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EDS’ LETTER

FROM JAKE AND KRISTAL

Time for S2: Electric Boogaloo. S2 is back with a vengeance and promises to be bigger, better and have way less plot than S1 (sequels always do). But worry not. What it lacks in cohesive storyline it will make up for in explosions (we’re looking at you, Michael Bay). Or rather, explosive events, with Welcome Back Day and Foundation Day kicking off the festivities this fortnight.

As always, Blitz is jam-packed with cool shit to keep you entertained during lectures. We know it’s W1 and 2 so you’re still probably telling yourself you will ‘attend all your classes’ and ‘do all your readings’ this time around. Which is why we take a look at All the Broken Promises on p.14, a comprehensive guide to all the lies we tell ourselves at the start of semester.

That’s all from us for now folks. We’ll see you in W3 and 4, when the harsh reality of studying has descended upon us all like a dark storm once again. Ugh.

CHAIR’S LETTER

From Ben Heenan

Hey everyone,

I’m Ben (Benny, Benjamin, Benno, ‘Oi, Heenan!’) and I recently took over from Chris Mann as Chair of the Arc Board. I’m stoked to be taking on the role of Chair. Together with all the other awesome Directors we hope to start determining what actions we can take now to secure the vibrant future of this wonderful organisation, Arc.

Over the past few weeks I’ve been meeting with representatives from Student Development International to discuss our engagement with International Students, discussing how the university can get behind a focus on recreational/social sport and looking at some proposals to change our Constitution a little bit (keep your eye on more details on those later).

If you ever want to talk about something to do with The White House, legal services, social sport – anything Arc related really – just shoot me an email at chair@arc.unsw.edu.au.

Cheers,
Benjamin
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Contributor Spotlight

Keely Spedding

WROTE 'VOX POPS' ON P.39

What do you study?
Design (Graphic and Textiles)

What did you do over the break?
Went to Unigames and played some seriously competitive games of... lawn bowls. I also went to Queenstown with Newski.

Who would you play in the movie of your life?
Lumpy Space Princess from Adventure Time. 'When I work these lumps, no man is immune to their influence.' @SoLumpsingHot

Shoot, shag, marry:
Oberyin Martell, Stan Lee, Napoleon Dynamite.
Shoot Stan Lee (but before doing so steal all his ideas and become rich), shag Oberyin Martell and marry Napoleon Dynamite. Funny guys are the best!

What book do you always recommend to people?
Blitz magazine... I hear the Blitz designer is really awesome. (Ed. I hear the editors are pretty rad too.)

If you had a hot tub time machine, where would you go?
I'd go back in time and invent Google before anyone else.

What three things would you take with you to a deserted island?
Jaime-Claire Brockholf, Ryan Gosling and a house.

Annalise Bolt

What do you study?
Media (Communication and Journalism)

What did you do over the break?
Worked my arse off at my retail job, learnt photography and ate twice my body weight in chocolate.

Who would you play in the movie of your life?
My friends tell me I look like Zoe Deschanel but I don’t see it, and I would never, never leave Joseph Gordon-Levitt.

Shoot, shag, marry:
Oberyin Martell, Stan Lee, Napoleon Dynamite.
Shoot Stan Lee (I’m sorry but I hate Spider-Man and Iron Man), shag Oberyin Martell because I want a man who’ll fight for my love. And shag Napoleon Dynamite... with those dance moves I’m curious.

What book do you always recommend to people?
Bright Shiny Morning by James Frey.

If you had a hot tub time machine, where would you go?
Woodstock... and I’d already be partially naked, which is perfect.

What three things would you take with you to a deserted island?
A knife, a water bottle and a camera crew. Have you even seen Bear Grylls?

Rowan Thambar

WROTE ‘HUMANS OF UNSW’ ON P.19

What do you study?
Commerce/Arts

What did you do over the break?
I went home back to Newcastle and wrote a stand up show.

Who would you play in the movie of your life?
Probably Dev Patel, he was the actor who played Jamal Malik in Slumdog Millionaire.

Shoot, shag, marry:
Oberyin Martell, Stan Lee, Napoleon Dynamite.
Shoot Oberyin Martell (but only in the leg, I’m not into killing), shag Napoleon and marry Stan Lee.

What book do you always recommend to people?
The dictionary. People in my life need to work on their syntax.

If you had a hot tub time machine, where would you go?
I would probably go into the future and see who my wife is and then come back and find her. I know, pretty romantic right? I’d also go back in time and give Steve Jobs my iPhone and then I would always know I sort of invented the iPhone.

What three things would you take with you to a deserted island?
I would take the time machine from the previous question. Enough food to last the rest of my life. And I would take the internet. The whole entire internet. That way everyone would have a vested interest in my search and rescue.

Evette Sanders

WROTE ‘FOUNDATION DAY’ P.21

What do you study?
Commerce (Marketing)

What did you do over the break?
I turned into a crazy cat lady as my housemates left me for six weeks to go adventuring around the globe. And I escaped Sydney’s winter chill by going back home to Byron Bay.

Who would you play in the movie of your life?
Well the Buzzfeed quiz I did said I would be Morello from Orange is the New Black, so I’ll go with that, despite her crazy, stalking ways.

Shoot, shag, marry:
Oberyin Martell, Stan Lee, Napoleon Dynamite.
I’m going to have to say shoot Oberyin Martell, shag Napoleon Dynamite in the hopes that he’s gotten less awkward in the 10 years since the movie and marry Stan Lee so I can be his trophy wife and spend my days watching his movies and reading comics.

What book do you always recommend to people?
The Perks of Being a Wallflower. I loved that book and the movie is awesome too. Emma Watson is such a babe!

If you had a hot tub time machine, where would you go?
I would go back to the 90s in America, just so I could relive the fashion! Double denim yo!

What three things would you take with you to a deserted island?
Baked goods, cider and a hammock!
BITZ AND PIECES

Overheard
Economics lecturer, to his class: ‘What’s at the top of Australia’s import list?’
Guy 1: ‘Oil.’
Girl: ‘Cars?’
Guy 2: Marijuana! #ohdear

Random Factoid
George R.R. Martin continues to write his Game of Thrones novels on a 1994 DOS computer. That’s right, people; your favourite novels are being produced on a word program from the ‘80s… Oh, the days when files could be transferred via floppy disk.

Urban Dictionary
Sharkology n. A contemporary religion focused around the idea that sharks are altogether better than other animals, equal (if not superior) to humans. The God of Sharkology is Jaws from the movie series about the famous predator.

Trending UP

Coffee. You almost forgot how painful waking up for uni can be. Check out The White House to sip on some of their tasty brews of a morning.

Baggy jeans. All the comfort of your favourite indoor pants, now socially acceptable to wear in public. Don’t forget to don them for Jeans for Genes day on Friday 1 August.

The Arts. 2014 has been a good year for it, with the Biennale, Vivid, and the Sydney Film Festival (among others). Up Next: the Sydney Fringe Festival. Act cultured and get your mates down to a show/pop-up exhibition. Starts September 1.

Mulled wine. Instead of freezing your fingers off stubbornly on a cold beer, get into something warm and delicious. Hot tip: Jamie Oliver’s recipe is a winner.

Foundation Day! Who can resist a good party? We hear 65 is the new 21, which means it’s going to be a belter.

Info sessions are starting for International Exchange. Get on board with one of Australia’s best exchange programs. UNSW has over 200 partner unis overseas – so many options!

By Siddharth Laha
The hardest part about having dreadlocks is convincing people you don’t sell drugs
#confessionsofanintellectualrastafarian

Tag #blitzunsw on Instagram for your chance to have your photo featured here!

Post-holiday blues. Say goodbye to your TV-binging, brunch-eating, boarding/skiing, Europe-tripping, just-generally-chilling glorious days of holidays. Welcome back to routine!

Watching your tan lines fade. Dammit, winter, why be so cold for?

FIFA! It’s not shit, we’re just sad that it’s over, and we have to wait another four years to jump on the ‘I love soccer!’ bandwagon.

电视。现在Game of Thrones已经为下一个赛季而结束，你有什么理由继续观看？

#SundayFunday。《Game of Thrones》的回归。暑假的结束，迎接作业、‘学习约会’和周末在电脑前的时光。

书屋

The Slap

This one’s a little bit of an oldie, but oh man is it a goodie. Christos Tsiolkas’ 2008 novel, The Slap is centered around eight people who attend a barbecue, where they witness one man slapping a child that is not his own. This multi-perceptual novel dissects the twenty-first century family, the intensity of conflicting beliefs, values and opinions, within the ‘unit’. It’s entertaining, challenging, and all round, one heck of a read. ABC has also done an adaption for TV, if reading is just too hard right now.

Ja’mie. She’s been pipped by Jonah from Tonga. That’s right; everyone’s favourite, ‘Puck you miss,’ is back in action!
LEARN (MAD) SKILLS
HAVE FUN
AND GET FIT!
Enrolments close Fri 8 Aug (W2)
Rec Courses start Mon 18 Aug (W4)

GRAB SOME MATES
HAVE FUN
AND GET FIT!
Registrations close Fri 8 Aug (W2)
Social Sport Comps start Mon 18 Aug (W4)

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THURSDAY 5 JUNE

See facebook.com/UNSWRoundhouse for more pics!
Our celebrity guest this week is the dreamy prince of Dorne, Oberyn Martell. Prepare to have your mind blown wide open.

Dear Oberyn,

My long-term boyfriend and I are in an open relationship and while I don’t mind when he hooks up with girls, I’m afraid he’ll fall in love with them. What should I do?

HS

Hello HS,

Love is not like a candle that eventually burns out. If he does fall in love, you should be excited, because you’re with a man who has so much love to give – but at the end of the night, you’re the one in his arms. It is easier than you think to give your body, mind and your heart to others, but those things are temporary. When you choose your partner, you give them your soul – that essence that defines you. In my experience, that is impossible to share.

Oberyn Nymeros Martell

Dear Prince Oberyn,

I’m nearing the end of my degree and I have a good internship lined up, but if I take it I will be working for years and I kind of want to travel. I want to put my life on hold but I don’t want to miss this opportunity. What should I do?

Jessica

Hello Jessica,

The world is a big and exciting place, yet so many of us die in the same corner we were born in. How do you define life? When you grow grey and your skin becomes saggy, will you say you lived because you spent it working? People lie to themselves all the time, saying they’re happy wasting away behind a desk rather than tasting the sea on their lips.

Oberyn Nymeros Martell

Dear Mr. Martell,

I’m about to go up against this unknown opponent in a fight to the death. I don’t know who he is, but I’ve been repeatedly told that I raped and murdered his wife before killing his children. How should I finish him?

The Mountain

Hey The Mountain,

I’ve found that mocking someone before killing them works best. Be sure to pace around them closely as possible while they lay on their back taking their final breaths. Surely they won’t be able to hurt you from here right? I’m actually in a fight to the death soon also, it’s against… wait… what?

By Kevin Nguyen

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**Holiday Regrets**

By Clara Teodora

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**Sleeping in All Day Long**

Eat, sleep, rave, repeat… minus the rave. Just eat and sleep. All day long, 4am to 4pm. Insert totally-not-addicted tumblr browsing in between. You could’ve at least done your readings on the complete legislation on the ethical use of laboratory fruit flies.

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**Not Planning a Eurotrip**

Ah, sunny days… beautiful, sunny days in a hemisphere where summer happens in July. If only a troupe of tanned, bronzed Ibiza gods/goddesses could come fly you to the land of promise, hope and economic crises. Why the hell didn’t you apply for exchange?

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**#NewSemNewMe**

If you’re sitting in your tute and your beanie doesn’t quite cover your purple bangs, we know your woe. How many of us have made the mistake of dramatically changing our looks shortly (read: the night before the new semester starts)? At least you didn’t get any tattoos. ‘No Regrets’… oh, you did that too. (Ed: No regrets? Not even a single letter?)

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**#FITSPo? More Like Feedspo**

Replacing the ‘I’m in ‘fit’ with an ‘a’ makes you… yes, fat. In your defence, who wants to trek it through the pouring rain, layered up like a burrito, only to have to brave the same rain after 30 minutes of sweaty, smelly misery at the gym. And let’s face it - Nutella-dipped Oreos are totally a thing.

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**Unintentional #OverlyAttachedHookup**

That End of Session Party hook-up you’ve been texting now wants to make babies with you. Misery loves company and what better way to pass the short winter days than by texting someone you thought you’d never see again. Problem is – texting at the rate of bunnies doing the jiggy will only lead to one thing: expectations. Good work, Casanova.
MAKE A SCHOLARSHIPS ACCOUNT
Go to scholarships.online.unsw.edu.au. Assuming that you’re a UNSW student (you are reading Blitz, after all), just use your zPass to log in.

CHECK THAT YOU KNOW ALL THE CODES/DETAILS FOR YOUR STUDIES
This makes things quicker! The first five sections you need to complete are reasonably simple: finalise login details, contact details, personal info and education background. Only thing to note for these is that if you’ve got any family who studied at UNSW, find out which degree they did and when, so that you can be eligible for alumni scholarships.

PAD YOUR RESUME
Spend an irritating amount of time going back through old CVs, application forms and old forum accounts to find your own pre-written paragraphs of self-centred personal information. Then complete the (dreaded) general questions.

This is the slowest part and basically requires that you present yourself as a willing member of the UNSW community, with experience/s to talk about and previous study/sporting/other achievements about which you’re capable of waxing lyrical. It’s a bit slow going, but once this is done, you can apply for anything, and it means a shorter process down the track!

GO FORTH AND APPLY!
While the forms and details you’ve already had to fill out have been annoying, the actual application is much easier! Click ‘Search and Apply’ in the left hand column of the page and have a look. The key is relatively clear and it’s just a case of following the prompts now.

HEAD TO SCHOLARSHIPS.ONLINE.UNSW.EDU.AU TO GET STARTED.
GOOD LUCK!

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Everything you could ever want to know about carrots, presumably written from the perspective of a carrot. Serious scientific facts like ‘Carrots get their orange colour from somewhere’ and deep philosophical statements like ‘When you see a carrot, you can usually tell that it is a carrot’ will keep you up to date on current carrot events.
And remember US President Abraham Lincoln may have liked carrots and then he was shot dead in a theatre. ‘Make of that what you will. You have been warned.

Murad Osmann, the photographer famous for taking incredible pictures of his girlfriend all around the world in his ‘Follow Me To’ series, now has even more photos on Instagram. His account is filled with hundreds of faceless photographs of his journalist girlfriend, Natalia Zakharova, as she pulls him toward famous landmarks, their hands clasped. One part romance, one part eye candy, two parts insane jealousy at the awesomeness of their lives.

Did you know that bestselling author John Green (yep, the guy who wrote The Fault In Our Stars) is, like, totes into history and stuff? Along with his brother Hank, the Green siblings bring you CrashCourse, a channel that aims to teach you things about history, chemistry, literature, ecology and heaps more in short, hilarious videos. The one fact you’ll take away even if you learn nothing else? The Mongols are the exception. Always. To everything.
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Model Students

Keely Spedding

You in three words:
90s, beanie love, funky fresh.

You're from:
Brisbane, Queensland.

You're wearing:
Skirt by Ellery, jumper by Jac + Jack, beanie by Carhartt, shoes by Acne.

Most treasured item:
My Celine wallet. I traded an arm and a leg for you, so I can't go losing you yet!

Biggest fashion inspiration:
Vogue always keeps me hip, young and fresh.

Your life philosophy:
When Miley Cyrus gets naked and licks a hammer it's 'art' and 'music'... But when I do it, I'm 'drunk' and 'have to leave Bunnings' #InMileyWeTrust #AlwaysDoWhatMileyDoes

Jake Burkett

You in three words:
Breathtaking, perfect, modest.

You're from:
The Roundhouse mostly.

You're wearing:
Nike kicks, nudie jeans, leather jacket from Bali - custom made to fit my build. My workmates call me The Mountain.

Most treasured item:
I have a lock of your hair. Yes you, the person reading this.

Biggest fashion inspiration:
Hansel. He's so hot right now.

Your life philosophy:
I found that if you have a goal, you might not reach it. But if you don't have one, then you are never disappointed.

“Ooh, I'm sorry, did my pin get in the way of your ass? Do me a favor and lose five pounds immediately or get out of my building like now!”
All the Broken Promises

AKA everything you say you will and won’t do this semester and yet, by W1, you know your resolutions are gonna be going seriously downhill. (Ed. Because past you is a liar. A dirty, good-for-nothing liar). At the beginning of each semester we tend to survey the wreckage that was the previous session (skipped tutorials, late assignments, exam cramming, mild psychotic breaks) and swear we’ll never put ourselves through such hell again. Here are some of the promises you will make to yourself (and likely break) this fortnight.

By Jen Nicholson
‘I WILL NOT BECOME PAINFULLY ADDICTED TO CAFFEINE’

This one’s a doozy. After all, you’re not a real student until you’ve developed a dependence on caffeine that leads to shaking hands and bad headaches every morning until you’ve swigged your first shot of the day. Not only is a caffeine addiction painful to handle, but it also costs a minimum of $3.20 a day. Let me tell you, that adds up pretty quickly. In W1, you’ll swear off the good stuff. By W2, you’ll be consuming caffeine at such a high rate that you’ll start thinking about investing in an intravenous drip to save you the time of drinking coffee.

‘I WILL NOT REGULARLY FINISH MY ASSIGNMENTS WITHIN 20 MINUTES OF THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE’

When your lecturer says ‘This is not an assignment you can write in a single night’, you should heed it as a warning and not a challenge. Fresh-faced, W1 you will likely be full of heady ambition when it comes to keeping on top of due dates. You’ll print your course outline, write all your deadlines in your diary and make a study plan for how you’ll handle W12 (because your lecturers have conspired to make all your major assignments due within three days of each other). Then you will proceed to stick to sweet eff all of your well calculated plans because, my god, procrastination is just so much fun.

‘I WILL ATTEND ALL OF MY LECTURES AND TUTORIALS’

‘I’m paying money for this shit’, you’ll tell yourself in W1. ‘I should really try and get the most out of it.’ Thus will begin your fortnight long struggle to attend all of your lectures and tutorials. Everything will go swimmingly until one morning, when attempting to get up for a 9am class, your harlot bed will feel too much like a toasted marshmallow for you to brave the cold. Once you break the seal, there will be no hope for you. You’ll likely miss so many classes that getting your overall results at the end of the year will be tempered by genuine shock that your tutor didn’t notice that you failed the minimum attendance requirement to pass.

‘I WILL NOT SPEND RIDICULOUS AMOUNTS OF MONEY ON CAMPUS FOOD’

You’re attending all your classes, you’re all over your tutorial preparation like a badass and you’re also gonna bring your lunch from home every day. You’re gonna be saving some serious dolla dolla bills with all those Vegemite sandwiches, bruised apples and the tap water, right? Hell yes you are! For a few days anyway. It won’t be long until the siren call of campus laksa, Max Brenner, Guzman y Gomez and burgers from the Roundhouse suck you back into spending $15 a day on food. Goodbye white Christmas in Europe, hello poverty. Delicious, delicious poverty.

‘I WILL NOT COME TO TUTORIALS PREPARED ONLY WITH SPARKNOTES CONTENT’

You will do your readings. You will smash your way through the set texts, devouring every word off the page. You will highlight and annotate the absolute shit out of your textbook and then blow your tutor away with your intelligent and considered interpretation of the information. At least, you will totally intend to do these things, until you actually sit down to do these things and remember how soul-destroyingly boring they are. Come W3, you’ll be scrambling to scan SparkNotes and Wikipedia for a couple of dot points you can throw out in class if the tutor so happens to call on you (despite the fact that you now sit as far away from them as possible and avoid eye contact at all costs).
‘Yes,’ says Clara Teodora

One word: food. If you’re on the ‘I have $10 till Friday’ diet, studying with mates actually means that your three jelly snakes and half an Oreo will blend into the sugar-powered generosity of others. And we all know the brain needs sugar to function!

Aside from the gastric concerns, company most definitely helps vanquish any ‘I’m totally f***ed’ thoughts before exams. If you’re screwed, you’re screwed together and somehow that kind of makes it okay. As long as someone else is failing slightly worse than you, you can feel a little better about your poor life choices. And if you’re doing assignments, well, at least you won’t be the only one hauling books out of the Library at 10.30pm.

Speaking of the Library, what better way to (ab)use the facilities than by booking a study room? A group of students dozing off on the desk gets less security walk-by’s than the sad top of your head sticking out over piles of paper as big as the Great Wall of China. If you’re, like, totes Gen Y, the only thing you’ll have to explain is the detailed graphic image of the male reproductive system on the LCD screen.

At the end of the day, studying with mates is fun because it gives you hope. Hope that, if you fail, at least there’s a group of friends that will meet you at the Roundhouse after to discuss how unfair the test was and help you numb the pain.

Is studying with mates better?

Yeah, forget the whole ‘studying with mates is productive because you learn better’ crap, no one is buying it. Don’t even give me the ‘it makes studying more effective’ excuse either. Sitting with friends with your laptops and books open simply creates the illusion of ‘studying’ whilst deep down you know you’ve been discussing the latest Game of Thrones episode for the past two hours. If this is what you call ‘effective’ and ‘productive’ then get out.

It’s already stressful enough studying, so I don’t want to have to be mindful of what I call ‘table manners’. Say you want to be able to listen to music when you study because that soothes you, but you can’t because you’re with mates and that just seems really rude to shut them out. Defeats the purpose of ‘studying together’ don’t you think? I don’t know about you, but I like my personal space. I like my notes all over the place and my feet on the table. So if you’re sitting on a table with other people you have to observe ‘manners’.

Ain’t nobody got time for dat! You’re cramming for a test here! I don’t want to have to stress over how to sit and eat my sandwich! Jeez.

Studying alone gets more work done. You’re free to sit the way you want and pig out as much as you want and procrastinate as much as you want and – here’s the clincher – you can do it all without being told off.

Socialising and studying do not go together. Good luck human.

‘No,’ says Kez Gutierrez
What a Time to be Alive

Science might only have one year left to deliver on its promise of hoverboards by 2015 (we’re watching you), but warp drives could theoretically become a reality before 2063, the year they were invented in Star Trek universe.

NASA recently revealed that they’re working on faster-than-light travel. Right now you’re probably all like, ‘But Einstein!’ And you’re right. According to our main man’s theory of relativity, faster-than-light travel is impossible. So how do you get around this tiny problem? Warp drives, naturally!

Dr Harold White and his team at NASA Eagleworks have been working on technology that could create a warp bubble around a spaceship. The bubble would compress the space in front of the ship and expand the space behind it, meaning the ship wouldn’t be breaking Einstein’s rule. In fact, the ship wouldn’t need to travel faster than the speed of light, because technically it wouldn’t be moving at all – space and time would be moving around it.

Start planning your retirement holiday to Kepler-22b kids! (At this point in time, the cost for the fuel alone would be about $3.5 quadrillion. Kickstarter anybody?)

By Marla Riddle

Recently in Science...

Elon Musk (co-founder of SpaceX, PayPal and Tesla Motors) might just be one of the most awesome humans alive today. In an unprecedented business move, Musk released all of Tesla Motors’ patents to the public. All of its patents. Musk hopes that, by allowing competitors access to Tesla’s knowledge, the advancement of electric vehicle technology will skyrocket.

Water. There’s a metric shit ton of it on Earth. You yourself are at least 50% water. But a new study has revealed that vast oceans of previously undiscovered water may exist in the planet’s mantle – at least three times the amount found on Earth’s surface. What kind of creepy-ass creatures are living down there? That’s some straight up Jules Verne, Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea shit right there.

28 Aussies are currently in the running to be among the first peeps to live on Mars. A global campaign was launched a year ago to track down aspiring astronauts for a one-way colonisation mission to the Red Planet. 200,000 people applied. Now the pool has been narrowed down to just 705. Only four applicants will eventually make their way to Mars in 2022, where they will likely remain until they die.

THAT YOU ARE 99% EMPTY SPACE?

You know that your body is roughly 50% water, but did you know that you’re also mostly empty space? Humans, like everything else, are composed of atoms. Atoms in turn are composed of protons, neutrons and electrons, but these bits only make up 1% of their structure. The other 99% is – you guessed it – nothing but tumbleweeds and crickets. Total nothingness. Yep, atoms contain less substance than a Justin Bieber song.

Supposedly, if all the space in all the atoms in all of our bodies was eliminated and the matter condensed, the entire freakin’ human race would be about the size of a sugar cube. Turns out that gnawing emptiness inside you might not be caused by uni stress after all. You might just be legitimately empty. On the plus side, we’re only a pesky 1% away from being able to walk through walls! #AlmostKittyPryde
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‘I WANT TO BE A FORMULA 1 DRIVER.’

Gagan Bajaj
Science (Geography)

What about genetics interests you the most? How so much information is stored into something so small.

What would you do with a genetics degree? Cure the common cold... That’d be pretty cool.

#95
My brother told me that if I do engineering at UNSW, I’ll get all the hot girls, is he right?

#166
I was half asleep and running late for my 8am class so I had to sing the Indiana Jones theme song to myself for the adrenaline rush.

#159
Lol it was my first time at uni today and I didn’t want people to think I was unfit so I had to pretend to tie my shoes when I got tired walking up the stairs to Upper Campus.
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**Snow Party**

The following piece is an acrostic poem informing you why the Roundhouse’s Start of Session Party is the greatest way to start the semester.

R. Roundhouse – every student’s favourite place. Whether it’s to dance, eat, drink or recover from a night of **YouFishing** study.

E. Excuse – as students we don’t necessarily need a reason to party, but if you’re fishing for one to defend your lifestyle, Start of Session is more than worthy.

T. Timing – if you have just returned from Europe and you’re feeling a bit down, the Start of Session Party will remind you why UNSW cares.

R. Retro – that shameful fluoro jacket that’s been hiding in your closet can finally be set free. My God you look amazing.

O. Original – what an idea for a party. If I had a dollar for every time I’d been to a retro snow party, I’d have $0.

S. Sold out – ticket sales speak for themselves. This party will sell out so make sure you get in fast.

N. Nacho fries – yes, you read that correctly. A crazed chef out there, who’s surely living in a mansion now due to this invention, has combined two of the greatest food groups and it’s served at the Roundhouse.

O. Orientation – if it’s your first semester here at UNSW, this is a perfect way to find out what you’ve just signed up for.

W. Winter wonderland – is exactly what the Roundhouse will be transformed into come 31 August.

Grab your tix from unswroundhouse.com because there’s snow way you would want to miss this! Hah!

By Ari Stark

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**Foundation Day**

Happy birthday UNSW, happy birthday to you!

Turning 65 is a pretty big deal, so Arc and the Roundhouse are going to help UNSW celebrate in (student) style. During the day, the Arc Precinct will be buzzing full of fun and shenanigans with performances, stalls, food, food and more food (did we mention the food?).

There will also be a massive, campus wide scavenger hunt! This is always a fun one to participate in or watch and this year’s theme for it is ‘Backpack around UNSW’. Let your imaginations go wild!

Then as the sun goes down, the music will go up as the biggest party of UNSW’s calendar year kicks off at the Roundhouse, Carnival in Venice style. So get your Venetian masks ready, as this will be one party not to miss!

Grab your tickets from unswroundhouse.com.au and keep an eye on the Facebook event for more details!

By Evette Sanders
WEEK 1

**MON** JULY 28

**Breakfast Special**
9am-12pm  
@ The White House
Mondays don't have to be all that bad. Breakfast wraps are on special for $7.

**Lunch Special**
12pm onward  
@ The White House
Chicken wings and a tap beer for $7.

**Daily Mass**
12.10pm  
@ Quad 1049

**Bingo**
1pm  
@ BeerGarden, Roundhouse
B-I-N-G-O and Bingo was his name-o. Give your nanna a run for her money.

**Women's Collective Meeting**
1-3pm  
@ Women's Room, Blockhouse

**Queer Collective Meeting**
4-7pm  
@ Queer Space, Lvl 9, Chemical Sciences Building

**Poker**
5pm  
@ Roundhouse
You got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to walk away and know when to run.

**Happy Hour**
5-6pm  
@ UnilBar, Roundhouse
Cheap drinks to ease you into the workday week. You're welcome.

**TUE** JULY 29

**Breakfast Special**
9am-12pm  
@ The White House
Grab a regular coffee and a muffin or banana bread, all for $6.

**Enviro Collective Meeting**
10am-12pm  
@ Activist Space, Blockhouse

**Welcome Back Day**
10am-4pm  
@ Main Walkway

**Photo Booth**
10am-4pm  
@ Main Walkway
Capture the mixed emotions of your first day back at uni. Props included.

**Chilzone**
10am-6pm  
@ Main Walkway
Your own reservoir between classes. Beanbags, heating and tea provided by TeaSoc.

**DJ and Performances**
10am-4pm  
@ Main Walkway
DJ Liv will be spinning them decks y'all while the bravest of clubs will be showcasing their own musical talents.

**Balloon Twisting**
10am-4pm  
@ Main Walkway
Latex fun provided by the UNSW Circus Society. Phallic symbols are the easiest and always encouraged.

**Wishing Tree**
10am-4pm  
@ Main Walkway
It's Christmas in July so dig deep and donate your pre-loved toys to a new home. In conjunction with the Ted Noffs Foundation, a Christmas tree will be set up on the Main Walkway.

**Arc Flea Markets**
10am-5.30pm  
@ The Main Walkway
'Insert Macklemore reference here.'

**VeggieSoc Lunch**
11am-1pm  
@ Arc Precinct
Embrace your inner veggo and grab yourself a plate of some herbivorous goodness.

**Lunch Special**
12pm onward  
@ The White House
Pizza and a tap beer for $15. There is no greater combination of food and beverage in the world.

**Free Pool**
12-3pm  
@ UnilBar, Roundhouse
Get your hustle on with free pool every Tuesday.

**Bike-Ology Bicycle Repair Workshop**
12-2pm  
@ Outside Stationery Reuse Centre
Learn to fix your bike, so when it breaks you can fix it. Makes so much sense you have to go.

**Daily Mass**
12.10pm  
@ Quad G048

**Intercultural Collective Meeting**
12.30-1.30pm  
@ Activists' Space, Blockhouse

**Trivia**
5pm  
@ Roundhouse
Put your knowledge about stuff and/or things to the test for the chance to win badass prizes.

**Happy Hour**
5-6pm  
@ UnilBar, Roundhouse

**Trivia Night**
6-8pm  
@ The White House
Recall all the meaningless facts Wikipedia has taught you over the years over a punchbowl at The White House. You might even win something!

**WED** JULY 30

**Breakfast Special**
9am-12pm  
@ The White House
Grab an omelette and a hash brown for $7.

**Smoothie Social**
10am  
@ The COFA Courtyard
Healthy, free smoothies to kick start your day!

**Internship Expo**
11am-2pm  
@ John Niland Scientia Building
You'll want workforce experience to go with your pass average.

**Lunch Special**
12pm onward  
@ The White House
Wine and pasta for $10? Don't mind if we do.

**Daily Mass**
12.10pm  
@ Quad G048

**Theatresports**
1pm  
@ Roundhouse
Come along to Theatresports to get a taste of improvisational comedy.

**Women’s Collective Meeting**
1-3pm  
@ Women’s Room, Blockhouse

**Volunteer Expo**
3-5pm  
@ John Niland Scientia Building

**International Collective Meeting**
4-7pm  
@ Activists’ Space, Blockhouse
COFA Gallery Crawl
5pm
@ COFA Courtyard
Crawl to some of the hottest exhibitions in Sydney with a pack of your peeps.

Double Happy Hour
5-7pm
@ UniBar, Roundhouse
What's twice as good as one happy hour? Double happy hour of course!

Open Mic Night
7-9pm
@ The White House
Wanna try out your Australian Idol audition piece before you go before the judges? Whether you're into singing, yodelling or stand-up, The White House is your oyster. Go on, we double dare you.

THU JULY 31

Breakfast Special
9am-12pm
@ The White House
Pancakes (with Nutella or maple syrup) and a coffee for $9. Yum.

Lunch Special
9am-12pm
@ The White House
Calamari and a tap beer for $12. Try dipping.

Daily Mass
12-10pm
@ Goldstein G02

Education Collective Meeting
12-2pm
@ Activists' Space, Blockhouse

Disability and Welfare Collective Meeting
2-4pm
@ Disability and Welfare Room, Blockhouse

Live Music: Heineken Acoustic Sessions
4-6pm
@ The White House
Let the soulful sounds of Olivia Jean calm you as you enter a 13 week semester.

Queer Collective Meeting
4-7pm
@ Queer Space, Lvl 9, Chemical Sciences Building

Happy Hour
5-6pm
@ UniBar, Roundhouse

Start of Session Snow Party
7pm
@ Roundhouse
COST: $10 Arc, $15 student, $20 GA
Winter is well and truly coming. In fact, it's so goddamn cold that you know it's already here.

FRI AUG 1

White House Breakfast Special
9am-12pm
@ The White House
Egg and bacon roll for $7. A match made by the gods.

Free Bread Fridays
10am
@ COFA Courtyard
Free toast to start your morning. The best thing since sliced bread.

White House Lunch Special
12pm onward
@ The White House
Grab fish and chips and a tap beer for $14.

Daily Mass
12-10pm
@ Quad G048

Arc Sports Happy Hour
3pm
@ Village Green
Free time to do whatever the heck you want for an hour. Play footy, do a beer test (you monster), whatever takes your fancy.

Live Music
4-7pm
@ Roundhouse

Happy Hour
5-6pm
@ UniBar, Roundhouse

Live DJ
5-9pm
@ The White House

To make the most of the torrential snow and hail that will surely hit Sydney, the Roundhouse will be transformed into a winter wonderland to kick-start your session. Grab tickets online at unsroundhouse.com

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RACK OF SMOKED BBQ RIBS FOR A TENNER
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SUBMIT EVENTS WITH BLITZ

PULL ME OUT AND TAKE ME WITH YOU!
**MON AUG 4**

**White House Breakfast Special**
9am-12pm  
@ The White House  
Grab a brekkie wrap for only $7 and start your Monday in a slightly less depressing fashion than usual.

**White House Lunch Special**
12pm onward  
@ The White House  
Your Monday lunch is covered with chicken wings and a beer for $7.

**Daily Mass**
12.10pm  
@ Quad 1049

**Bingo**
3pm  
@ BeerGarden, Roundhouse  
Wear your grandad’s clothes, look incredible, and kick some ass at bingo. Classic calls like ‘32, buckley my shoe’ and ‘69, a meal for two’ abound.

**Women’s Collective Meeting**
1.30pm  
@ Women’s Room, Blockhouse

**Queer Collective Meeting**
4.7pm  
@ Queer Space, Lvl 9, Chemical Sciences Building

**Poker**
5pm  
@ Roundhouse  
‘Manipulating people is what’s so fun about poker. I love that you can just look into someone’s eyes and lie—and it’s perfectly acceptable’ – Cheryl Hines. Let your inner sociopath roam free at the Roundhouse every Monday!

**Happy Hour**
5.45pm  
@ UniBar, Roundhouse

**TUE AUG 5**

**White House Breakfast Special**
9am-12pm  
@ The White House  
Na na na na na na na na na na na na na na na ‘nana bread’! Get your hands on a regular coffee and some banana bread, all for the low, low price of $6.

**Enviro Collective Meeting**
10am-12pm  
@ Activists’ Space, Blockhouse

**VeggieSec Lunch**
11am-1pm  
@ Arc Precinct  
George Bernard Shaw once said, ‘Animals are my friends...and I don’t eat my friends.’ Get friendly with your herbivorous side every Tuesday of semester, with cheap (and delicious!) vegetarian meals thanks to VeggieSec.

**White House Lunch Special**
12pm onward  
@ The White House  
Pizza. Beer. $15. Need we say more?

**Free Pool**
12-2pm  
@ UniBar, Roundhouse

**Bike-Ology Bicycle Repair Workshop**
12-2pm  
@ Outside Stationery Reuse Centre  
Want to ride your bicycle, want to ride your bike? Want to ride your bicycle, want to ride it where you like? Now nothing and no one can get in your way with Arc’s bicycle repair workshops thanks to Bike-Ology! Come along and learn how to fix your foxt for free.

**Daily Mass**
12.10pm  
@ Quad 6048

**Intercultural Collective Meeting**
12.30-1.30pm  
@ Activists’ Space, Blockhouse

**Trivia**
5pm  
@ Roundhouse  
Know lots of random, useless facts thanks to Wikipedia? Want to win a Roundhouse bar tab? Well you’re in luck! Every Tuesday, the Roundie puts on trivia to pit students against each other in a battle to the death of impractical knowledge.

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

**Trivia Night**
6-8pm  
@ The White House  
What animal can last longer without water than a camel? How many newborns are given to the wrong parents daily? If you know the answers to these questions (and are down with winning cool shit), head along to The White House every Tuesday night.

**NUTS Presents: A Streetcar Named Desire**
7.30pm  
@ Studio One  
Set in war-torn Afghanistan in 2007 instead of New Orleans in the late 1940s, this adaptation of the original masterpiece won’t let you set the blame of this destruction so easily. Get your tix from nutsatstreetcarnameddesire.com

**WED AUG 6**

**White House Breakfast Special**
9am-12pm  
@ The White House  
It is a well-known fact that hash browns make everything better. Grab yourself an omelette and a hash this morning for only $7.

**Smoothie Social**
10am  
@ COFA Courtyard  
Free smoothies? We vote yes.

**White House Lunch Special**
12pm onward  
@ The White House  
Get hella fancy on Hump Day with pasta and a glass of wine for $10.

**Daily Mass**
12.10pm  
@ Quad 6048

**Theatre Sports**
3pm  
@ Roundhouse

**Women’s Collective Meeting**
1.3pm  
@ Women’s Room, Blockhouse

**Bistro Happy Hour**
2-4pm  
@ Roundhouse  
Grab the already cheap food you love at even cheaper prices. #winning

**International Collective Meeting**
4.7pm  
@ Activists’ Space, Blockhouse

**COFA Gallery Crawl**
5pm  
@ COFA Courtyard  
Join a pack of peeps and crawl around to a bunch of exhibitions in Sydney.

**Double Happy Hour**
5.7pm  
@ UniBar, Roundhouse  
Double, double toil and trouble. Because two is better than one!

**Open Mic Night**
7-9pm  
@ The White House  
You know what’s cooler than a degree? Dropping out of uni and becoming a rock star! Get your start on stage right here on campus. First The White House, then the world.

**NUTS Presents: A Streetcar Named Desire**
7.30pm  
@ Studio One
**WHITE HOUSE**

**THU AUG 7**

**White House Breakfast Special**
9am-12am
@ The White House
Pancakes and a coffee for $9.

**White House Lunch Special**
9am-12pm
@ The White House
Calamari and a beer for $12.

**Foundation Day**
10am-4pm
@ Arc Precinct
It’s our birthday and we’ll party if we want to! UNSW turns the big 65 today and to get you all in the mood for shindig, there’ll be a raft of festivities all day. Keep an eye out for inflatables, rides, performances, stalls, food and much more! Check the Facebook event page for more deets.

**Flea Markets**
10am-4pm
@ Arc Precinct
Save all that hard earned scratch by going vintage. Pick up some seriously thrifty finds at Arc’s very own Flea Market, where you can find everything from mouth-watering ghoulme to leopard minks that don’t smell like R Kelly’s sheets.

**Education Collective Meeting**
12-2pm
@ Activist Space, Blockhouse

**Daily Mass**
12.10pm
@ Guldstein G02

**Disability and Welfare Collective Meeting**
2-4pm
@ Disability and Welfare Room, Blockhouse

**Live Music: Heineken Acoustic Sessions**
4-6pm
@ The White House
Catch the dulcet tones of an unplugged gig by Kieran Smith.

**Queer Collective Meeting**
4-7pm
@ Queer Space, Lvl 9, Chemical Sciences Building

**Happy Hour**
5-8pm
@ UniBar, Roundhouse

**Live Music and DJs**
5-7pm
@ Roundhouse

**Masquerade Party**
7pm
@ Roundhouse
Masquerade, painted faces on parade. Whether you’re into playing pianos in the labyrinths beneath opera houses or you’re just down with any excuse to cover up your ugly mug, there’s something at a masked ball for everybody.

**NUTS Presents: A Streetcar Named Desire**
7.30pm
@ Studio One

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**BISTRO SPECIAL SZW2**

**FRI AUG 8**

**White House Breakfast Special**
9am-12pm
@ The White House
Egg and bacon roll and a regular coffee for $7.

**Free Bread Fridays**
10am
@ COFA Courtyard
The best thing sliced bread is free bread. It might even be better than sliced bread. Get yours every Friday morning at the COFA Courtyard.

**White House Lunch Special**
12pm onward
@ The White House
Grab fish and chips and a beer for $14 and get the weekend started in style!

**Daily Mass**
12.10pm
@ Quad G048

**Arc Sports Happy Hour**
3pm
@ Village Green
‘Free play’ basically means you can do whatever the hell you want for an hour. Come along to the Village Green and kicb a ball, jump rope or play hscotch: the grass is your oyster.

**Double Happy Hour**
5-7pm
@ UniBar, Roundhouse
Two is better than one.

**Live Music and DJs**
5-7pm
@ Roundhouse

**Live DJ**
6-9pm
@ The White House

**NUTS Presents: A Streetcar Named Desire**
7.30pm
@ Studio One

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**RACK OF SMOKED BBQ RIBS FOR A TENNER**

**QUILMES**

$5

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**WEEK 3**

**WALAMA MURU TRIVIA FUNDRAISER**
Wed 13 Aug
@ Roundhouse

**WEEK 4**

**GAME OF THRONES TRIVIA**
Tue 19 Aug
@ Roundhouse

**WEEK 5**

**ARTSWEEK LAUNCH**
Mon 25 Aug
@ Various
Arj Barker Greatest Hits

Joel Ozborn (support)

How can you say no to a guy with a webtoon starring himself and his cat, Poopy, who talks by farting? Everyone knows farting is funny.

One of the few people to recognise that global warming is a sign that maybe there's something wrong with that bitch the Sun, and not planet Earth, Arj Barker is not someone you want to miss.

For those not in the know (hrrrrs), Arj is a kick-ass comedian who's toured internationally and also starred in Flight of the Conchords as Bret and Jemaine's indifferent friend Dave.

Plus he's been doing stand-up since before you were born, so who are you to question his street cred?

Want to see his Greatest Hits show for FREE? Email us at blitz@arc.unsw.edu.au with the heading Arj and tell us your best embarrassing story for your chance to win. Or keep your dignity and head to unswroundhouse.com to buy a ticket.

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LISTEN

Broods
WHEN: FR11 / SAT 2 AUG
WHERE: OXFORD ART FACTORY
COST: $20

You know that catchy tune, Bridges, you would have heard on loop on triple J? It's by a dynamite Kiwi brother-sister combo that calls themselves Broods. Midway through their tour of Australia and New Zealand, the pair will be dropping into the Oxford Art Factory to showcase their skills to their Sydney fanbase. Their debut self-titled album has been given a heap of praise so expect this show to sell out.

WATCH

S8 Movies at the Ritz Cinema
WHEN: WHENEVER (EXCEPT SATURDAY NIGHTS)
WHERE: 45 PAULS ST, RANDWICK
COST: $8 FOR Arc MEMBERS

If you're an Arc member and you didn't know about $8 tickets at the Ritz, take a moment to think about all the movies you've been recently for outrageous prices... okay good? Now that you have wiped your tears away, cheer up, because this fortnight we see the likes of Hercules, Guardians of the Galaxy and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles all hit the big screen.

CHEER

A-League All Stars vs. Juventus
WHEN: SUN 10 AUG, 7:30PM
WHERE: ANZ STADIUM
COST: $39.50 CONCESSION

Italian champions Juventus will be headed Down Under for their pre-season tour where they'll face the best the A-League has to offer. The All Stars will be made up of local talent as well as the League's marquee international players, all to make for one hell of an interesting match.
What We Learned at Supanova

On June 13-15, geeks, nerds, fangirls and cosplayers from all over Sydney emerged from their darkened gaming rooms into the harsh light of reality to meet up at the pop culture extravaganza that is Supanova. Here's what we learned at Nerdvana.

STAN LEE IS A FREAKIN’ BADASS

At 91, we kind of expected the co-creator of Iron Man, Spider-Man, the Hulk, the X-Men and Thor (among others) to hobble out on stage on a walking frame. Instead, comic enthusiasty badass MC Stan Lee was nothing short of goddamn sprightly. Definitely the highlight of the expo, Lee answered questions from fans, joked fun at DC Comics and joked about the time Iron Man mistook him for Hugh Hefner. Come to think of it, has anyone seen Stan and Hef in the same room together?

YOU BETTER ENJOY CROWDS AND WAITING IN LINE

Because, my God, you’re gonna be doing a shit-ton of it. Blitz (thankfully) got to skip the entry line because we had fancy media tickets. Once inside, however, we had to spend hours in line waiting for seminars to begin if we didn’t want to miss out on seeing the likes of Captain Jack Harkness and Napoleon Dynamite. Also, Dwight Schrute’s statement that we ‘need a new plague’ will never feel more relevant than when you’re being sandwiched between Spider-Man and a sweaty Boba Fett.

BEING A FAN IS HELLA EXPENSIVE

Want a photo of you and Stan Lee together? No worries! As long as you’re prepared to fork over a cool $100. Want that very same photo signed? That’ll be another $70 thanks. And that’s all on top of the cost of your festival ticket. We guess it’s better than an awkward $400 photo with Avril Lavigne, but still.

JAIME LANNISTER DOES NOT PAY HIS DEBTS

Tywin Lannister does not shit gold any more than his son, played by Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, keeps his promises. We were all gee’d up to meet the Kingslayer, but Coster-Waldau was recalled to a film set at the last minute and had to bail. We think a boycott of whatever flick he’s filming is in order. You belong in Westeros!

ANY CHARACTER CAN BE SEXUALISED. ANY CHARACTER

Much like Halloween, pop culture conventions seem to have become a viable excuse to whip out copious amounts of skin. Despite the cold, we met a self-described ‘slutty Charizard’, saw Deadpool’s midriff and even ran into a sexy Walter White (whose hazmat bikini would likely result in severe injury in the event of a meth cooking disaster).

Sydney Supanova is all wrapped up for now, but you can still get in on some pop culture goodness in Brisbane from 28-30 Nov. If you’re cashed up, we suggest snapping up a True Believer pass, so you can skip the pleb lines and get photos with your idols. Tickets are on sale mid-October from Moshtix.

By Marla Riddle
UNSW CONSPIRACY THEORIES

If you’re like me and believe the Illuminati run the world then you’ll listen when I tell you not everything is as it seems at UNSW.

Have you ever noticed a lone door that would lead to sure death on the top floor of the Library? Next time you’re headed up campus keep your eye on the south side of the building where you’ll notice this estranged white door. On inspection you’ll agree that it could only be accessed by some sort of Illuminati/rebel/flying demon presence.

There’s no debating someone or something is using that door, but what it is exactly remains unknown. We ask all students stay inside until further notice.

#notreally #butseriously

SIX FESTIVALS TO HIT UP BEFORE YOU TURN AS OLD AS UNSW

Put down that second hand textbook, ditch your evening plans of Game of Thrones re-runs, and for god’s sake, don’t even think of making the day’s third toasted cheese sandwich. There are better things to eat, better things to watch, a better life to be lived. And guess what? You’re not going to find it at home.

For those with a serious case of history malnourishment, 2014 is UNSW’s grand 65th birthday. In honour of this year’s festival-themed Foundation Day, here’s a brief checklist of festivals to complete before you’re too old to remember how big and wonderful and full the world is.

BURNING MAN FESTIVAL
Nevada, United States

Thought Future Music was pretty good? What if you found out there was a festival where you could consume more beverages, smoke more smokeable things and not have to put up with horrendous, ear-scratching, brain cancerous music? Welcome to Burning Man! The idea is to travel ages into some desolate section of the Nevada desert, shed almost every layer of clothing, build enormous, mind-bending sculptures and light up. That is, literally light up. Every sculpture is burned to the ground in the dead of night. And Shakespeare thought there was method in madness.

LA TOMATINA
Valencia, Spain

Anyone who thought tomatoes were primarily designed for human consumption are annually disproven by La Tomatina, otherwise known as the ‘Tomato Throwing Festival’. With the name of the festival sparing no mystery in describing the activities involved, the participants each year must wish to bastardise the parental proclamation to ‘eat your food, not wear it’. That, or they are ridiculously fed up with being served Neapolitan pasta dishes on lacklustre first dates.

THAIPIUSM FESTIVAL
Southern India

Gone are the days where body piercings were a sign of rebellion. Now even the most conservative receptionist has at least four, along with a tattoo that probably says something like ‘This too shall pass’ (Ed. Which is really just a fancy way of saying ‘YOLO’). Individualism, the cornerstone of social progression. Well, at least until you get to Thaipiusm festival. Then piercings are not for the purposes of avoiding middle class orthodoxy. No way, Jose. Piercings are for one thing and one thing only: looping rope around for the purposes of pulling tractors. Apparently thick skin is a blessing, along with a high degree of elasticity.

Arc Spotlight

Here to Hear is a new after-hours helpline for UNSW students. Starting in W2S2, they’ll be on hand to provide emotional support to students. Whether you need to chat to someone about study stress, relationship issues, homesickness or anything else that’s on your mind, they’ll be available to listen.

Running from 9pm-7am Fri-Mon during semester, those answering the phone have no political, religious, moral or sexual bias, so no matter what’s on your mind, there are peeps ready to listen and help you get through it. The service is completely confidential and anonymous.

Hear to Hear’s offices are still being readied, so if you’re looking for someone to speak to right now, you can call Lifeline on 13 11 14.
NIGHT OF THE RADISHES
Oaxaca, Mexico

Forget Sculpture by the Sea or ice castles in China, everyone knows the only worthy material for artistic carvings are radishes. Undervalued as a soup staple in Australia, just before Christmas in Mexico these oft-forgotten culinary gems are chiseled into all sorts of (mildly creepy) human forms. For what reason? Apparently even this is unknown to the grocers participating.

CHEESE ROLLING FESTIVAL
Gloucester, England

Hills really suck sometimes. Especially if you’re walking home. Especially if you’re hungry and home is another thirty minutes away and your iPod battery just died and your Travel Ten has been rendered invalid because you didn’t check your shirt pocket before doing your washing. Goddamn washing. But you’ve moved out of home and can’t afford to take your license test so it’s at times like these you must learn to appreciate the hill. Such a lesson England has definitely embraced. Because why else would grown adults on salaries and emergency contact lists tumble down a hill, chasing after a roll of cheese that the first person to the bottom (broken limbs and all!) will win?

EL COLACHO
Castrillo de Murcia, Spain

All these previous festivals have been pretty interesting, right? None of them are so absurd as El Colacho though: the baby jumping festival. Not content with jumping over mats, the Spanish have put newborn kiddies on these mats. That is one hell of a risk assessment form to get past the WHS department.

Festivals around the world are all about celebration in the same way a birthday is about celebration: appreciating the land and people around you, and the shaky but irreplaceable gift that is life. These events are defined by mad ideas coming to fruition for the sole purpose of unifying people in a feeling they struggle to find in ordinary life. And that is why we are getting festive for this year’s Foundation Day. Buckle up and travel light: it’s going to one hell of an adventure!

By Caitlin Reulein

In Brief

White House backs UNSW solar research

The White House is totally down with the awesome solar research being undertaken at UNSW. ‘The US National Renewable Energy Laboratory, together with ANU and UNSW, plan to enhance their collaboration by sharing knowledge and best practices on photovoltaics in our ongoing efforts to meet an increased energy demand with a focus on clean energy,’ the White House said. Suck it, climate change. We’re coming for you.

Green manufacturing

Waste including plastic and glass could one day become a valuable commodity with the establishment of an $8.8 million ‘green manufacturing’ research hub here at UNSW, led by Scientia Professor Veena Sahajwalla. ‘Our overarching commitment is to get value out of waste and not always put it into landfill, which is not a good solution, both environmentally and economically,’ she said. Time to start hoarding all your trash, kids. It could be worth big money one day! #DollaDollaBillYall

Very special K

According to a UNSW Professor Colleen Loo, ketamine could be effective in preventing suicide and lifting the mood of severely depressed people. In a trial in which the participants were suffering from Major Depressive Disorder, most patients responded positively to treatment with the drug, at least temporarily. ‘This is a game-changer in treating depression,’ said Woo. ‘The real advantage here is that the effect is almost instantaneous and that it appears to work on the majority of patients.’
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INTERVIEW WITH A DEAD PERSON

Blitz’s resident psychic, Claire Voyant, peers into the aether each fortnight to contact the spirit of a long dead celebrity. This issue she chatted to Voltaire, the French writer, historian and philosopher.

Voltaire

On your deathbed, you famously refused to renounce the devil, stating, ‘Now is not the time for making new enemies.’ How’d that work out for you?
It was a remarkably wise decision, considering I am currently communicating with you from beyond the grave. Old Nick and I get on just fine. We even have a wine or two on occasion.

What do you think of the world in 2014?
In my lifetime, I said that governments need to have both shepherds and butchers. I see now that I was wrong. Butchers alone, apparently, will suffice.

If you could give any advice to yourself while you were still alive, what would it be?
Life is a shipwreck, but we must not forget to sing in the lifeboats. Also, maybe lay off the coffee a bit. 50 cups per day might be overdoing it slightly.

What would you be doing if you were alive today?
Still sticking it to the man and kicking off where I left off, making a ruckus in the Catholic Church and whatnot.

Any last words before you head back into the Hereafter?
I don’t know where I am going, but I am on my way.

Laying Down The Law

Starting a new semester is already expensive enough with uni fees, textbooks and all the booze needed to numb the pain of existence. Don’t add to that expense by getting a transport fine. A 2013 internal survey found that almost 60% of UNSW staff and students use public transport to travel to UNSW. Here’s a breakdown of what you can get BUS-ied for (see what I did there?):

- Try to resist the temptation to make your mark, as ‘damage vehicles or property through graffiti or vandalism’ scores you a fine of $400 to $2K, while littering will put a hole in your purse to the size of $200-$1100.
- Getting caught with your feet on the seat will snap you an on the spot fine of $100 or a mysteriously high maximum fine of $1100 – maybe if you had previously stepped in dog poo?
- The most common fine is travelling without a valid ticket which includes using a Myzone 1 where you should use a higher zone or travelling as a student without a valid concession card. This’ll cost ya between $200-$550.

- Careful about your behaviour after uni parties or hitting the clubs too. You can be fined up to $1100 for drinking alcohol on public transport, up to $550 for smoking and between $400-$1100 for ‘offensive language, behaviour or spitting’.

You’ve got 21 days to scrounge up the dough to pay a fine, or you can contact Arc Student Support if there are valid grounds for appeal.

May the law be ever in your favour.

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Did you know…

A famous Foundies Day prank was the 1964 kidnapping and ransom of an alligator from Taronga Zoo by four UNSW students. This crime is consistent with the Australian Bureau of Statistics’ finding that you’re most likely to get abducted in NSW.

Antonia Shuttleworth
Student Support Intern
**SPORT & HEALTH**

**RECENTLY IN SPORT**

NSW WON ORIGIN
Yes, you read that correctly. The boys in blue took the spoils before it could even come down to a Suncorp decider. This means the star-studded maroons suffered their first series loss since 2005. To put that in perspective, some eight-year-olds witnessed their first ever NSW win and celebrations were shared on Facebook for the first time in history.

AUSTRALIA BETRAYED
Australian born cricketer, Sam Robson, has performed one of the most cardinal sins imaginable. Robson moved to London once he finished school, and despite representing Australia at an under 19 level, the batsmen has chosen to represent England. In just his second test he notched a century against Sri Lanka, but I doubt he’ll receive much praise Down Under.

THE SOCCEROOS DID US PROUD
Despite losing all of our games The Socceroos managed to match it with Chile and the Netherlands before a disappointing performance against Spain that saw us lose 3-0. Results aside, we were able to compete with the world’s best with a new team which will put us in good stead for the 2015 Asian Cup in Australia. Not to mention Tim Cahill will be on World Cup highlight reels till the end of time.
Eastern University Games

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WORLD WIDE WEIRD SPORTS

CHEESE ROLLING
Every year the village of Brockworth, England plays host to this bizarre dairy tradition. A 4kg wheel of cheese is pushed down a steep hill, reaching speeds of up to 110km/h, and competitors chase after it to the finish line. The prize: the wheel of cheese itself. (Ed: My favourite’s gouda!)

WIFE CARRYING
It’s fairly self-explanatory. You pick up a wife, but not necessarily your own, and run with her down an obstacle course. The annual event in Sonkajärvi, Finland attracts thousands of fans with the prize being your wife’s weight in beer.

HENLEY-ON-TODD REGATT
In this race, run in the dry riverbed of the Todd River in Alice Springs, NT, challengers compete in bottomless ‘boats’ aiming to be the first to cross the finish line. It has been known for the regatta to be cancelled due to wet weather when the river became an actual river.

By Chris Wilson
According to @ProBirdRights, birds have had a pretty tough run. If you’re not already one of the 71.9K followers of birdsrightsactivist, there’s something you should know: this devoted advocate for all birds everywhere asks the real questions, and they don’t shy away from the hard truths. “You notice how bagel have a hole in them?” reads one tweet. “But where is the extra bagel go????? WAK UP AMERICA. #GovtmenBagelConspiracy”

@ProBirdRights isn’t just about birds though. They also put their weight behind equality and marriage rights. “A marry between a man and woman people sloppery slop; then what is prevent a bird from marriage my sandwich??? I’m in love my sandwich! What indeed, little birdie. What indeed.”

But of course, they are first and foremost the figurehead for the movement of birds’ rights, addressing government parties and making some important demands. ‘Dear liberals,’ reads one tweet. ‘If stem cell research, why haven’t science a giant bread? #BringOnTheControversyAndTheToastAlsoAsWell.’ These are the questions that have too long gone unasked.

For all of its humour, these activists have a tangible goal, and they hope to see it through with the help of their ever-growing audience. Get behind @ProBirdRights and help make a change today.

‘One day I’m going to be as big as the town aspirations.’

**DISTINCTION**

**AMY MCCLELLAND**

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**TWITTER**

birdsrightsactivist

@ProBirdRights

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**SERIES**

Torchwood: Children of Earth

Directed by Euros Lyn

Before 2009, if you were to ask any self-respecting sci fi nerd what Torchwood was, they’d probably say ‘That crappy Doctor Who spin-off’. Indeed, despite the show’s stronger qualities (unashamed depictions of same-sex relationships, darker subject matter, Welsh accents), they’d be pretty accurate. The show was cheap, nasty and far too campy.

However, all this changed with Children of Earth, a five-episode mini-series that starts at ‘incredibly creepy’ and from there only progresses to ‘misanthropically grim’. Every child on the planet starts to collectively chant ‘We are coming,’ and it’s up to our band of sexually adventurous protagonists to solve the problem, but oh no, the government has targeted them for assassination for some reason and the insidious alien threat behind everything is about to request of us the ultimate sacrifice.

It’s compelling television, and writer Russell T. Davies is not afraid to give his characters impossible moral dilemmas. Escaping with your life is hard; escaping with a clean conscience is harder, for though the extra-terrestrial antagonists here are creatures of true evil, the real villains of the story are the humble, earthy bureaucrats.

Possibly one of the finest stories to come out of the Tennant-era Whoniverse, Torchwood: Children of Earth, is dark, emotionally guelling, and totally unforgettable.

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**HIGH DISTINCTION**

**SAMUEL INGLIS**

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**GIG**

James Vincent McMorrow

Opera House

Last month, a friend and I pushed past annoying tourists, annoying children and annoying photographers who were annoyingly enjoying Vivid Festival. We needed to get to the Opera House, but not to take Iphone pics which would be edited a shitload and uploaded to Insta. We needed to get inside – James Vincent McMorrow awaited.

Before I go any further, you may be asking – why is he only writing this now? The answer, dear fans, is that it has taken me this much time to recover and form thoughts beyond ‘huiewgsysrh in response to what I witnessed. I didn’t have many expectations prior to the show. I loved McMorrow’s music, but there was no way in hell someone could sound that good live, right? Maybe they’d just mask his average-ness with some hardcore triangle playing, right? Wrong.

I almost cried. My friend wouldn’t stop squeezing my hand and claiming she would marry him. The Irish accent, that falsetto … everything about JVM was perfection. He only addressed the crowd after a handful of songs, expressing how nervous he was and how he couldn’t imagine ever deserving such an audience in such an iconic venue. “swoon”

McMorrow’s soaring vocals meant that no one even thought about lifting their iPhone for that perfect Insta pic usually sought after at concerts. Everyone was quiet. The room was still. And the voice of an Irish angel came to us.

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**HIGH DISTINCTION**

**BRITTNEY RIGBY**

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Blended
Directed by Frank Coraci

Ten years on from their debut as a couple in *50 First Dates* (2004), Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore have reunited for their new rom-com, *Blended*. Sandler plays Jim Friedman, a widower with three daughters. Barrymore plays Lauren Reynolds, a divorcee to a neglectful father (Joel McHale) and a mother to two sons.

The two single parents meet on a blind-date-gone-wrong at Hooters and vow to never date again after the disappointing experience, but soon realise how intertwined their lives really are. Jim’s boss, Dick, and Lauren’s colleague, Jen, are dating. Their untimely separation leaves their trip to South Africa in the lurch, so Lauren and Jim take their places, unaware that they’ll meet each other again on the other side of the world.

The film’s set in one of South Africa’s most luxurious resorts, Sun City, and makes good use of the exquisite Pilanesberg National Park. While the typical ‘Adam Sandler movie’ jokes are scattered through the film, he and Barrymore remind you of why they just work on-screen. Lauren becomes an excellent mother figure for Jim’s daughters, while Jim becomes the father that Lauren’s sons had too often been denied.

For me, *Blended* ticked all the boxes (if you can get past the cliché animal gag). I laughed, I cried, and I scoffed at the farfetched nature with which the characters got dangerously close to wild animals without being trampled to death. It’s no *50 First Dates*, but Barrymore and Sandler can clearly whip it out any time they want.

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**FILM**

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Money for Thought
Sweet Ale

Teenage bands are cute, right? You listen to them on triple J Unearthed, praise their ability to actually play their instruments, compare their sound to other slightly-better-known-but-still-too-indie-for-radio bands, and express hope for their potential to sound less like wailing hipsters.

Well unfortunately for all those other start-up bands, teen indie-rockers Sweet Ale are here to set the standards a little higher.

Not yet out of high school, these kids are accelerating into the music scene faster than you can air-guitar to *Bohemian Rhapsody*. Strolling the line between sweet rock and trippy synth, this North Sydney group already scored its first proper gig as part of Vivid’s Loose Thread’s Festival this year.

With juxtaposition as key, their sound slides easily from the haunting melancholy of *Insight* into the bass-heavy, get-up-and-dance rock of *Fakers*. Their potential particularly shows in the groovy riff of standout track *Assumption Comes First*. Hidden gem *Miss Unreliable* is also worth checking out through the ‘Greenhouse Acoustic Sessions’ available on their Facebook page.

They might still have a way to go until they hit the really mature and unique sound that headlines concerts, but it’s not hard to imagine that in a few years time you’ll be hearing these guys on the radio, not just through Unearthed.

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**ALBUM**

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The New Classic
Iggy Azalea

There’s a new fierce girl ripping up the block with her groundbreaking album *The New Classic*. After gaining street cred in the US hip hop scene with her infectious mix tapes, Australian rapper Iggy Azalea has finally released her debut album, honestly worth the delay of a few months.

While Azalea grew up in the Australian country town of Mullumbimby, the album screams a typical Hollywood tale, the culmination of her transformation.

Azalea aimed to redefine perceptions, going against the idea that she’s part of an era of kids that are told that the art they produce is not classic. ‘Don’t devalue that we can be culturally significant – because we can be,’ Iggy told US Billboard in an interview. Her infectious tunes have already made waves in the industry, hitting number one on the Billboard charts. *(Ed. Azalea is, to date, only the second debut act to rank at number one and two simultaneously – the other being the Beatles.)*

The difficulty with *The New Classic* is defining whether the album is rap or pop. In terms of pop, Iggy manages to convince us that she’s worthy of the charts, creating a hooky album with ballads and radio cuts. In terms of rap, the Aussie gives us a mixture of raw energy and rhymes that make the album memorable.

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**DISTINCTION**

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Lillian Flemons

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1. How old is UNSW turning this year?
2. How many different falling pieces are there in the game Tetris?
3. What did Hannibal Lecter say French people taste like?
4. Who said ‘in case I don’t see you, good afternoon, good evening and goodnight’?
5. In The Simpsons, what is Smithers’ first name?
6. What sport awards the Stanley Cup?

Answers on p. 39

CONTACT TRIVIA:

Q. What is the longest recorded distance for a sniper kill?

JOBS AND OPPS

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Sunday 3 July is the last day to change enrolment and timetable online.

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By Annalise Bolt

Rachel
Media (PR and Advertising)
How do you keep warm during winter?
Wearing lots of layers. I wear so many socks.
If you could have a superpower what would it be?
Flying. It would just make life so much easier because I don’t even know how to drive.
What’s the craziest conspiracy theory you’ve ever heard?
With MH370, I heard that the US army shot down the flight when they were training or something and just hid the evidence.

Robert
Engineering and Arts
What’s your biggest holiday regret?
Probably not going overseas. I’d like to have gone somewhere warm, like Thailand or something.
What have you promised yourself at the start of the semester?
I want to hit the gym more. I did in the holidays last time but not anymore.
What’s the craziest conspiracy theory you’ve ever heard?
The lizard people one, where all the world leaders like George Bush and stuff are actually lizard people. It’s a big secret society of lizard people.

Sarah
Material Science
What’s your biggest holiday regret?
That I didn’t get out of the house and just slept in all the time and watched too many movies. I just didn’t see the light and I feel even whiter than I would be normally.
How do you keep warm during winter?
Put on as many clothes as you can. Become an Eskimo.
What’s the craziest conspiracy theory you’ve ever heard?
That someone is still alive or something? Yeah, let’s say Elvis or something like that.

Julia
Commerce and Media
How do you keep warm during winter?
Lots of layers. Scarves, beanies, like seven jumpers.
If you could have a superpower what would it be?
Invisibility. I would just sneak around and be really cheeky and everything.
What’s the craziest conspiracy theory you’ve ever heard?
That no one landed on the moon, that it was all a hoax by the government. It doesn’t make sense!

John
Economics
What have you promised yourself at the start of the semester?
Same one I make to myself every semester, go to every lecture. Not gonna happen.
How do you keep warm during winter?
Jumpers and blankets. I don’t even use heaters that much. Blankets are key.
If you could have a superpower what would it be?
Right now I kind of wish for a photographic memory. I guess using 100% of my brain would be pretty cool instead of 10% of it.

Amir
Commerce and Science
What have you promised yourself at the start of the semester?
That I will try harder than last semester.
Do you prefer to study alone or in a group?
At first alone but then right at the end in a group. I find that when each person gathers their knowledge and when we share it it’s a bit more effective.
If you could have a superpower what would it be?
Perhaps ultimate knowledge, being like super smart. I’d fight crime like Batman.
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