute.

Forget space race, PornHub have launched their own intergalactic mission (read

In the magazine we've also got an exclusive interview with Meme King and Australian Idol favourite, Shannon Noll as well as an interview with Art vs. Science on p.6.

Live long and prosper,

Eden, Lydia and Antonio



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Star Wars or Star Trek?Dancing with the Stars, tbh

Your tip for getting lucky on St. Patrick's Day? I look up to Apu from *The Simpsons* and, y'know, 'Just look into your heart and you'll find the answer'.

What would you do if you were lost in space? Join The Magic School Bus squad.

Favourite planet? I like to think Mars Bars grow on Mars, so lock in Mars.

Comedian you'd like to see at the Comedy Gala? Aziz Ansari. #BringAzizAnzariToComedyGala should do just that. Make that trending, chums!





SERENA DONG Media (Communications & Journalism)

Star Trek or Star Wars?

Star Trek (never seen Star Wars anyway).

Your tip for getting lucky on St. Patrick's Day? Use reverse psychology to think it's an unlucky day so luck can come and prove you wrong.

> What would you do if you were lost in space? Do yoga and cartwheels.

Favourite planet?

Mercury because it's closest to the sun which makes it the 'hottest'.

Comedian you'd like to see at the Comedy Gala?

Amy Schumer.

What will you hit up first at the Royal Easter? The alpacas of course.

JOHN SEROUKAS Media/International Studies

Your tip for getting lucky on St. Patrick's Day? Throw shamrocks at people until they talk to me. What would you do if you were lost in space? I'd be curious to see what farting in space would be like.

Bear Grylls or Buzz Aldrin?Bear Grylls because he cops so much stick on Facebook and still his show goes on.

Favourite planet?
Venus because Serena is a better tennis player.
Comedian you'd like to see at the Comedy

What will you hit up first at the Royal Easter

Snow? The cake stalls... dude, they're so impressive





NADIA YEO Media (Communications & Journalism)

Comedian you'd like to see at the Comedy

Natalie Tran (check her out on YouTube: Community Channel).

You're at the Royal Easter Show, what do you hit up first? Anything consumable.

Your tip for getting lucky on St. Patrick's Day? Doing the Irish jig while walking to class.

What would you do if you were lost in space? Use a torch light because E=MC2 and E=hv.

Favourite planet?

Pluto because it's like the kid who tries to get into the cool solar system club but got kicked out and you wanna give it a hug.

SAM RADFORD International Studies/ Media (Communication & Journalism)

Star Wars or Star Trek?Star Wars, refer to Blitz Debates for more details.

What would you do if you were lost in space?

Bear Grylls or Buzz Aldrin?Bear Grylls, I feel like he could pick out a nice restaurant.

Pluto (na na na na, I can't hear you).

What will you hit up first at the Royal

Easter Show?Food. It's the only thing I can afford.



VIRAL - - - - - -



We #StandwithKesha. We danced to 'Tik Tok' and sang our hearts out to 'We R Who We Are'. She's a sparkly pop queen and our support for her ain't about to end.



A chemistry teacher does a cool experiment and gets students sure fire attention. What emerges is an OH&S nightmare as the floor bursts into flames. Thankfully, no students were burnt in the process.



Man makes largest Rubix Cube of all time. Earns our applause.



BITZ

BY GENEVIEVE GAO







Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice is nearly upon us, and we couldn't be more excited (let the Internet war begin).



The 20th Biennale of Sydney kicks off within a week, taking over the city's major art institutions and Cockatoo Island in Sydney Harbour. Better yet? It's FREE.



Mid-March is the perfect time for gigs, including international heavyweights Buckcherry and Sevendust, Madonna, and local indie groups Palms and Bootleg Rascal.





So-called funny movie, Grimsby, is out. Now not that we have anything against a comeback from Sacha Baron Cohen, but just... no.



Summer is gone and classes have picked back up again. We just want to be back at the beach already.



Rebel Wilson has called the wrong journalist "total scum" for harassing her grandmother and has refused to apologise. Not cool, Rebel.

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	possible way.				
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SUPERMASSIVE BLACK	Matt Bellamy and an undeniable				
HOLE	guitar groove truly transcend				
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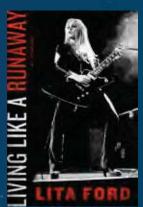


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Doing higher topology & differential geometry, or finding an Australian girlfriend at UNSW. Which one is harder?

→ UNSW LOVE LETTERS

BOOK NOOK



Living Like a Runaway: A Memoir

by Lita Ford

Lita Ford, the mother of all metal and legendary guitarist, opens up about
The Runaways and her storming solo career.
Lita bares her soul, recapturing the 70s and 80s music scene while bringing her own powerful experiences to life. So what're you waiting for? Meet the Queen of Noise.

RANDOM FACTS

There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.

In Utah, it is illegal to swear in front of a dead person.

→ Human thigh bones are stronger than concrete.

URBAN DICTIONARY ←

oreolization •

The realization that oreos are still in your kitchen.

Quebec got oreolization while he was sitting at his computer.

SOCIAL STALKER

YouTube: Digital Tour Bus



Ever wanted to know what invading the tour bus of your favourite band would be like? Then jump aboard the *Digital Tour* bus. From heavyweights Skid Row and The Amity Affliction to pop rock outfit Parachute and indie group Echosmith, there's something for everyone. Check out some 'Crazy Tour Stories' or 'Tour Pranks' if you're dying for a laugh, or take a peak inside 'Preshow Rituals' and learn from the best in the biz.

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Whether you're a virtual reality nut, a digital app snob, or just damn bored, learn how to VR yourself into a robot (yeah, it's a thing), find out what Tinder shouldn't be used for, or watch Google DeepMind try to find its way through a video game. Hey,

Amazon's Echo speaker just ordered an Uber for you.

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Friday night off? What are you going to do? That's where Concrete Playground steps in. You might be seeking the freshest city haunt, your next cultural adventure, or just a place to get the best iced coffee – trust us, the playground has it covered.



Blitz caught up with Shannon Noll between recording sessions to talk about raising kids, the Aussie music scene, and yes, those memes.

You grew up in Condobolin, which has one tenth of UNSW's population — how did growing up there influence your music?

We grew up listening to all sorts of different things. Dad liked country and my brothers liked a lot of rock 'n' roll. They had a band and they played a lot of The Choirboys and stuff like that so that's probably why I love the 80s Australian rock 'n' roll so much now.

I've been to my fair share of gigs with bands starting out and there's always someone that passes out or does something to that effect. Surely something like that happened to you when you started out.

Nah mate, I passed out once! *laughs* I was singing 'Monkey Wrench' by the Foo Fighters. At the end of the song I thought 'I can do this' and you know when you blow up a balloon and take heaps of big breaths? Well I was singing and down I went. I fell onto the drums and realised the band had

stopped playing, and I was like 'what the f— am I doing on the floor?' *laughs*.

We know you lost your father at an early age in tragic circumstances. How did this change your music and general outlook?

I've sort of had two lives: a pre-dad's death and a post-dad's death. It changes everything and all of a sudden the world is a much scarier place and you don't have that guardian and protection and no-one to ask about anything. It was definitely a cold place after that. I drove the 900kms to the *Idol* audition because we had nothing else. The bank had taken the farm off us, I didn't have a job and had no other options so I thought 'I believe in music so much and here's a chance to find out if that belief if justified or not'.

Say Australian Idol didn't turn out, did you ever have a Plan B?

I actually auditioned for *Star Struck* a couple of months before that and got shot down. So I think it's one of those things you keep going, you keep pushing. My plan anyway was to move to Sydney and play pubs on the weekends and play a duo

during the week at cafés. Living in Sydney is so expensive these days though, so thank god it all worked out!

When the whole GTM 2016 thing blew up and those '2nd in *Idol*' jokes came streaming in, credit to you 'cause you took them in your stride. Plus, it got people talking about you which is what you want, right?

I've never taken myself too seriously, y'know — if you're gonna laugh at someone else, you've gotta be comfortable laughing at yourself. And especially some of the memes, they were pretty bloody funny, I thought they were fantastic!

You can find out when Noll is touring at shannonnoll.com.au/tours/. Look out for his upcoming album, due in the second half of this year. To listen to *Blitz* radio's interview with Nollsy head to

ART VS. SCIENCE

BY LILY OCCHIUTO

Blitz caught up with the boys from Art vs. Science to chat about their new space-inspired album 'Off The Edge of the Earth' and their upcoming tour around NSW.

How would you describe the nature in which your music has changed?

I guess it's always evolving, it's never really a kind of conscious thing. We do it the old fashioned way.

Was 'Off The Edge of the Earth' inspired by space or something different entirely?

Yeah, we're kind of closet nerds, so that stuff is always informing everything. We try to never make our albums so big that they're unapproachable. We just had fun making *Off The Edge of the Earth*, we didn't put many limits on it.

What's the secret to success when starting a band?

We didn't really care what people thought in the beginning so we felt free to do whatever.

Who are your main inspirations and how have they shaped your music to date?

In the beginning of the band, it was a reaction to the music we had been doing previously before that. We had all been in rock bands before and we all wanted to do something different. We're all really into Daft Punk, The Juggernauts and The Presets.

Which album is your favourite?

I get the most feels when I listen to our first EP(Art vs. Science) because of how rough and ready it is. I listened to our EP all day and it was like going through a photo album.

Does performing on stage get easier as time goes on?

Yeah, actually, we feel like we're playing the best we've ever played. Everything is really comfortable and we're confident with playing the newer songs now. It's more fun to play live now than it's ever been.

Do you feel that playing with live musical instruments gives you an advantage over others?

It's an advantage and disadvantage really. It was an advantage as it allowed us to really evolve our show quite freely. Though, we didn't know the alternative.

Where do you see the future of music heading?

I'm not sure if any movement is as big as the

previous anymore. There's no real purists left, the crossover is fully pollinated and bands are combining genres together and it's really liberating.

Any advice for students hoping to break into the music scene?

I always feel weird giving advice, as it's different for everyone, though I would say to do what makes you happy, what excites you and what motivates you.

RAPID FIRE QUESTIONS

'Fountain of Dreams' or 'Fountain of Youth'?

'Fountain of Dreams'.

Skydiving or skinny-dipping? Skydiving.

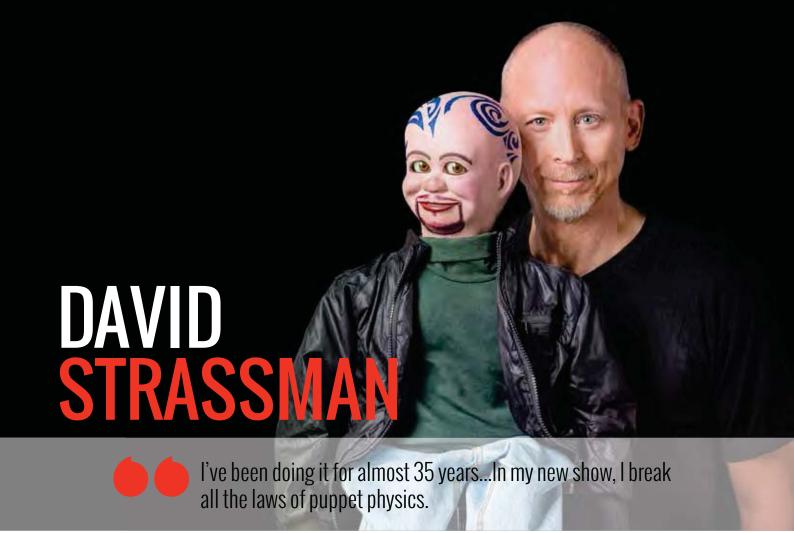
What are your ultimate pet peeves?

People who honk unnecessarily.

Bowie or Queen?
Bowie.

Buy our favourite electro dance trio, Art vs. Science's new album, Off The Edge of the Earth at artvsscience.net.





Blitz radio (Nyasha and Harry) chatted with David Strassman who describes his work as 'traditional hand up the bum ventriloquism'. He's done ventriloquism for 35 years and is the mind and mouth behind cheeky characters like Ted E and Chuck Wood.

How did you get into ventriloquism in the first place?

Believe it or not, Chuck (one of David's main characters) was a mail order puppet. I took a class in year 8 where a teacher offered ventriloquism. I had an interest doing magic tricks so I thought it was pretty much the same. I really excelled but I turned the corner when I was taught how to advertise in the local paper to do kids parties.

What will the new show iTedE entail?

The new show is about technology and how it will desensitise us. It's saying because of YouTube, Facebook and Instagram people won't want to see my show. I'm afraid my shows will go the way of old school effects against CGI. The second half of my show is like a TED talk with an introduction, podium and five puppet panel where I give a talk. They turn on me and bring up my past, to a point where I break down. It gets to this fantastic moment where they tell me if I

believe in myself, my show won't die.

How does ventriloquism come into that?

I do traditional hand up the bum ventriloquism. I've been doing it for almost 35 years. In my new show, I break all the laws of puppet physics. The first half is traditional ventriloquism where I introduce five characters and with my hand in their backs pulling levers and strings. The second half is where I operate five puppets live wirelessly, throwing my voice into 25 minutes of hilarity.

How does that then come together with the content?

I co-write with a guy called Steve Altman, he comes up with most of the guts for the show. For this show, I went into the most intense rehearsal with the director to



rehearse for an entire month and that was before I even started selling tickets for it.

Where do you get your character ideas from?

All my characters started out as very basic and two dimensional. Over the years through various routines their scope has multiplied. They have hopes and dreams, they have conflict, they have goals. So when I get on the stage the joke is not why has the chicken crossed the road, it's why have I got the problems I have today. The comedy is in the character and the conflict.

Are there any new characters for this show?

A lot of characters have been retired in the last couple of shows. There's also a new puppet who's been in my last show, Buttons, the very pissed clown. He's drunk, he's off his head and his makeup's skewed. He's a very dark character but a lot of people like him.

David Strassman is playing at Dee Why RSL on March 15. If you can't make the gig, listen to the full interview with *Blitz* radio at blitz.arc.unsw.edu.au

BY CHARLOTTE GOODSIR

OUT OF THIS WORLD SPACE FACTS

Where do astronauts like to hangout? The spacebar. So stop sending in your selfies to NASA – we all know you're a star–and keep reading for more totally legit (we swear) space factoids that are out of this world.

THE GALAXY IS BASICALLY A CHERRY RIPE.

Astronomers from the Max Planck Institute made a delicious discovery whilst investigating the Sagittarius B2, a dust cloud near the centre of the galaxy. Among the chemicals for which signals were found was ethyl formate (C3H6O2), the dominant flavour in raspberries, as well as an important one in rum. Now before you put on your spacesuit for a space cocktail, we might have exaggerated a little bit. Ethyl formate 'does happen to give raspberries their flavour, but there are many other molecules that are needed to make space raspberries,' the Institute's Arnaud Belloche said. Sorry Cherry Ripes, guess I'll be sticking to Mars Bars.

SPACE RACE? MORE LIKE SPACE AND FIRST BASE.

PornHub, the porn video viewing site is hoping to be the first to shoot an adult film in space, Sexploration. 386 people donated \$8,300 within one day through a crowd funding site, but they have light-years before they reach \$3.4 million to fund their Big Bang. The company has already set aside \$2,040,000 for tickets to ride into space, which seems substantial enough for actors and crew. Want to donate? A \$150,000 donation will make you the proud owner of one of the two Pornhub-branded spacesuits worn by a 'sextronaut' along with their underwear. Personally, I think they should film it on Uranus.

HOLLYWOOD DO NOT FACT-CHECK ANYTHING. THERE IS NO KA-BOOM!

Surely we should know by now that most Hollywood movies are, well... not based on science. I guess that if you're spending a fortune on filming an explosion or a dramatic death, you definitely want the audience to hear it. However, space has no atmosphere, which means there is nothing for the sound waves to travel though. Honestly, Hollywood get it meteorite!

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Blitz chatted with Philly Meikle who is on exchange at the University of Birmingham. She shared with us what it's like living in a football-crazed country, where hot chips are basically a staple food.

Why did you decide on Birmingham for exchange?

Birmingham is the second largest city in the UK, and I'm definitely a big city kind of girl. It's got an international airport and is central in England, which makes it really convenient for traveling. It's a campus uni, so all of the halls of residence are close by each other which makes a lovely, homely environment.

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

Managing my finances has been incredibly difficult. It's so hard to predict how much the year will cost, it's completely dependant upon where you go and your lifestyle. I lost my wallet a few weeks ago, and trying to replace Australian bank cards and a driver's licence whilst overseas is an absolute nightmare, so I would recommend keeping a closer eye on your belongings!

How is Birmingham different from Sydney?

Birmingham is a much smaller city than Sydney and it's quite student-based. Nights out in the city are always pretty safe because most of them require student IDs, so you know you're hanging out with local students. There aren't any beaches and obviously it's quite a bit colder than Sydney, so typical outings with your friends revolve more around staying indoors and going shopping, bowling or to a restaurant.

Have you watched an English football match?

I went to a Premier League match and watched Tottenham and Newcastle. It was absolutely incredible, there was so much passion and enthusiasm for the game and it was so much fun. The pubs around the area were insanely crowded.

You're learning French. Are there many French speakers around?

There are so many French speakers around! I actually have two in my flat and another few in my block that also speak French. It's so easy to find people to practice with and obviously traveling to France is such a great way to practice!

Any tips for students going on exchange?

Try to go to a big city, because that makes travelling a lot easier and cheaper. Don't travel for the first few weeks of term, get to know your flatmates before you disappear for weeks on end. Don't just pick the most academically prestigious university you can get into, because that will make for a year of very hard work and a lot less fun. Have fun and enjoy yourself, exchange will be the best few months of your life. You may feel extremely lonely at first but it wears off. Take the opportunity to travel on your own and grow even more independent.

RAPID FIRE QUESTIONS

Your opinion of hot chips on bread? Great after a night out, never any other

Prince Harry or William?
Harry, he's a ginger.

Who has the best accent northerners or southerners?

boutherners, absolutely. Much easier to understand.

What football team do you follow?

Aston Villa! Unfortunately.

Dreaming of going on exchange to Birmingham?
Check out student.unsw.edu.au/exchange for
more info.







Q: Do you fart more or less in space?

 $\pmb{\mathsf{A}} {:}\, \mathsf{More} - \mathsf{because} \, \mathsf{it's} \, \mathsf{impossible} \, \mathsf{to} \, \mathsf{burp} \, \mathsf{when} \, \mathsf{weightless} \, \mathsf{(the gas, liquid)}$ and solid in your stomach all mix together).

Q: Is it possible for someone to get stuck floating in the middle of a room in the ISS?

A: Yes, it is — you can get stuck floating in the centre of Node 1, where open space is biggest due to hatches on all sides. But the ISS has fans and forced air to mix and refresh the internal atmosphere, so there's always a small crosswind. Wait long enough, you'll get pulled to an air inlet.

Q: Would farting push you far enough to get unstuck?

A: We all tried it — too muffled, not the right type of propulsive nozzle.

Q: What happens if you sneeze in a helmet? A: When we have to sneeze in our spacesuit, we lean our heads forward and sneeze into our chest, to keep it from splattering on the visor. Still messy, but the best compromise — clean it up when you de-suit.

Q: Do you believe in extra-terrestrials?

A: I've always thought that was an odd way to ask. 'Believing' and 'believing in' are two different things. Our best telescopes have shown us that there is basically an unlimited number of planets in the universe. To think that Earth is the only one where life could have developed is just self-importance. But to think that intelligent life has travelled all the way here and is sneaking around observing us is also just self-importance. The universe is basically endless. We have not yet found life anywhere but on Earth, but we're looking for it, to the best of our technical ability. All else is wishful thinking and science fiction.

Q: If you could have any animal in the ISS with you, what would it be?

A: It's a strange environment, weightlessness. I wouldn't want to bring an animal that would be scared or unable to adapt, also food and pooping are problematic. So perhaps something calm and simple, a reliable pet, like a snail.

Q: How would you describe space to someone who hasn't been there?

A: Space is profound, endless, a textured black, a bottomless eternal bucket of untouchable velvet and untwinkling stars.

BY JOHN SEROUKAS

GOING GREEN FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Being vegan is akin to those charity workers who everyone tries to avoid because conversing with them will inevitably lead to awkward justifications of life choices which leads to veganism which leads to guilt and... well you get the point. The fact that you've read this far without turning the page or laughing fills me with joy. Fear not, beautiful reader, this is not a spiel about how to be vegan — rather, how to enjoy St. Patrick's Day while harming no animals in the process.

We may as well address the elephant in the room when it comes to St. Patrick's Day celebrations: alcohol. As ethical as Saint Patrick himself! Heck, Ireland's most popular stout, Guinness, has joined the green side, because fish bladders are no longer used during fermentation, Guinness is harm-free.



Now, you'll want something greasy on such a festive day. Thankfully, major supermarkets all have a vegan section stocked with patties, sausages, cheeses — barbeque essentials, really — that taste almost identical but are free of animal products.

Even if you don't become vegan for the rest of your life, making the switch even for a day can save up thousands of animals.

We all love animals, so why don't we put our veggies where our are mouths are?





A GUIDE FOR THE LAZY

HOW TO GET THE SPACE LOOK WITHOUT TRYING

BY NADIA YEC

Couch potatoes, homies too lazy to think of costume ideas and plainly uncreative peeps, I've got your back once again! So what if you're terrible at costume ideas and putting effort into themed parties? That doesn't mean that you have to pass on the mid-session Roundhouse party. I'll be your brain so you don't have to wreck yours, and don't worry, minimal effort will be involved in these ideas. So grab your tickets and get ready for take-off.

THE SOMEWHAT LAZY

You're the person who wants to fit in but you're still too lazy to put in the effort. So you go to a costume shop to buy the simplest and cheapest costume. If you'd rather sink into a black hole than come up with a costume idea, here is a list just for you.



POSSIBLE CHARACTERS

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

YODA (STAR WARS)/
NA'VI (AVATAR)

Body paint. Heaps of body paint. Just dip yourself in green or blue like a human cheese fondue. Even if you're too lazy to cover your entire body with paint, it's cool because you're still halfway there with the idea. So just let other people fill in the blanks and you already have the perfect costume.

THOR

You'll need a cape or a red jumper to tie over your neck like a kid playing dress-up. Finish your costume with a plastic toy hammer.

ZENON (ZENON)

Grab your tackiest long-sleeved pink top and pink tights. Finish up with a denim skirt and a sleeveless denim jacket. The tackier the better because you're a kid living on a space station.

C3PO (STAR WARS)

Wrap yourself in endless amounts of aluminum foil and there you go, a space robot!

You're the person who rocks up to Halloween in your sweatpants and your hoodie because you couldn't care less about themed parties. This won't fly at a space-themed bash. Thankfully, you will not have to stand out like you missed the memo in a crowd of crazy space enthusiasts. You don't have to dread the inevitable 'what are you?' questions, because now you have the perfect answer without trying one bit.



POSSIBLE CHARACTERS

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

CHEWBACCA (STAR WARS)

Mostly nothing with the exception of avoiding shavers, haircuts or anything sharp that could potentially jeopardise the precious length of your hair, beard or moustache. If you begin to look like Tom Hanks in *Castaway*, you know you are doing it right.

SPOCK (*STAR TREK*) Unfortunately this requires a little bit more effort than Chewbacca. But if you have a pair of scissors and a blue shirt, you're set to go! Just snip your fringe along the edge of your ruler, making sure that you look like a 10-year-old who just got enrolled into a strict boarding school. Then put on a blue shirt. We can skip those elf ears because that's too much effort and we're not into that. Nah-uh!

NYOTA UHURA (STAR TREK) If you have long hair, a hair tie, a red dress, a black round-neck shirt and winter boots, you're all good for this look. Pull your hair back into a high ponytail, wear your black tee inside of your red dress, put on your boots and the rest is history.

MEGAN BAEHNISCH CHOOSES STAR TREK

Star Trek is the go-to series for tv-bingers, the screen time adding up to a marathon viewing session of 23 days. A Trekkie is a dedicated, diehard but you only need 16 hours to qualify as a Star Wars fan and half of that time is probably spent cringing at how annoying Jar Jar is, or at the apparent incest between Luke and Leia.

While Luke was busy kissing his own sister (ew!), Star Trek featured the first interracial kiss on television, a major historic moment. The science and technology of Star Trek was based on the real deal, so while kids say they want to be a Jedi when they grow up, so many people thank Star Trek for inspiring them to pursue real careers in science and technology.

If there is any question about how to be the biggest, best nerd in the galaxy *Star Trek* wins hands down. Klingon is a language with a real dictionary and many great works have been translated into it, unlike the alien sounds from *Star Wars*.

Even the critics agree, the 2009 Star Trek film claiming the highest Rotten Tomatoes rating of both series. Star Trek received a stunning 95% rating beating even the original Star Wars trilogy!

SAM RADFORD CHOOSES STAR WARS

So winning this debate will be like bulls eyeing womp rats with a T-16, easy. First off, before we get to characters, world creation or any philosophical debate, we should look at r aw numbers.

Star Wars has 1 perfect movie, 3 brilliant movies, 3 really well done to series and 3 films which I'd prefer not go into much detail. Star Trek on the other hand has 1 perfect movie, 2 good films, 1 ok film, 3 good series and 9 films which I'm sure the person who argues for Star Trek will not go into much detail about.

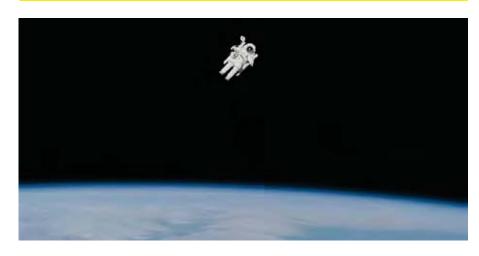
The obvious counterpoint to *Star Wars*, which I'm sure will be made will be Jar-Jar. But how can you talk trash about Jar-Jar, when he was in 1 movie, and not look at the 5 films of Shatner delivering lines like a spoken word rap song.

Like, this debate isn't even *Star Wars* vs *Star Trek*, it's the *Star Wars* prequels vs *Star Trek*. How are you going to say anything bad against a trilogy which defined a generation, had one of the greatest twists of all time, and whose sequel just hit 2 billion worldwide. While at least the prequels try and make a cohesive story and continue the wold building instead of cheaply trying to cash in on the success of the TV series. I would talk trash about Khan, but he's not in the new *Star Trek* movies. Oh wait, he is.

Who would have guessed?



MID-SESSION PARTY: LOST IN SPACE



By Ryan Bautista

Own a pair of galaxy tights that have been hiding at the back of your closet? Don't lie y'all! We know you do! Galaxy tights or no galaxy tights, come on down to the Roundhouse mid-session party because the force is strong on this one.

The theme is Lost In Space, so invite Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and Mars. Blast Beyoncé's 'Rocket', learn how to dance with the stars. Get lost in space, while you and the other planets enjoy some beats 'n' eats. If you think this one's going to be out of this world, then think again chump. This one's going to be OUT OF THIS GODDAMN SOLAR SYSTEM.

You better hurry though, because these tickets are going to blast the eff off!

WHERE: Roundhouse (18+ only)

WHEN: Thurs 24 March, 8pm 'til late

COST: \$10 Arc Members, \$15 UNSW students,

\$20 General Admission

MORE INFO: unswroundhouse.com VERDICT: It's gonna be a blast!

"To empower a woman is to empower a social shift. Any community that truly bolsters equality will create opportunities for all people. You can be part of shaping that change at UNSW."

WHAT'S ON UNSW

14 MAR - 25 MAR

Sophie SRC President



Vote Yes at Arc's EGM

Wed 16 Mar, 5pm Roundhouse



ST. PATRICK'S DAY



By Sarah Wu

Ready to put on your Irish dancing shoes, don your finest greenery and thicken up your accent? Then forget about your impending assignments, grab your friends (and a leprechaun) and head down to the Roundhouse on St. Patrick's Day for a good laugh and

bloody good time.

Don't be afraid to have a good ol' Irish jig and get a little silly. There's plenty of chances to take home some great prizes so scour the Village Green for some four leaf clovers—or just bring your lucky charms!

Make sure you mark it down in your calendar because you don't want to miss out – and we don't want you to miss it either! **WHERE:** Roundhouse

WHERE: 12pm (18+ only) 17 March

PRICE: A four leaf clover

MORE INFO: unswroundhouse.com

VERDICT: Lots of Guinness







MON

MAR 14

Bible Studies

11am, 12pm, 1pm and 2pm @ Quad Lawn

UNSW Careers Expo

12-5pm @ Hordern Pavilion

Stop procrastinating and start planning about what you're going to do once you have to (gasp) enter the workforce.

Free Ping Pong

2-8pm @ Roundhouse

It might not be real tennis but you can still pretend to be Serena Williams by letting out that battle roar and smashing your friends at ping pong.

Ministry of Dance Society: Dance Class

45pm @ Arc Dance Studio

\$5

Get ready for a dance class that will take you beyond your 'Whip' and 'Nae Nae'.

Happy Hour

4-5pm @ Whitehouse

Get cheap drinks, get happy.

Free Trivia

4pm @ Roundhouse

Which country has the most Spanish speakers?

Happy Hour

5-6pm @ Roundhouse

It's Monday, you've survived the first day of the week. Hit up the hizouse.

CircuSoc: Weekly Meeting

5-10pm @ Physics Lawn

Juggle knives and hulahoop your butt off.

TUE MAR 15

KnitSoc: Knitters Circle and Crochet Recap

11am-1pm @ Quad Lawn

Get hooked and have a yarn with your mates as you crotchet your way to greatness.

Free Bible Talk

12pm @ Colombo C

How To Make: Tie-Dye Pillowcases

12-12.45pm

\$5

Get in quick to Arc Reception to reserve your place—there are only 15 spots per workshop.

Free Bible Talk

1pm @ Macauley Theatre (Quad 1027)

Ministry of Dance Society: Dance Class

2-3pm @ Arc Dance Studio

\$5

Jazz Hands

How To Make: Tie-Dye Pillowcases

12-12.45pm

\$!

Get in quick to Arc Reception to reserve your place—there are only 15 spots per workshop.

DrWhoTrivia

4pm @ Roundhouse

Fancy a trip through time and space? David Tennant approves.

Happy Hour

4-5pm @ Whitehouse

Cards Against Humanity and cheap drinks. We're in.

Free Poker

5pm @ Roundhouse

Get royally flushed.

Happy Hour

5-6pm @ Roundhouse

More bang for your buck.

Uni Battle Sign Ups open

Festival of Sport aside, you're now ready to take that trophy home. Sign up for a week of sporting fun.

WFD

MAR 16

Bible Studies

11am @ Quad Lawn

Theatresports

1pm @ Roundhouse

Game, set, match! Skip your tennis lesson and play drama games.

Free Pool

1-3pm @ Roundhouse

You're not too cool for pool. Dive in.

D2MG Hip Hop Society: Free Weekly Jam

3-4pm @ Arc Dance Studio

Transform your squad into the perfect dance crew.

Happy Hour

4-5pm @ Whitehouse

Enjoy a cheap bevvy on the comfiest chairs on campus.

CircuSoc Club Cubed

4-6pm @ Physics Lawn

Make like a clown and juggle.

Ministry of Dance Society: Free Dance Class

4-6pm @ Arc Dance Studio

It's not too late to audition for *Dancing with* the Stars.

Free Live Music

4-5pm @ Roundhouse

Sit back and listen to some talented people who don't just exclusively sing in the shower.

Arc EGM Vote Yes

5pm

'Who run the world?' Girls.

Double Happy Hour

5-7pm @ Roundhouse

It's Wednesday and you my friend deserve to relax.

DJ Comp-Heat 1

5-7pm @ Roundhouse Beer Garden

Comedy Gala

7.30pm @ Roundhouse

Featuring Axis of Awesome, Corey White and Becky Lucas. Why gym it when you get a six pack from all those tummy laughs?







MuSoc Open Mic Night 7-9pm @ The Whitehouse

Show the crowd what you've got and then pass the mic.

THU MAR 17

Bible Studies

11am and 2pm @ Quad Lawn

- ◇ St. Patrick's Day

12pm @ Roundhouse

Forget a pot of gold, Guinness and pub food is what's really at the end of the rainbow.

Free Bible Talk

12pm @ Elec Eng 418

Free Bible Talk

1pm@CLB1

Ynga

12-1pm @ Robert Webster \$100 for 6 class course, \$17.50 casually

Master that mountain pose.

How To Make: Screen Printed Totes 2-2.45pm

\$5

Get in quick to Arc Reception to reserve your place-there are only 15 spots per workshop.

D2MG Hip Hop Society: Weekly Jam 2-3pm @ Arc Dance Studio

\$5

Seriously, Wu-Tang Clan should be coming to you for street cred.

Happy Hour

4-6pm @ Whitehouse

Double Happy Hour at the Whitehouse. It's worth the hike up those narrow stairs.

Happy Hour and Free Live Music

5-6pm @ Roundhouse

Free music, cheap drinks. Do you need any further convincing?

Sunset Acoustic Session

5-7pm @ Whitehouse

Fool yourself that you're on holidays while you watch the sun go down and listen to some live music.

FRI MAR 18

Ministry of Dance Society: Dance Class

4-5pm @ Arc Dance Studio \$5

Got a date this weekend? Impress them with some newly-learnt dance moves.

Happy Hour

45pm @ Whitehouse

Feeling like drinking somewhere a little less crowded and a bit more sophisticated? Hit up the Whitehouse Happy Hour.

Quidditch Friday Fun Day

4-6pm @ Physics Lawn

End the day like a wizard would.

Happy Hour and Free Live Music

5-6pm @ Roundhouse

'Cheers to the freakin' weekend'.

Sunset Acoustic Session ○ -

5-7pm @ Whitehouse

You've made it through another week. Have a drink and enjoy some tunes.





WHAT'S ON WEEK FOUR





MON MAR 21

Bible Studies

11am, 12pm, 1pm and 2pm @ Quad Lawn

Free Bingo

1pm

Win that meat tray you've had your eye on.

Free Ping Pong

2pm

Grab that sweat band and sun visor and get ready for some solid ping pong time.

Ministry of Dance Society: Dance Class

45pm @ Arc Dance Studio

\$5

This is your chance to learn how to dance.

Free Trivia

4pm @ Roundhouse

Which country has the most Spanish speakers?

Happy Hour

45pm @ The Whitehouse

It's Italian week at The Whitehouse. Sip on some red wine.

Happy Hour

5-6pm @ Roundhouse

Start your week in the right way, with cheap ass drinks.

CircuSoc: Weekly meeting 5-10pm @ Physics Lawn

You might not be the ring leader yet, but here's a chance to show off your skills and get circus cred.

TUE MAR 22 WED

KnitSoc: Easterweek!

11pm-1pm @ Ouad lawn

Hop into the festivities and learn to make Easter bunnies out of squares.

Free Bible Talk

12pm @ Colombo C

How To Make: Soap

12-12.45pm

\$5

Get in quick to Arc Reception to reserve your place there are only 15 spots per workshop.

Free Bible Talk

1pm @ Macauley Theatre

Campus Bible Study: Free BBQ

1-2pm @ Central Lecture Block Courtyard

Ministry of Dance Society: Dance Class

2-3pm @ Arc Dance Studio

\$5

Make like Lady Gaga and 'Just Dance'.

Free Trivia

4pm @ Roundhouse

Which country has the most Spanish speakers?

Happy Hour

4-5pm @ Whitehouse

Fall in love a prima vista with cheap Italian wine at Happy Hour.

Free Poker

5pm @ Roundhouse

Move over Vegas, there's free poker at the Roundhouse.

Happy Hour

5-6pm @ Roundhouse

It's Easter and it's no longer acceptable for you participate in Easter egg hunts, but you can get cheap drinks at the Roundhouse.

Free Trivia

6pm @ Whitehouse

What is the earth's lowest point on land?

WED MAR 23

Theatresports@Roundhouse

1pm @ Roundhouse

Flex your acting muscles, think quick on your feet and space jump your way into Theatresports.

Bible Studies

11am @ Ouad Lawn

Campus Bible Study: Free BBQ

1-2pm @ Ball Sculpture Lawn

How To Make: Screen Printed Totes

2-2.45pm

\$5

Get in quick to Arc Reception to reserve your place-there are only 15 spots per workshop.

3-4pm @ Arc Dance Studio

Turn heads next time someone brings out the turntables.

Free Pool

3-5pm @ Roundhouse

Get sharky on it...

Happy Hour

4-5pm @ Whitehouse

Treat yo' self.

CircuSoc Club Cubed

4-6pm @ Physics Lawn

Now's your chance to run away with the circus.

Ministry of Dance Society: Free Dance Class

4-6pm @ Arc Dance Studio

Feel confident enough to join a flash mob and freak out people in public spaces.

Free Live Music and Double Happy Hour

5-7pm @ Roundhouse

Begin your night out with live music and insanely cheap pre-drinks.





PULL ME OUT AND TAKE ME WITH YOU!

Free Trivia

6pm @ Whitehouse

Where is the line 'Qantas never crashed' from?

MuSoc Open Mic Night

7-9pm @ The Whitehouse

Make Nollsy proud.

THU

MAR 24

KnitSoc: Easter week!

11am-1pm @ Quad Lawn

Make some eggcellent Easter craft with KnitSoc.

Bible Studies

11am and 2pm @ Quad Lawn

Free Bible Talk

12pm @ Elec Eng 418

Yoga

12-1pm @ Robert Webster \$100 for 6 class course, \$17.50 casually

Get on the mat. You deserve some relaxation time.

Free Bible Talk

1pm @ CLB1

Campus Bible Study: Free BBQ

1-2pm @ Ball Sculpture Lawn

D2MG Hip Hop Society: Weekly Jam

2-3pm @ Arc Dance Studio

\$5

Lace up those Adidas sneakers.

Happy Hour

4-6pm @ Whitehouse

One hour of cheap drinks is never enough.

Free Live Music and Happy Hour

5-6pm @ Roundhouse

Gather round for jams and drinks.

Sunset Acoustic Session

5-7pm @ Whitehouse

Free live music+ Happy Hour= perfect first date material

BSoc Cruise

7:30pm @ King St Wharf/Darling Harbour

Cruise like you mean business with 800 students on a double decker boat. Grab your tickets at the Quad from the Bsoc stall. The theme is fantasy.

Mid-session party: Lost In Space

8pm @ Roundhouse

Embrace space and be beamed into another galaxy. ET needs to go home, will you be his guide?

FRI

MAR 25

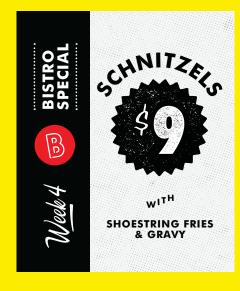
Good Friday-Public Holiday

ALL WEEK

Italian Food Week @ The Whitehouse

One word: pasta.

MID-SEM BREAK BRB...





AROUND TOWN: WHAT'S ON SYDNEY

PARTY IN THE PARK



WHERE: Pittwater Park (Rat Park), Narrabeen (18+ only)

WHEN: 19 March

COST: \$87.90 for general admission tickets

MORE INFO: partyinthepark.com.au

VERDICT: Chill AF

Three weeks into the start of the semester and you are already missing summer? Yeah, totes feel ya! So here's one killer event for you to check out in Sydney to bring back all those great summer memories. Party in the Park (PITP) is back once again with a bigger lineup and a cooler backdrop.

After last year's successful debut gig featuring the likes of The Jezebels and The Cat Empire, PITP has returned to the music scene with a doubled lineup. You will definitely be jamming to endless indie beats under the bright sun and shiny stars. Get ready to dance to The Jungle Giants, Ball Park Music and many more awesome bands all ready for your ears.

If that's not enough, PITP is packed with their Food Farm, Beer Barn and Meadow Market to keep you well entertained and well-nourished throughout the day. Sounds like it is going to be one epic day to kick off the new uni year. So if you're looking for an excuse to hang with your crew, what better way than to hit it off with nine hours of endless music, food, beer and markets.

It's time to kickback, relax, take off some start of uni stress and party to familiar beats at the northern beaches!



By Nadia Yeo



CATMOSPHERE SYDNEY

WHEN: Monday- Firday, 10am-8pm 9am-8pm, Saturday-Sunday

WHERE: Surry Hills

COST: Free for entry \$20-25 for select activities (Booking Essential) MORE INFO: catmospherecafe.com/sydney

Looking for the purr-fect escape from uni and work (or just people in general)? Then head on down to our first ever space cat café. Enjoy a coffee from some of the city's best baristas while hanging with the galaxy's bravest space cats, then top it all off with a cat-shaped cookie. You'll also be thanking us later for introducing you to cat yoga, where you'll get a 45-minute session followed by 15 minutes of cuddle time with a feline friend (that's your only incentive, right?). Hell, you can even sponsor a cat at the end of the day. Who knew you could have a café, space cat hangout and yoga all under one roof?



EXPLORE

SUMMER SERIES: MESSAGES FROM THE PAST

WHEN: 17 March, 6-8pm

WHERE: Sydney Observatory, Millers Point

COST: \$18

MORE INFO: maas.museum

Sydney's oldest observatory? Check. A famous astronomer? Check. Mystery? Don't worry, it's rife in the constellations. Grab a few mates after uni and enjoy a night under the stars and in historic surrounds as archaeological guides delve deep into the Moffat and Ross families who ran the signals at Observatory Hill. The plot thickens as Sydney Uni student, Alfred Johnson, reveals who these people actually were, as well as the incidents that occurred in the lesser-known parts of the Observatory. Now do we have your attention?

By Genevieve Gao



GROW, HELP. VOLUNTEER.

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Kudos Gallery • Mosaic Mentoring

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Have you ever been stuck in a bad date, where you feel like your date is from another planet? Not making the right connection with the guy or girl you just met at the Roundhouse? We've all been there and we feel your pain. There will be plenty of uni events that will be hella awkward, so we've cooked up some tips on how to civilly escape a conversation that's destined for failure.



THE OLD 'I HAVE AN ASSIGNMENT DUE AND I BARELY STARTED' TECHNIQUE

After stretching the conversation out as long as your sanity allows you to, you're ready to call it a night but it's barely 9pm. Say that your assignment has been bugging you all night. Your date will know the struggle of being a student and having shitty assignments due, which are as soul-sucking as dementors. If your date is human, they'll understand.

PRETEND YOU SEE A FRIEND IN THE CROWD



Works at any Roundhouse party. Oh, that's your friend you haven't seen in ages. You think you spot your friend who had a few too many drinks and needs help. Get into the thick of the crowd so that the person can't see that you're actually just walking away.



SPILL YOUR DRINK --

Desperate situations call for desperate measures. 'Accidentally' slosh your drink on the floor. This is your chance! Excuse yourself to the loo and then make your getaway. You might lose your drink but you'd rather pay for another than listen to a story about how their dog had an ear infection.

CHIA SEED PUDDING





get busy.

GLUTEN FREE

VEGAN

PREP TIME: 10 MINS

COOK TIME:

30 MINS

SERVES: 1

This recipe is an absolute life-saver when things

Just mix all the ingredients the night before, put the mixture in the fridge overnight, take it out the next morning, add your toppings and you have yourself a healthy and nutritious breakfast.

INGREDIENTS

1/4 cup chia seeds
1 cup almond milk
vanilla and cinnamon (optional, to taste)
a few drops of stevia (optional)

Toppings

Berries (blueberries, raspberries etc.)
Crushed or sliced almonds
Brown rice syrup

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Put chia seeds in a jar and pour the almond milk on top, add vanilla, cinnamon and stevia.
- 2. Close the lid and shake the jar until all chia seeds are floating in the liquid and there are none stuck at the bottom of the jar.
- **3.** Leave in the fridge overnight, or for a minimum of 30 mins. Add toppings of your choice and enjoy chilled.

CHIA is grown in Mexico and its origins date back to Mayan and Aztec cultures.

'Chia' means strength and folklore has it that these cultures used the seeds as an energy booster.

It makes sense: chia seeds contain plenty of healthy omega-3 fatty acids, carbohydrates, protein, fibre, antioxidants and calcium.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A



You know how, in life, things don't always go the way you expect them to? Like when you get horrifically sunburned when you just wanted a nice tan, or Menulog messes up your order, or you accidentally have a baby?

Allow me to paint you a little picture of what it's like to be a single mother and a uni student at the same time.

Even though I'd rather be shoveling down a donut for breakfast, I have to "be a good mother" and demonstrate healthy eating habits. So I half-heartedly nibble on some muesli with fat-free milk, smile like it's delicious and hope that I've got time for a Maccas run before my first lecture. It's unlikely, because Maccas is like a million kilometers and 106 Basser Steps away from my first class.

While I'm busy demonstrating my wonderful breakfast habits, my little angel is busy playing Jackson Pollock with their breakfast. I panic, approach the table wielding a bumper-pack of baby wipes and realise that the WeetBix masterpiece has extended to my open laptop. The one with a whole semester's worth of coursework on it.

Deciding that I most definitely will not make it to my 9am lecture on time, I start hunting for clothes that could pass for clean. The little angel has run to kitchen, naked, and is shaking ice out of the ice trays into my book bag, pretending to be Elsa building that bloody castle.

I try in vain to scrape my cherub's dried WeetBix art off my laptop and when I finally just decide to dump it in my bag, I find my soggy textbooks. The very same textbooks that took days of research to find second-hand copies that didn't break the bank.

I look up in dismay and the little tyke has disappeared again. The idea of a Maccas run before class is quickly fading.

To be continued...

BUILDING A BETTER YOU

BY SAMANTHA CLEMENTE

There's always the same resolve at the start of semester: 'This time, I'm going to get stuff done' (no really, I promise)'. Every year about halfway through the semester, our once ironclad resolve begins to crack under pressure. But don't worry, there are a number of techniques you can try so that you can say you... well, tried.

START NOW

Being over-prepared is one thing but when it becomes an excuse, you've got another problem. Start now and if you don't know – don't stress! By visualising the end goal and diving in headfirst, you're just that little bit closer than you were in the beginning.

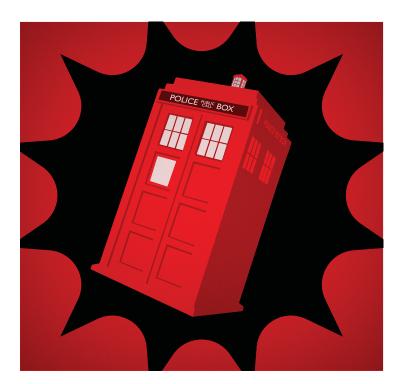
GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME

We live in an incredibly distracting world. Between long walks to the fridge and dinner dates with Netflix, it's easy to lose sight of the end goal. Find something that inspires you, whether that means hanging up posters of space for that astronomy class you're taking first sem or practicing your comedy set in front of some friends before you dare to hit the daunting stage.

LIFE'S A CLIMB

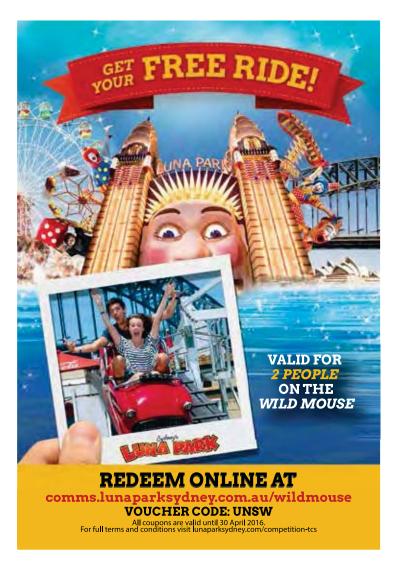
You've got big dreams? You've got a long journey ahead of you. Whether it's a morning pep talk about how far you've come or sticking post-it notes on your mirror to help remind you of what you're striving for, never forget why you're working so hard. And always reward yourself for how far you've gotten!

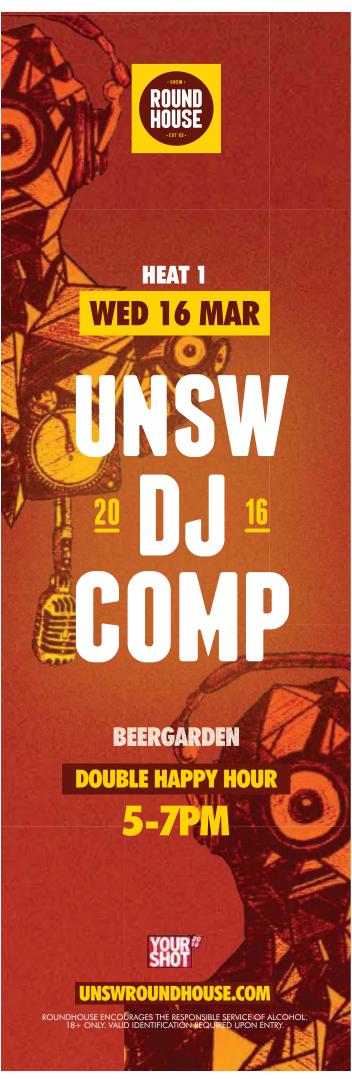




Dr. Who Trivia









BY POPPY LAOVISCUTHICHAI

YOGA ROBOT, IT'S A THING.



Alpha 2 is the cutest robot we've ever seen, who can read to you, answer voicemails and act as your very own yoga instructor. He's a tiny machine who will talk to you, provide instructions and reminders and much like your grandparents, will warn you if you need to bring an umbrella because it's about to rain. Forget selfie sticks, Alpha 2 can take happy snaps of you and your friends.

FLIP A WATERPROOF FITNESS WEARABLE ON YOUR EAR.



Flip is an adaptable fitness tracker that fits on your ear. It utilises a built-in sensor and works as a pedometer, heart-rate monitor, sleep analyser, posture watcher, calorie measurer, and BMI calculator. Did you hear that, Dumbo?

TECHNOLOGY TO OVERCOME DEPRESSION

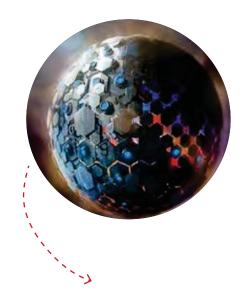


Recent studies from the University of London have shown that virtual reality technology can be used to help patients with depression. The study saw 15 individuals using VR headsets, to show compassion towards an agitated child. The patients helped to comfort the child and saw themselves become the child. This eight-minute scenario was repeated multiple times over the month-long study. After using this VR for three weeks the patients all reported that depressive symptoms had reduced significantly.

RECENTLY IN

SCIENCE

BY AMMARAH TASNEEM



DID WE JUST FIND ?

Researchers have come across something interesting in their readings of light emitted from the distant star KIC 8462852. Light readings from stars usually fluctuate due to natural obstruction from other planets, stars, comets or asteroids. Strangely, the light patterns which researchers observed don't match up to the normal fluctuations. There is speculation that this could be caused by a Dyson sphere (a.k.a a swarm of alien satellites that harvest a star's energy). That means if alien technology exists, aliens also exist!

IS THERE AN INVISIBLE PLANET IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

Scientists continue their hunt for the elusive Planet 9. While they have not seen it physically, they believe that the behaviour of ice bodies beyond Neptune have given them a major hint. These ice bodies have changed orbits due to the gravity of planets passing by. This continued alignment has pointed toward the existence of another planet, 'Planet 9'. Could this be a hidden alien base? Sounds like something straight out of *Star Wars*.



DO ALIENS LIKE VEGGIES?

So the NASA Spirit rover found a cauliflower on mars. Not just any cauliflower, but one made of silica; so basically a rock shaped like a cauliflower. But scientists are excited nonetheless because they believe that these formations could have been shaped by microbial life. They are basing this theory on the earth's resident El Tatio silica formations which the Mars cauliflowers resemble. If the theory is proven true this could mean that there are veggie-loving aliens on Mars (and still you complain about eating your greens!).



STEVE JOBS -DIRECTED BY DANNY BOYLE

BY YAFI BRENDER

Steve Jobs is one of those films that boasts such phenomenal performances by the leads that it's easy to overlook its many flaws.

As the titular protagonist, Michael Fassbender delivers Aaron Sorkin's trademark dialogue in a way that is highly critical of the beleaguered Apple CEO. It couldn't be more different to Ashton Kutcher's sympathetic portrayal of Jobs in the 2013 biopic *Jobs*.

However, despite tremendous casting and a solid direction by Danny Boyle, the film seems like it would be more suited to the stage. It's presented in three overly-lengthy acts, all set backstage before a product launch. The sections are repetitive and reminiscent of each other; all scenes except for the ending are set inside, with the camera pivoting around Jobs as he delivers yet another theatrical, self-involved if misinformed, speech.

By far the most disappointing part of the film is the rushed ending, which consists of three 'Rosebud' moments that are designed to exonerate the film's distinctly unlikeable protagonist of all his previous transgressions. It's so staggeringly redemption-reaching that it almost makes the rest of the film seem better.

GRADE: CREDIT



SASKWATCH @ THE BASEMENT

BY CARLA ZUNIGA NAVARRO

The Basement is the sort of place you wouldn't take a first date. The music is loud and intimate, maybe too intimate. This gig was no different. The crowd squished up close to the stage, itching for the band to perform. Saskwatch seemed to embrace this tight hug, performing an energetic set.

Having never heard anything by the headliners before this show, I was pleasantly surprised by their stage presence – confident and charismatic. Despite having to wait for 20 minutes for a drink and the seeming long wait through the two supporting acts, Cub Sports and WildHoney, Saskwatch proved to be worth the wait.

Their sound was intense, edited, but at the same time raw, robust and distinct. The setting was ideal for the band, whose relationship to the crowd seemed to be one of friendship. The performance was one in a 30-date national tour which began in February and will continue until April – if I were you I would check them out.

GRADE: CREDIT

SIA-THIS IS ACTING

BY NADIA YEO

Let's admit it, we love Sia. David Guetta evidently cannot get enough of her and they do make a killer music duo. What's not to love about her unique touch on music and her distinct and powerful voice? She is possibly the next most unique singer since Lady Gaga stunned the world with her wacky style. So when she released a new album after her hugely successful 1000 Forms of Fear, it had to be checked out.

Classic Sia moments such as 'Cheap Thrills' and 'Unstoppable' are crafted according to Sia's unique musical touch. No doubt it is a beautiful album with powerful vocals but while listening through it, the songs blended together to create one long 46-minute song. After her success with her previous album, Sia had huge shoes to fill of her own and sadly *This is Acting* fails.



GRADE: CREDIT

REVIEWS

TRANSISTOR - DEVELOPED BY SUPERGIANT GAMES

BY SAM RADFORD

Transistor is the second game from indie developer Supergiant Games, the people who brought us the 2011 smash hit, *Bastion*.

The game takes place in a futuristic neo-noir world, not to dissimilar to the film *Blade Runner*. The story revolves around Red, a high profile singer, and a talking electronic sword. The narrative is delivered through still flashback images and a narrator whose voice is a type of heaven somewhere between Barry White and the Chocolate Rain guy.

Transistor has a basic hack and slash mechanic similar to many games in the genre, but what it does differently is the optional planning stage. The player is able to plan movement and attacks ahead of time, and perform them instantly. The breadth in play styles caters to the headstrong attack first kind of player like me, as well the meticulous and deliberate playstyle of many RTS gamers.

Ultimately, *Transistor* is definitely a game to get, and at a \$20 price tag on Steam with replay ability aspects, it's easily a bargain.



GRADE: HIGH DISTINCTION



ACROSS THE UNIVERSE

BY JANELLE TAI

This book by Beth Revis may have made teenage girls hearts flutter, but not this grown woman here

Set in a dystopian timeline, 17-year-old Amy is woken 50 years before she is supposed to from her cryogenic slumber. She meets Elder, a leader-in-training and they try to hunt down a murderer who drowns cryogenically frozen humans.

The murderer was predictable. The characters were confusing and one-dimensional. Elder is somewhat of a wimp. He whines about not being taught more about leadership but when he's challenged, he hides behind his mentor. Amy is portrayed as a tough girl who won't take shit from anybody, but what is meant as spunk comes off as a teenager with an attitude

This book is possibly the most frustrating, twisted perception of love with a too-rushed ending.

GRADE: FAIL



MR. ROBOT

BY SERENA DONG

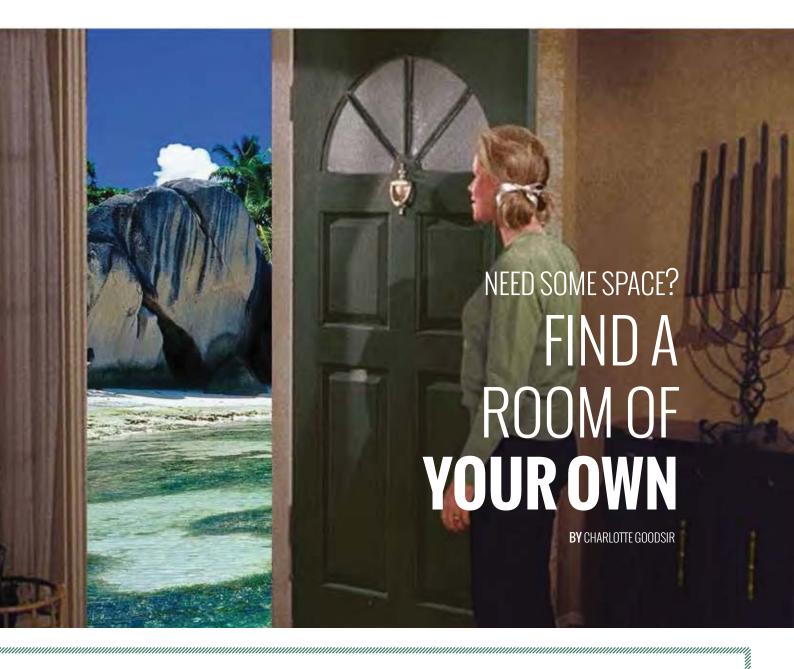
Mr. Robot sounds like a low-budget children's program which follows hacking culture and corporate scandals in society.

Rami Malek (Night At The Musuem, Twilight: Breaking Dawn) nailed the main character Elliot— a socially anxious and depressed hacking wiz that ironically works for the largest cyber security corporation by day before hacking into databases at night. Elliot is recruited by "Mr. Robot", to join his secret group of hackers to carry out a plan of hacking into Evil Corp's databases, to cancel all debt.

The TV series is disturbingly fascinating, as we follow the mind of a true hacker and the shady business that happens behind the scenes in large conglomerates. If you are into WikiLeaks, get binging. *Mr. Robot* will not only change your perception of online security, but it will also change how you protect yourself from hackers

Trust me, now I put a sticker in front of my camera on my Mac just to ensure no hacker is watching me change clothes.

GRADE: DISTINCTION



UNSW has it's own Chamber of Secrets. There's plenty of secret rooms on campus that you've probably never heard about. The air-conditioned SRC rooms are perfect for a nap, to share ideas or just to think about life in general. The Women's Rooms, Ethno-Cultural Room, Disability and Welfare Room, Activists Space and Queerspace offer a safe place for everyone with regular activities and discussions held by each of the collectives that run the rooms. So sit down, grab a snack and find your peeps. These rooms provide a wealth of information and knowledge that the Collectives want to share. Open up your mind to the open door policy and pop by.

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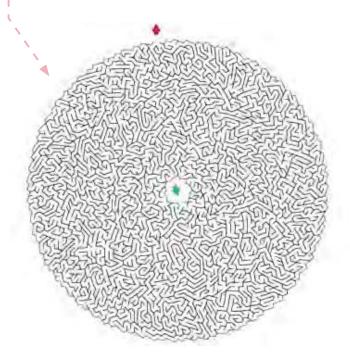
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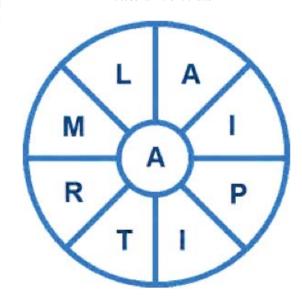


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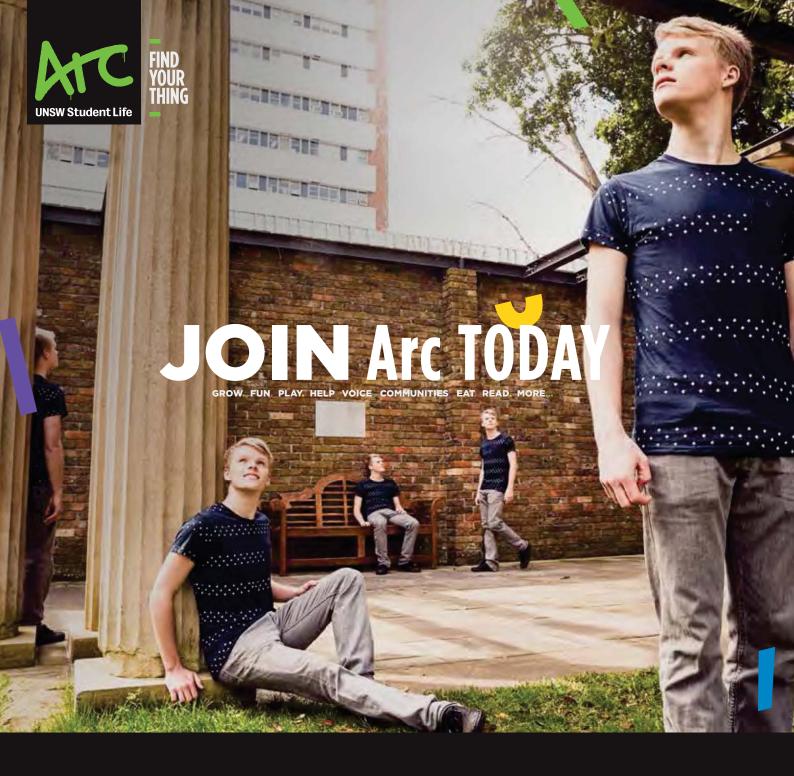
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or rides

IF YOU WERE TO GET LOST IN SPACE TOMORROW, WHICH PLANET WOULD YOU WANT TO LIVE ON?

Ganymede — it's the moon of Jupiter so you can see Jupiter everyday and you can't live on Jupiter.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR LAST MEAL BEFORE YOU GO THERE? Maccas Triple

Cheeseburger meal.



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IF YOU WERE LOST IN SPACE, WHICH PLANET WOULD YOU WANT TO LIVE ON? Saturn because it has prettiest outlook?

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR LAST MEAL BEFORE YOU GO THERE?

WHICH DO YOU PREFER AT THE EASTER SHOW; RIDES, FOOD OR ANIMALS? The animals. Feeding the little sheep and milking the cows is cool.

IF YOU WERE LOST IN SPACE, WHICH PLAN-ET WOULD YOU WANT TO LIVE ON? The most liveable? Probably one not too far

away from Earth cos I'm quite a fan.

WHICH OF THESE GREEN THINGS IS YOUR FAVOURITE; BROCCOLI, HULK, YODA OR SHREK?

Shrek — definitely Shrek.

WHICH DO YOU PREFER AT THE EASTER SHOW; RIDES, FOOD OR ANIMALS?

Animals because I don't enjoy the rides and the food is quite deplorable.

IF YOU WERE LOST IN SPACE, WHICH PLANET WOULD YOU WANT TO LIVE ON? Saturn, because I like big rings.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR LAST MEAL BEFORE YOU GO THERE?

Pluto pups (I'm making a pun!)



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WHICH DO YOU PREFER AT THE EASTER SHOW; RIDES, FOOD OR ANIMALS?
Rides. I can't eat most of the food because I'm vegetarian and the animals smell weird.
IF YOU WERE LOST IN SPACE, WHICH PLANET WOULD YOU WANT TO LIVE ON? Pluto because I'm small.
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WHICH OF THESE GREEN THINGS IS YOUR FAVOURITE; BROCCOLI, HULK, YODA OR SHREK?



IF YOU WERE LOST IN SPACE, WHICH PLANET WOULD YOU WANT TO LIVE ON? Proabably Mars cos all the hype is there right now, I wanna check it out for myself.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR LAST MEAL BEFORE YOU GO THERE?

Steak and chips.

WHICH OF THESE GREEN THINGS IS YOUR FAVOURITE; BROCCOLI, HULK, YODA OR SHREK?

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