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Welcome to Semester Two everyone!

Firstly, a moment of silence for the winter break that was – I think we can all agree that it was taken from us way too soon. Even though most of us would probably prefer to watch the wedding episode of Game of Thrones again than go to uni in this freezing weather, there’s so much to look forward to in Semester Two. Firstly, let me hear you say ‘Start of Session Party’! Happening this Thursday night at the Roundhouse, the party is awesomely themed ‘Heaven and Hell’, so the hardest part of your week will probably be deciding on whether you’re naughty or nice [check out our quiz on page 8 to see if you really deserve to don those angel wings].

Of course, the best part of Semester Two commencing is that your favourite What’s On mag is back on the stands. This week we chat to Brotherfunk about the annual UNSW Band Comp, which starts next week. We also headed to the UNSW Fitness and Aquatic Centre to check out the facilities, and our review on page 10 will definitely motivate you to go check it out. Once you do, you’ll be able to use phrases like ‘Do you even lift bro?’. Worth it.

Don’t forget to hit up Welcome Back Day this Wednesday either – there’ll be heaps of free stuff for you to see and do throughout the day.

See you this Thursday night at the Roundhouse – I’ll be the one wearing the devil horns (they hold up my halo).

-Em

Hey there Blitz readers, I’m Chris, your new Chair of Arc. I’m sure you all know of Arc by now – the organisation that puts on all the Roundhouse parties, gives out free stuff to members and is responsible for running clubs, societies, volunteering and a whole heap more. Arc is here to represent you, and I’m excited to be your student voice.

Over the past 12 months, Arc has gone through a massive transformation and the next 12 months promise even more changes like the introduction of Arc Sport, so stay tuned. To get the semester started we are hosting two big events during the first week – Welcome Back Day on Tuesday and then the ‘Heaven and Hell’ Start of Session party on Thursday night. I hope to see you guys there.

To keep up to date with everything Arc, check back here each week, as I’ll be giving you the low down on what Arc and the University is doing. For more information, you can go to the board blog which is found on the Arc website under the ‘About Us’ tab. Also, if you have any questions then just get in touch with me directly (chair@arc.unsw.edu.au).

Cheers,
-Chris

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Guy in library: My job requires no facial hair.

**In rotation**
Emily: Riptide - Vance Joy
Krystal: Jump Around - House of Pain
Simon: Massochist - Devin
Paden: Grandpa’s Party - Monie Love

**Hit List:**
Emily: ‘Antibiotics. They kept me alive during the holidays.’
Krystal: ‘The 90s radio station on Spotify. Backstreet’s back, alright’.
Simon: ‘Saying ‘the shiz’ - it makes me happy and rolls off the tongue quite nicely’.
Paden: IGA Tim Tams!

**Gold**
Emily - Starting your last ever semester of uni. So many feels (but mostly relief).
Krystal - Only one month until Spring and warmer weather!
Simon - Leftovers.

**Old**
Krystal - 9 Weeks until the next uni break of any kind. Ugh.
Simon - Textbooks - expensive and useless.
Emily - Paying rego. Seeya money!

**Life-hacks**
If you think someone is giving you a fake number, read it back to them incorrectly. If they correct you, it’s legit.

**Tweet**
@Aspersioncast
“I carry a knife, but it’s just in case of cake.”

**Random Factoid**
-The small town of Elmore City in Oklahoma banned dancing of any kind for almost 100 years. The embargo was finally lifted in 1980 and went on to inspire the plot of Footloose.

**Cupid on Campus**
Dearest UNSW, Why do you have all the good looking guys and gals?!
-Highly jealous USYD student

**Wise Words**
“Smoking kills. If you’re killed, you’ve lost a very important part of your life”.
Brooke Shields during an interview to become spokesperson for a federal anti-smoking campaign.

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Brotherfunk

The UNSW Band Comp is back and it’s bigger and better than ever before! To get you in the mood before this year’s heats kick off next Thursday at the Roundhouse, Blitz chatted to Zach Manning, one seventh of last year’s winning band Brotherfunk, whose unique bluesy tunes are guaranteed to get your groove on. Manning sat down to talk all things Brotherfunk and Band Comp and to share his tips on how to stand apart from the crowd and impress those judges.

What attracted you to play blues & roots music? I guess it’s just the one genre that really ties us all together, that’s pretty much it. It’s just the one genre that we all listen to and the style that developed when we started writing originals; it’s the style that just came to be.

What have been some of the highlights in the life of Brotherfunk as a band? We’ve played at a few weddings which are always good fun and we’ve supported some cool local bands. Touring is always a highlight – we’ve been to Byron once, and we’re about to go to Melbourne for the second time. The fact that we are playing our music to people we have never met before and seeing a following start to happen is awesome.

Brotherfunk won the UNSW Band Comp last year; tell me about your experience in the competition. It was awesome because we got to play at the UniBar which we always love. It was great to get feedback from the judges on what they thought because they were all quite talented musos themselves. So yeah, it was good to know what people in the industry thought of us and to really work on what they said.

Why do you think bands should enter student band comps like UNSW Band Comp? It’s a really good environment to meet other musos and bands. Basically, that’s the best part apart from winning some sick prizes... every time that we have done a band comp, especially the one at UNSW, we’ve found a lot of good bands that we like to gig with now. We get them to support us and we support them.

Do you have any advice or tips for bands playing in the comp this year? Play all of your original stuff. And just don’t hold back. We went for it pretty hard when we played last year and I reckon that’s a good reason why we got through, because we really locked in and played well.

Do you have any plans to come back and play at UNSW in the near future? Yeah we definitely do have plans because it’s the right demographic that our music is trying to get to... we have already called and enquired!

If you’re currently playing in your garage and haven’t entered yet (fool!), you still have until this Wednesday. In addition to going on to compete in the National Campus Band Comp, the winners of the final of the UNSW Band Comp will win a paid set at the Roundhouse and a $500 bar tab to (responsibly) party like rockstars with their friends and fans.

To enter, go to http://members.aaca.net.au/programs/select/1
Heats will be in the Roundhouse BeerGarden from 6pm
HEAT 1: Wednesday, August 7 (Week 2)
HEAT 2: Wednesday, August 14, (Week 3)
HEAT 3: Wednesday, August 21 (Week 4)
UNSW FINAL: Wednesday, August 28 (Week 5)
Uni is back in session, and is there any better way to ease the back-to-school blues than boogying down at a Session Party at the Roundhouse? Of course not, and to miss the Heaven & Hell party this Thursday night would be, in the words of Karen O, sacrilege. But if you can’t decide which domain you should rep, no worries because we’ve come up with this 100% accurate, scientifically proven quiz to aid you in discovering whether you are living a life of student heaven or hell.

student heaven or student hell.

Group Assignment
You are sitting at the back of the room in your tutorial, sneakily playing a round of Candy Crush on your phone, when a piece of paper goes around the room that makes your skin crawl. It’s the outline for the next assignment and the tutor informs the class that you are to partner up. You’re most likely to end up with:

(a) Your tute crush. You’ve been eagerly eyeing them off for a while but haven’t had the nerve to ask them out for coffee. However, you figure a group assignment is the perfect way to get to know him/her and bide your time until they fall madly in love with you. As if they wouldn’t, you’re awesome.

(b) The class know-it-all. They may be a little strange and seriously lacking in social skills, but hey, at least they’re super smart. Chances of them doing the majority of the assignment for you while you’re sitting pretty honing your skills on The Crush are high.

(c) Not even in the room. Everyone else has partnered up so your tutor assigns you to work with some kid who never even turns up to class. To make it worse, nobody in the room knows how to contact them. Looks like you’ll be doing the assignment solo.
Eating Out
It’s Friday night and your friends are keen for a meal. When you get there and assess your financial situation, you find that:

(a) What situation? With that scholarship, paid internship and interest account from the parents, you don’t even need to check your bank balance. Plenty of room to move, baby! You even tip the waitress a tenner.

(b) Your bank account is a bit low on funds (again), and you find yourself regretting all the unnecessary shit you’ve been spending your coin on – you may even have to beg the old bank of dad to get you through ‘til the next Centrelink payment. You can manage a $10 steak though.

(c) You’re at the ATM and the noise of it trying to find money under your name is making you quite nervous. It’s not good news, so you say you’re not hungry, just there for the company and wait for leftovers. Like a dog.

Renting
Now that you’ve started uni, your parents have decided it’s time you leave the nest so they can finally put in that home office they’ve always dreamed of. Your rental is:

(a) Bloody perfect. Relatively cheap and close to uni, the house is everything you hoped for and more. To top it all off, you and your housemates hit it off right away and you can feel it in your waters that you’ll all be BFFs 4eva.

(b) Not exactly what you had in mind – it’s nice enough but a decent hike to uni (and on the expensive side). Still, it’s near the beach and better than living in your car.

(c) A piece of shit. The walls are covered in mould, the toilet leaks, there’s a plague of mice and there is a strange odour in your room that you can’t get rid of no matter how much you clean. To top it all off, one of your housemates has a serious serial killer vibe going on. You would lock the door at night – if your room had one.

Work
Centrelink payments barely cover the bills, so you applied for a shitload of different jobs, and now, after a series of harrowing and occasionally soul crushing interviews, you are finally employed. Your job is:

(a) The shiz. Not only is your boss flexible to your uni hours, but the pay is good and it’s even relevant to your degree. Wowser, you sure are winning at life.

(b) In the hospitality industry. How original! Although you have a reasonably healthy bank account, the hours are long and right on beer o’clock. Who needs a social life though, right?

(c) It’s fair to say that working as a cleaner wasn’t exactly on your bucket list. To make it worse, since you’re the youngest person there, you’re usually on bathroom duty. Cleaning toilets, you’ve seen every bodily fluid imaginable, enough to make Embarrassing Bodies look attractive.

Student Heaven
Mostly (a)’s: You go Glen Coco! Life is looking peachy for you in student heaven; I bet you can’t wait to rock up to the UniBar donning your finest halo and wings.

Student Purgatory
Mostly (b)’s: Have you seen the poster for Start of Session party? That’s you in a nutshell. As a resident of student purgatory, a get-up combining the best (or worst) traits of heaven and hell is the perfect option for you.

Student Hell
Mostly (c)’s: You must have done some pretty shitty things in your past life. I mean really, you couldn’t get any deeper into the midst of student hell if you tried. But hey, at least you look good coated in a thick layer of red body paint. That’s got to count for something, right?
FOUNDATION DAY PHOTO COMPO
Foundation Day, Roundhouse, 5-9pm

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HEAVEN AND HELL
START OF SESSION PARTY

Whether you prefer fire and brimstone or pretty gates and harps, have we got the party for you.

Maybe you’re planning on being an angel this week and attending all your classes. Maybe you’ll get a little bit devilish and not buy any textbooks. Whether you walk the path less travelled or the highway to hell, we think everyone can agree: the holidays are dead and gone. O winter break, we barely knew ye.

What better way to grieve the loss of free time and sanity than with a shindig at the Roundhouse? With a theme as old as recorded history, you can bet this will be one epic bash. Grab a pitchfork or a pair of wings and bust some naughty or nice moves on the dance floor to the heavenly sounds of Furnace and the Fundamentals and a whole heap of other music gods. You might just stumble across an angel in disguise. Be sure to ask them to bless you with HDs all semester long!

The party kicks off with Happy Hour at 5pm and entry is free before 8pm, so be a saint and get there early!

WELCOME BACK DAY

Been wrapped in a doona with a hot water bottle shoved down your jumper all break? Well kids, it’s time to snap out of your winter funk and check out all the awesomeness Welcome Back Day has to offer!

Go Clubbing
If you missed out on joining any cool clubs in Semester One, now’s your chance for a do over. Welcome Back Day offers a smorgasbord of club and society stalls, so much so that you’ll feel spoiled for choice. We encourage you to gorge yourself to bursting point.

Shameless Free Shopping
Maybe you made a bit of cash over the hois and aren’t ready to insert yourself back into a life of poverty just yet. Good thing for you, there’re plenty of peeps at Welcome Back Day willing to throw cool shit at you for free.

Chill Your Grill
There’ll also be market stalls, a photobooth, mouth-watering food and lots of other activities to keep you entertained between classes. Ha! We kid. We know none of you actually go to classes in the first week anyway.
**MON JUL 29**

- **Daily Mass**
  12.10pm
  Quad, 0G55
  The Catholic chaplaincy at UNSW hosts a daily mass for students to pray and celebrate together.

- **Happy Hour**
  5-6pm
  @ UniBar
  It's Week One, which means you're probably a little depressed about classes starting back up. On the other hand, it's only Week One – it's practically still the holidays. Head to the Roundhouse during happy hour for some quality time with friends and your favourite drink.

- **CQF Welcome Back Day**
  9am-4pm
  @ Quad, 0G55
  Welcome Back Day!

- **COFA Welcome Back Day**
  9am-4pm
  @ COFA Courtyard
  COFA Welcome Back Day!

- **Bingo**
  1pm
  @ Roundhouse
  Nanna plays it for a reason, kids. Because it's awesome.

- **Queer Collective Meeting**
  4-6pm
  @ Queer Space, L9, Chemical Sciences Building

- **Poker**
  5pm
  @ Roundhouse
  Think you've got a better poker face than Lady Gaga? Put your money where your mouth is.

- **Happy Hour**
  5-6pm
  @ UniBar

- **Movie Night: Oz the Great and Powerful**
  7pm
  @ The White House
  Toto, I have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore.

**TUE JUL 30**

- **COFA Coffee Happy hour**
  8-10am
  @ Cornerhouse
  All Regular coffees $2.50

- **Welcome Back Day**
  9am-4pm
  @ Main walkway
  Welcome Back Day is a great way to ease yourself back into uni for Semester Two. There'll be market stalls, food, free stuff, heaps of clubs you can join, and stacks more. We'll be there with fun goodies, so come say hi!

- **Lake Bar**
  5-6pm
  @ UniBar
  Enjoy drinks at Lake Bar.

- **Welcome Back Day**
  4-6pm
  @ UniBar
  Welcome Back Day is a great way to ease yourself back into uni for Semester Two. There'll be market stalls, food, free stuff, heaps of clubs you can join, and stacks more. We'll be there with fun goodies, so come say hi!

**WED JUL 31**

- **UNSW Internship Careers Expo**
  11am-2pm
  @ John Niland Scientia Building
  Interested in internships or vacation employment? Don't miss this opportunity to meet employers from a range of Faculties on campus.

- **Veggie SoC Lunch**
  12-2pm
  @ Arc Precinct (04)
  Get yourself a plate of pure deliciousness.

- **Teatresports**
  1pm
  @ Club Bar, Roundhouse
  Comedians compete for your laughs and affections.

- **UNSW Volunteer Work Expo**
  3-5pm
  @ John Niland Scientia Building
  Volunteering is an awesome way to gain experience and practical skills in your field of study. Get the lowdown on getting involved.

- **Mexican Standoff**
  4pm 'til close
  @ The White House
  Cheap sangria, nachos, burritos and tequila. Yum yum!

- **Trivia**
  5pm
  @ Roundhouse
  Put all those hours wasted on Wikipedia and YouTube to good use.

**THU AUG 1**

- **Daily Mass**
  12.10pm
  @ Quad, 0G55

**BLITZ PICKS**

**MONDAY**

- **Poker**
  5pm
  @ Roundhouse
  Channel your inner James Bond at the Roundhouse Casino Royale style to have a go at the game Lady Gaga rates.

**TUESDAY**

- **Welcome Back Day**
  9am-4pm
  @ Main walkway
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**WEDNESDAY**

- **Teatresports**
  1pm
  @ Club Bar, Roundhouse.
  Funny guys and gals at UNSW become comedians to compete for your laughs and affection in this improv stand-up comedy. May the funniest person win! No tomatoes allowed.
**COFA Exhibition: The Shape Of Things To Come**

@ Kudos Gallery, Paddington
Runs until August 3

This exhibition exhibits the talents of current Bachelor of Fine Arts Honours students. There will be a range of experimental works, including video projections, performance, installation, drawing and sculpture that convey the way in which students have creatively developed and grown together.

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**FREE Roundhouse Weekly Activities**

@ Roundhouse

**MON**
- Bingo 1pm, Poker 5pm
- Pool 12-2pm, Ping Pong 2-8pm, Trivia 5pm
- Theatresports 1pm
- WED-FRI Live Music and DJs 5-7pm

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**FRI AUG 2**

**White House Coffee Happy Hour**
8-10am
- The White House
- $2.50 coffee to kick start your weekend

**Free Toast Fridays**
10pm
- COFA Courtyard
- COFA SRC is providing free toast and take home loaves of bread. Yum!

**Happy Hour**
5-6pm
- UniBar

**Live Music: DJ Shantan Ichiban**
5-7pm
- BeerGarden, Roundhouse
- TGF with the musical styling of Shantan Ichiban

**Live Music: DJ Anujal**
6-9pm
- The White House
- Get yo dance on

**Squires Sesh**
7-8pm
- UniBar
- $4 James Squires beers

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**THURSDAY**

**Start of Session Party: Heaven & Hell**
5pm ‘til late
- Roundhouse

Get out your halos or pitchforks; this Start of Session party is ‘Heaven & Hell’ themed! If you’re having trouble deciding whether you’re naughty or nice, why not come as both?

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**FRIDAY**

**DJ Shantan Ichiban**
5-7pm
- BeerGarden, Roundhouse

Head on over to the BeerGarden to let Shantan Ichiban’s music chill you into the weekend. It’s the Friday of the first week back – you deserve it kiddos!
WHAT’S COMING UP THIS SEMESTER...

Uni is back in session and with so many awesome things coming up on campus, who needs to go exploring Sydney when you can keep yourself crazy entertained right here at UNSW? To keep you in the loop, Blitz presents to you our pick of the bunch of upcoming events.

FOUNDATION DAY

**WHEN:** Thursday 8 August

Next Thursday UNSW turns 63, and to celebrate the Uni is throwing what promises to be the best birthday party of the year. With shitloads of competitions and prizes to be won, the sickest scav hunt Sydney has to offer, bands such as The Preatures performing and, wait for it-A COLOUR RUN—this is sure to be one shindig you don’t wanna miss.

WHITE HOUSE EVENTS

**WHEN:** Check Blitz Weekly!

The White House is upping the ante this semester, with a range of both old and new events guaranteed to get you over the back-to-school blues. Monday night specials are back, kicking off this week with Oz: The Great and Powerful, and if you’re in the mood for some chilled out tunes don’t forget to hit up Heineken Sessions every Thursday from 3pm. There are loads of sweet food and drink deals as well, like $8 cocktails on Tuesdays and $4 bacon & egg roll and coffee on Fridays. See you at the White.

UNSW BAND COMP

**WHEN:** Entries close 5pm, Wednesday 31 July

Are you one of those people who only listen to bands that don’t exist yet? When your friends excitedly exclaim they are seeing their favourite band at the Hordern or Enmore, do you get off on the fact you can reply you saw that same band in a pub five years ago performing to only 10 people? If this is you, then you’ll be all about the annual UNSW band comp, your best chance to check out the best musical talent UNSW has to offer. Heats start next Thursday and run until Week 4, with the final on Wednesday 28 August.

SDC & COFA GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE ELECTIONS

**WHEN:** Nominations run from Monday 12 August and close 4pm, 23 August

The Student Development Committee (SDC) is responsible for the management of a range of Arc programs, like student volunteering and leadership development, as well as all the clubs and societies on campus. The COFA Grants Subcommittee acts as an advisory group between COFA and the SDC, making recommendations on matters relating to COFA students, Arc members and the Arc & COFA team.

PGC ELECTIONS

**WHEN:** Nominations for the 2014 PGC run from 19 – 30 August

The Arc Postgraduate Council (PGC) is a council established to support the well-being of the UNSW postgraduate community, as well as running a range of awesome social events. Successful candidates hold a one year term on the council, which begins 1 December, 2013.

SRC INDIGENOUS OFFICER ELECTION

**WHEN:** Nominations run from 26 August and close 4pm, 6 September

Nominations for the positions of Indigenous Officer and SRC & COFA Indigenous Officer open in Week 5. Both positions are a one year term, beginning 1 December, 2013.

SRC ELECTIONS

**WHEN:** Nominations run from 26 August – 6 September

The Student Representative Council (SRC) represents UNSW students to the University, all levels of government, the community and peak national representative bodies. Available positions consist of a mix of both paid and volunteer Office Bearers.

For more info on the above positions and to obtain the relevant nomination form, visit the Arc website or Arc reception (Blockhouse). Those wishing to run in the election must have two nominators, but you can find all the deets online or by dropping into Arc reception.
blitz goes to the gym...

From the diary of Simon

Ah, winter. Your hibernation over the colder months has most likely led to less running and more gobbling. But the frosty times will be over soon and come beach season you probably won’t want to rock the budgie smugglers or that skimpy two-piece like you had hoped. If this thought has you flustered, don’t worry, Blitz has the perfect solution for you, and it’s right here on campus.

The UNSW Fitness and Aquatic Centre has recently been overhauled by YMCA, and in the short time they’ve been running the joint it’s been seriously pimped out. So we at Blitz decided to test it out for you first (our generosity has no bounds) and found out why it’s the perfect place to shed that winter pudge and transform into a fitness dynamo.

After meeting up with our personal trainers (fitness gods) for the day, we prepared ourselves for what we were told would be an ‘easy session’ in the pool. They lied. Perhaps the experience was best put by participant (or victim) UNSW student and Foundation Day Coordinator Anuj Dhawan, who says of the experience, “You think you’re tough, buddy? You think you know real pain? You know nothing, Jon Snow. Not until you’ve done a sesh of aquarobics with some of the fittest old birds you’ll ever meet”.

Following our display of humblyingly low levels of fitness in the water, we headed to the weights and cardio room, where they put us through our paces with an array of challenges on the cycling and rowing machines and gave us a taster of cross-fit training. It’s fair to say we felt like contestants from The Biggest Loser could’ve done better, but with the trainers’ words of encouragement, we managed to complete each task, minus the fatty tears. The morning was gruellingly hard, but they definitely know their shit and the benefits of exercise in this environment were pretty clear. I’m also proud to report I successfully did my first push-up since High School. F**k yeah!

All-in-all, our trip was a great success, and even though we couldn’t sit down for a week, we definitely had fun and shed some guilt, if nothing else. So what are you waiting for? Head to the Uni gym and see what you think—they’ll have you lifting like a true bro in no time!

“Aint got shit on me”
—Paden Hunter

“We have to lift how much?”
—Simon

The UNSW Fitness and Aquatic Centre is located on the corner of High Street and Anzac Parade, open from 6am-10pm weekdays and 8am-8pm weekends. For more deets, pop in and chat to the staff, call them on (02) 9385 4881 or visit their website, www.unsw-ymca.org.au
What Blitz Did in the Break...

With the semester wrapped up and all your lecture entertainment needs filled, the crew that brings you your favourite weekly mag took a much-deserved rest. The winter solstice passed, everyone went a bit nutty for the supermoon, Australia got a new/old Prime Minister, and the whole world eagerly awaited the arrival of the royal baby that took it's effing time. Here's what the Blitz gang got up to over the break:

While Sydneysiders simultaneously froze and drowned, Blitz reporter Krystal headed home to the balmy tropical shores of Townsville. Krystal, who frequently dresses like a homeless fisherman in winter, was glad to be back in the state that considers 25°C to be a bit nippy. Some of the highlights of her trip included: being in the motherland when Queensland took home the State of Origin trophy for the eighth consecutive year, being chased by a cassowary on a rainforest walk, somehow sustaining a spider bite on each foot, and tearing up the dance floor at a friend's wedding.

Emily: Being Editor of Blitz, studying full time and completing an internship at Marie Claire magazine means that Emily is hardly ever seen without shopping bag sized craters under her eyes. So when Semester One wrapped up and the Week 13 issue was printed, a whole lot of much needed beauty sleep happened (her eye bags no longer scare children away). Emily travelled back home to Newcastle to hug her dog and family, read a few novels, consume dangerous amounts of coffee, plan her winter Euro trip, and laugh at those that were still slaving away at exams (sorry Simon).

As the only member of the Blitz team to actually have exams, much of Simon's 'break' from work was spent locked away in the dark nether regions of the library, hidden from view by a mountain of law textbooks. With only one week of actual holiday before it was time to get started on Blitz for Semester Two, Simon jumped on the train back to Newy, returning to the homestead for some much needed rest and relaxation. Shit got real when, upon celebrating his 24th birthday, Simon realised he was f**king old and should probably think about graduating uni and getting a real life. But really, who wants one of those?

Blitz designer Paden Hunter is still in denial that his holidays are over. After a whirlwind trip to Alice Springs where he befriended all 34 people living in the Northern Territory, Paden returned to the big smoke to open his fancy Kudos Gallery exhibition. Inspired by his success in the art world, Paden now only wears kaftans and black berets, and drinks his peach schnapps from a man’s bowler hat.
Orange you glad I didn’t turn red?

Between long distances of commute, unreliable public transport and poor weather, people tend to drive a lot around Sydney. Whether it’s to uni, to work, to visit your grandparents; we need to get around. However there are some road rules in New South Wales that are pretty poorly understood.

Among the most commonly misunderstood rules are amber lights. A lot of us like to think that an amber light actually means ‘Accelerate to make sure I get through before it turns red,’ but this is not the best and most legal option. In fact, penalties and fines for going through an amber light are equivalent to running a red light. It’s important to remember that amber means ‘Stop unless it is unsafe to do so’. What defines ‘unsafe’ is of course a matter of judgement, so it’s best to just be sensible about it and not take any unnecessary chances.

Another commonly misunderstood law involves high speed roads. On a road of 80 km/h or greater, you need to keep to the left lane unless you are overtaking, avoiding an obstacle, performing a U-turn, driving in congested traffic or driving in a special purpose lane with the instructions ‘Right lane must turn right’.

Although these are two of the most common, make sure you check out the RTA website for more to help you become a safer and more prepared driver.

As always, if you have questions or just want to come and talk to us about something, make an appointment.

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**Hammertime.**

Matt Ward

Legal & Advocacy Project Officer

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THIS IS THE END

A film starring James Franco is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you’re going to get.

In the same vein as Superbad and Pineapple Express comes another comedy starring Hollywood’s stupid, funny-guy clique. However, this one somewhat sets itself apart in that all the actors play themselves.

Seth Rogen, Jay Baruchel, Jonah Hill, Danny McBride and Craig Robinson come together to party at James Franco’s LA mansion, only to be suddenly disturbed by the apocalypse. Here follows a ridiculous tale of bromance, mashed up with witless gore, unnecessary drug references, a plethora of penis jokes and an onslaught of celebrity cameos.

This Is the End may sound like a torturous ego-massaging marathon of stupidity, but it’s balanced with just enough self-deprecating humour to make it okay. Watching Michael Cera portray himself as an arrogant jerk was oddly refreshing, and it’s cool to see a film where the actors are obviously having fun with what they’re doing, especially when you can tell a lot of it is improvised. The brainless plotline does get a little tiring by the end, and the last half hour drags into idiocy, but it’s saved by a spot of synchronised dancing by The Backstreet Boys at the very last moment. At least stay for that.

Stephanie Squadrito

EVEN THE STARS ARE A MESS

Whitley

Whitley (real name Lawrence Greenwood) is kind of a big deal. Voted one of Rolling Stone magazine’s Top Ten Breaking Artists after the release of his first album, the British-Australian songwriter is back after an indefinite hiatus, and better than ever. Melodic and atmospheric, his latest offering Even The Stars Are A Mess is the perfect chillax soundtrack for winter.

From the moment you press play on the first track, The Ballad of Terrence McKenna, you’ll find yourself drifting off into a dark and beautiful dream world. A little bit bluesy, a little bit indie, and a whole lot alternative, Whitley’s tunes are stark and memorable from the moment they seep into your ears. The album’s first single My Heart is Not A Machine is rich in narrative and harmony and surely deserving of a prominent spot in triple j’s next Hottest 100.

If you’re a fan of the likes of Alt-J or The National, it would be well worth your time to give Whitley a listen. If you’re anything like me, you’ll be very quickly addicted and happy to call yourself a fan. Also be sure to check out the video for My Heart Is Not A Machine, which was shot in the Amazon rainforest. YouTube commenter ipianta said, ‘It sounds like a sad smile’. I couldn’t have said it more eloquently myself.

Krystal Sutherland

LEVELS OF LIFE

Julian Barnes

Barnes won the Booker Prize with his 2011 A Sense of an Ending. Here we have Levels of Life, with an ending – an elegy to Barnes’ wife of 30 years, Pat Kavanagh, who died 37 days after being diagnosed with a brain tumour - so confronting, not even his parents’ deaths could have prepared him for it.

At first, though, the book seems disjointed. Part one gives us the history lesson about Nadar and his invention of aerial photography; part two, the searing fictionalised account of the historical love story between the feisty Sarah Bernhardt and a young English colonel. But, unsurprisingly, Sarah is way too flighty to want commitment. Heartbroken, the colonel questions whether it is better to stay ballooning among the clouds, in denial and free from pain, than to be ‘on the level’. But it is part three – a mere 50 pages – that is the most moving, and helps us draw the themes together. This is the personal account of Barnes’ loss, and shows us that photography is ‘truth’, ballooning is ‘magic’, and love is their meeting point.

A woman and man ‘may crash and burn, or burn and crash’ writes Julian Barnes, but together, in ‘that first roaring sense of uplift... they see further, they see more clearly’.

Even after his meticulous suicide plans, there is one thing that makes sense to Barnes: that part of the pain now is part of the love then. The only solace, as the age-old adage puts it, is that ‘love is always worth it’.

Tiffany Iowana

For your chance to win a copy of Even The Stars Are A Mess, email blitz@src.unsw.edu.au with WHITLEY in the subject line and tell us your favourite planet and why.

If you’d like to check this book out for yourself, the UNSW Bookshop is offering you 20% off if you mention this review.
THE CONJURING

The Conjuring is a near-perfect fright fest; an intelligent and genuinely scary film that borrows the conventions of old-school flicks like The Exorcist rather than going for the gore factor of the all too common torture porn horror movies being churned out these days. The scares are only heightened knowing this film is apparently based on true events.

For those not in the know, the story proclaims to be based on a case investigated by Ed and Lorraine Warren, real-life paranormal investigators played by Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga. In the film, the ghost-busting husband and wife team come to the rescue of the Perron family, who is less than enthralled when they realise the real estate agent failed to mention the demonic presence that inhabits their new home (who, unfortunately for them, is not keen for new housemates).

Although The Conjuring may not be an entirely original film, Aussie director James Wan (one half of the team that created the Saw franchise) does succeed in adopting some of the best tropes from the horror genre and updating them for a modern audience. Look out for cameos from many of your favourite ghoulish characters – the creepy doll, the ghost kid who just wants a friend and the evil old woman; they’re all here, and guaranteed to give you the heebie-jeebies. More creaking doors and tense music than blood and unnecessary sex scenes, this is one film where the chills are guaranteed to stay with you long after the credits roll.

Simon Anicich

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Tell us about how you became an author.
I always wanted to be a writer. When I was seven I vowed that I’d become an author and buy a house. I drastically overestimated how much money authors earn. When I was 18 I started sending my work out and ended up with an agent over in America and a publisher out here.

What is an average day like for you?
I guess I don’t really have average days. I suppose I tend to write in the evenings. That allows me to think over the story all day and have the ideas percolate in my head.

Do people have common misconceptions about what you do?
People tend to assume that if you’re an author, they will have heard of you. There are so many authors who make a living and they’re not necessarily J.K. Rowling. Sometimes people think that authors make a lot of money, which is not always the case, obviously.

What part of the job do you love the most?
When the writing is going well, your whole world disappears. It’s really wonderful to be totally absorbed in a story and have control. That’s quite rare. Most of the time, writing is very difficult and painful.

How about the downsides?
The whole editorial process is really tricky, because there is no definite right way. I think this default reaction when you get your first editorial notes is to go, “It’s all wrong! I’m brilliant! I’m not going to do it!” Then you lie on the floor for a couple of hours and get over it and get started.

Finally, what advice would you give to aspiring authors?
My best advice would be to write a lot, read a lot and get feedback as much as you can to get used to the process. I don’t believe in the idea of writing being a skill you can learn from a book. It’s the sort of thing you learn by doing.

Check out Steph’s blog at stephbowe.com and follow her on Twitter @stephbowe.

Steph Bowe, Author, 19

Krystal Sutherland
@KMSutherland

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5. What would Barbie’s measurements be if she were life-size?

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Do you think you have what it takes to be the next big thing on the Sydney music scene? Those with musical talent should not hesitate to enter the 2013 UNSW Band Comp before Wednesday at 5pm. The winners of the final heat will win a paid set at the Roundhouse, as well as a $500 bar tab so they can celebrate like rockstars with their friends (and fans).
Head to the AAC website to enter: http://members.aaca.net.au/programs/select/1

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Student Opportunity: Footprints Film Festival Competition
Footprints Film Festival entries are now open. To be eligible to enter, your short film must feature an environmental or sustainability theme, and can be shot on either video cameras or mobile phones. There are $5000 worth of prizes on offer, and the finalists’ films will be played at the festival on August 25.
Entries close this Friday, August 2.

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Go Clubbing

Ministry of Dance Society (ModSoc)

If Gangnam Style and the Harlem Shake have taught us anything, it’s that you don’t need baggy sweatpants and Reeboks with straps to get low.

Tell me about MOD Soc! What do you guys get up to?
We’re focused on all dances. For example, there’s another society mostly centered on hip hop, but we’re trying to aim for a broader outlook. We try to provide for that in terms of dance classes and dance workshops. It’s a way for students to enjoy dance at uni for a lot less than if they were to go to a studio in the city. We’re very much like a community—we’ve really built up our member base and it’s kind of become a family.

Do you have to have experience to join?
No, no, no. Definitely not. Our society is very open to beginners. In fact, a lot of our members are beginners. Our classes are open to all levels but the teachers are quite experienced in accommodating beginners.

Anything else you want people to know about MOD Soc?
We’re not all professional dancers or anything like that. I’ve seen a lot of dancers go from absolutely no experience to people you would never have picked out to only have been dancing for a year or half a year.

Krystal Sutherland
@KSM_Sutherland

Football Fans’ Society (FootySoc)

Firstly, tell me how FootySoc got started. It started when a few guys got talking in class... we all shared a love of football, but realised there was no club that existed where we could share our interests. So we got together and decided to start up our own little group in conjunction with the Social Soccer Society with the idea that their society would take on the more physical and active playing side and ours would take on the fan-base sort of side. And it just started from there.

Do you follow a particular code of football or do you enjoy a variety of types?
We cover league, union, soccer, gridiron, and AFL—all the codes.

What are the major aims of FootySoc as a society?
We want to encourage people to experience all different codes of football and to go out and share their passion for the games.

What’s planned for this semester?
It’s a big time for football—all the finals are on. So we will be attending as many finals games as possible for the NRL and AFL. The A-League also starts back soon so we will be heading to some Sydney FC and Western Sydney Wanderers games. Also, the English Premier League kicks off soon so we are going to have a lot of nights going to Cheers Bar in the city to watch the matches.

Does it cost anything to join?
No, membership is free and tickets to the games are subsidised!

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SQUISH
(Medicine)

Hashtags on Facebook. Yay or nay?
Hashtag yay! All the way!

Are you going to Heaven or Hell, and why?
Heaven, because of my many years of service at UNSW.

What are you looking forward to about semester two?
Meeting different people and making new friends.

MARTY
(Medicine)

What are you looking forward to about semester two?
It’s one step closer to summer holidays!

Are you going to Heaven or Hell, and why?
With all that talent at UNSW I’m already in heaven.

Your favourite celebrity baby name?
Kath & Kim’s Epponn’knee-Rae-the quintessential Aussie name.

ELISE
(Screen & Sound)

What are you looking forward to about semester two?
Doing all the cool subjects they save till the last semester.

How would you describe your dancing style?
Crap-I don’t dance.

If you wrote a book, what would it be about?
People addicted to social networks like me.

SOPHIE
(Arts)

What are you looking forward to about semester two?
Hanging out with the VHub crew!

Hashtags on Facebook. Yay or nay?
Yay—although I don’t really get the point of it.

Are you going to Heaven or Hell, and why?
Hell, because people are too nice in heaven.

MATT
(Screen & Sound)

How would you describe your dancing style?
‘Awkwardly trying to get involved but not really liking it’ style.

What are you looking forward to about semester two?
Roundhouse happy hours!

Hashtags on Facebook. Yay or nay?
Yay—though I’m yet to try it myself.

DENNIS
(Screen & Sound)

What’s the coolest futuristic technology around today?
iPads. Star Trek had them back in the day, now they’re real. I’d say that’s pretty cool.

If you could travel anywhere through time or space, where would you go?
To the new New York of the future.

Who’s the most annoying poster on your Facebook newsfeed?
The person constantly posting motivational pictures.
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