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## O-WEEK 2017



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CASEY D' SOUZA  
Blitz Editor

Hello!

Starting something new whether it is a new job, a new relationship, or a new year can be daunting, and overwhelming but for the most part, new things are exciting!

I remember starting my journey here with no friends, no sense of direction of the expanse concrete jungle that is UNSW, and no idea how to survive this thing called student life. O-Week changed everything. I made my first friends, I discovered this incredible student organisation called Arc, and this hilarious student media outlet – *Blitz*, which I ended up perusing more regularly than my textbooks.

After four years, while I'm no closer to figuring out whether the secret tunnels under UNSW actually exist, and occasionally get lost trying to find my classes, being actively involved with everything student life has to offer, has been the best part of my uni experience.

This year is your time to embrace your next adventure by keeping entertained and in the loop with all the happenings around UNSW and Sydney with *Blitz*!

xoxo  
Casey D'Souza



TINA ZHOU  
Chair of the Arc Board

Hi, I'm Tina, a 4th year Arts/Law student and Chair of the Board of Arc@UNSW – your fun and spirited student organisation. I'd like to extend a big, warm welcome to new students on campus. To all the old faces, I hope you had a wonderful and adventure filled summer break. I'm sure you all are excited to start a new year at university with Arc making 2017 as enjoyable and memorable as it can be.

Regardless of whether you're a first year or a fifth year, Arc is here to make it a ball of fun and to help you relax - whether you join some of the amazing clubs on campus, let loose at a party or make new friends through one of over 32 volunteering opportunities. Most importantly, Arc is also here to support you with no strings attached, so that you get the best out of your time at UNSW! If things aren't quite working out with your studies, your wellbeing or home situation, Arc also provides an open door to legal and other support services.

Enjoy the O-Week extravaganza this week and this special edition of *Blitz* to kick off your new year. Make some new friends, frolic in the sun and have the time of your life with Arc in 2017!

All the best,  
Tina

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START OF SESSION

# HEAVEN & HELL

# PARTY

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TICKETS Arc \$10 • UNSW \$15 • GA \$20

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Roundhouse encourages the responsible service of alcohol 18+ only,  
valid identification required upon entry.



CASEY D'SOUZA | EDITOR

Casey (pronounced Cas-see) likes many things but mainly words, the Oxford comma, and long romantic late night walks to her fridge. When she's not instagramming her food or globe trotting, she can be found untangling the web of words inside her head and making it seem like she is going places.



MELISSA YA | DESIGNER

Melissa enjoys immersing herself in things: novels, podcasts, cinema, unlocking the magical powers of Adobe Suite. If you follow her around a bookstore, you can sometimes hear her sighing at poor typeface choices and book cover designs.



AMY KIMBALL | RADIO

Amy loves to talk herself out of things, but has somehow talked herself into running a radio station. She loves film, TV, entertainment, and freaking out about finding a job in these areas. In her spare time she enjoys referring to herself in third person.



ALESSANDRA FEMENIAS | RADIO

Alessandra dabbles in lots of things (sometimes too many). She likes music, art, and watching obscure documentaries. She also plays guitar in a band and likes to colour her hair various shades of red. In her spare time, you can probably find her at a gig or in a record store, trying to find vintage records to add to her collection.



JOYCE TSU | TV

Joyce (more likely to respond to Joisugoi) dreams that one day she'll become a panda. She loves sleeping and a nice cheesy lasagne. You may catch her watching Cooking in the Woods videos or 24/7 puppy livestreams, only if she's not crying over how much she spent on filming equipment.



SEJON IM | TV

Sejon (pronounced Sejon) is a producer for *Blitz* TV and will be working on many hectic videos throughout the year. In his off-time he likes to cook, serenade and participate in other charming activities such as saving children from house fires. He also enjoys chillin' with mates at the beach, making beats and havin' a boogie on the dance floor.

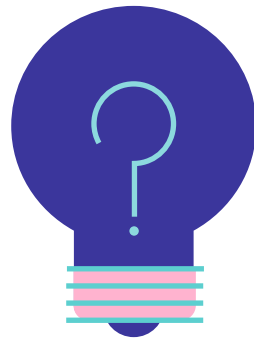


## MEET THE BLITZ TEAM

This year, *Blitz* is transforming into an integrated media platform – we're saving some trees and moving online!

We're still a collaborative student community aimed at keeping you in the loop with what's on, what's hot and what's not at UNSW and Sydney, but a whole lot bigger and better online:  
[\\* blitz.arc.unsw.edu.au](http://blitz.arc.unsw.edu.au)



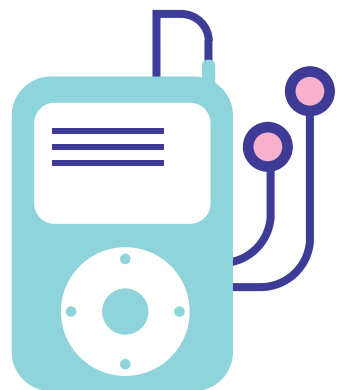


## FUN FACTS

Arc turns 10 this year!

There's a village in Norway called Hell and yes, it does freeze over.

The Medicine Faculty histology lecturer (PDP) has a pet iguana (and is seen with it regularly in Coogee). #iguanaspotting



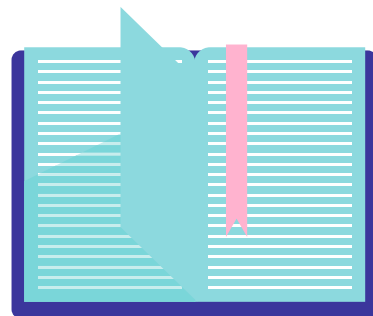
## PLAYLIST

**CHILDISH GAMBINO** | *Awaken, My Love!*

Donald Glover is a bona fide triple threat – and a beautiful, beautiful man – and his latest musical offering as Childish Gambino feels like an instant classic. Redbone, on repeat.

**DAVID BOWIE** | *No Plan*

2016 took a lot from us – including Bowie. Allow yourself to embrace nostalgia by listening to this EP released in celebration of Bowie's 70th birthday.



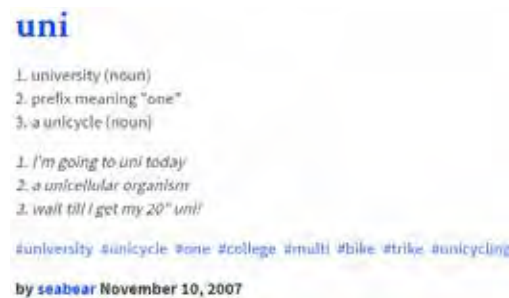
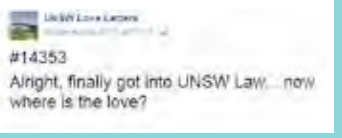
## BOOK NOOK

**OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO**  
by DR. SUESS

Perfect for starting the year on a swell note, this classic proves that you're never too old for Dr. Suess. From soaring high heights to seeing great sights, Dr. Suess reminds us all that as we start new adventures, there is always fun to be done.



## UNSW LOVE LETTERS



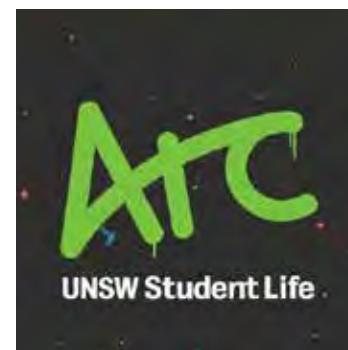
## URBAN DICTIONARY

## SOCIAL STALKER



INSTAGRAM  
@KYLIEJENNERDOESSTUFF

If 2016 was your year of realizing stuff, make 2017 your year of doing stuff. Or at least scroll through photo shopped pictures of Kylie Jenner "doing stuff."



FACEBOOK  
Arc @ UNSW

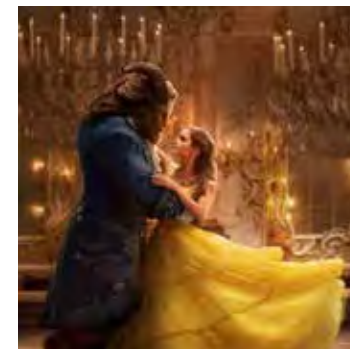
A classic. The Arc Facebook page keeps you in the loop with what's going on around campus – from the weekly Arc Street Team giveaways (think free food and loads of fun) to volunteering opportunities.



SNAPCHAT  
@blitzunsw

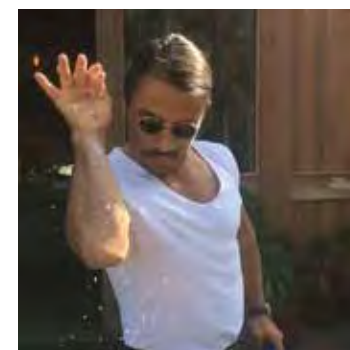
Add us on snapchat for real time updates on what's on, what's hot, what's not and behind the scenes footage on producing content.

## VIRAL



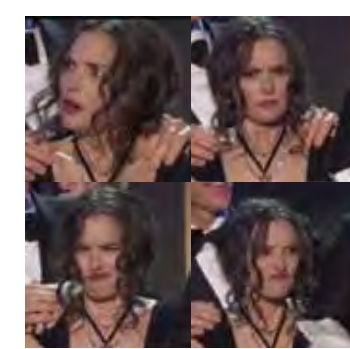
FILM  
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

The adaptation of the Disney classic, *Beauty and the Beast* with the ever so graceful Emma Watson, is almost here!



MEME  
#SALTBAE

Nusret Gökçe/ #saltbae/ #sprinklechef has taken the internet by storm for being a lot extra when carving and seasoning his meat. Sorry vegans.



CELEBRITY  
WINONA RYDER

Sad Winona, happy Winona, angry Winona, frightened Winona – her facial expressions at the SAG Awards demonstrate all of our feels when starting uni.



## LIKES

Nothing starts the uni year off right quite like O-Week.

The Greenhouse is here – the perfect holiday house while our beloved Roundhouse is under renovations, ready to serve you up fun and delicious cocktails.

Beerfest is just around the corner and we are more than ready to throwback a bevvie. Stop by The Greenhouse in W2 to join in on the action and get brewed.



## DISLIKES

The last days of summer are upon us, signalling the end of lazy beach days on the weekend. It was good while it lasted, Coogee – catch you in 12 months time.

# VOLUNTEERING

## GET INVOLVED

Meet people, build your skills, get good karma and have heaps of fun through any of the 30+ volunteering opportunities, offered by Arc.

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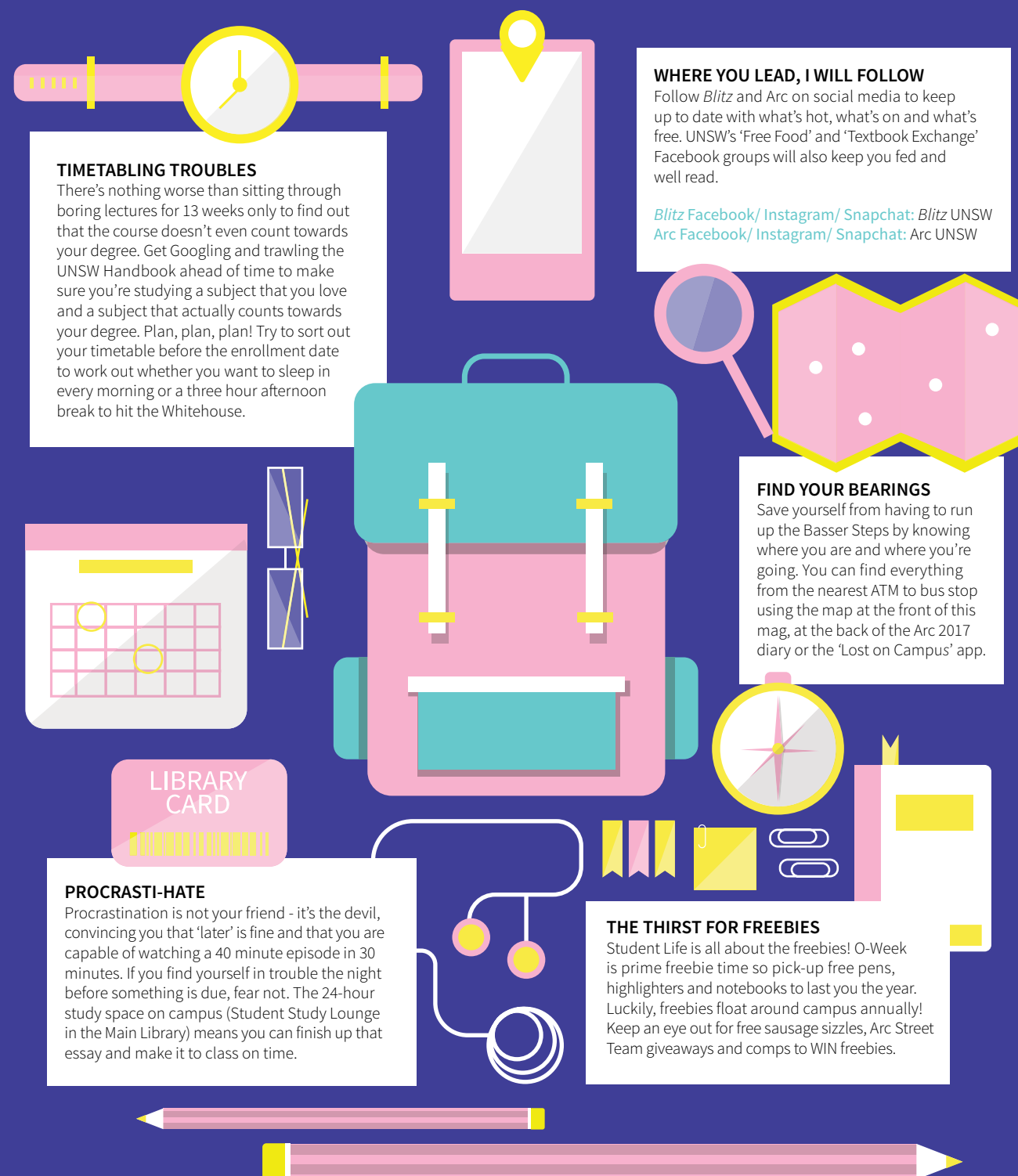
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# STUDENT SURVIVAL GUIDE

BY SAMANTHA CLEMENTE

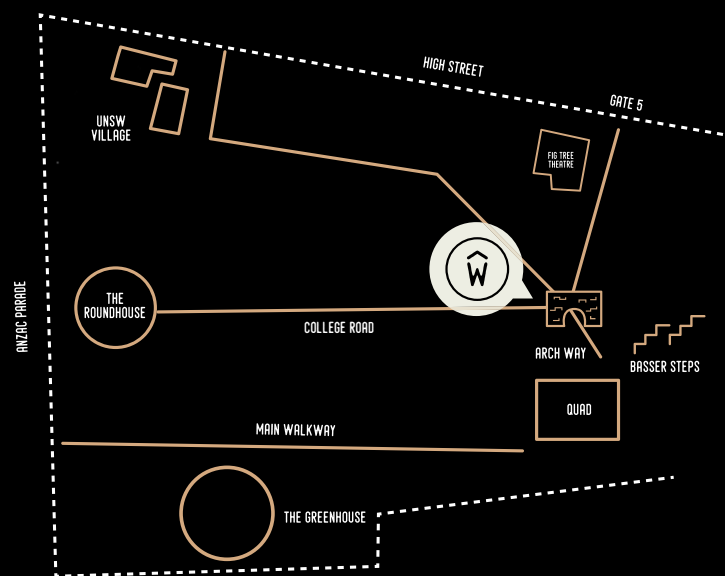
THE BUS LINE IS LONG, THE CAMPUS IS HUGE AND THE COFFEE OPTIONS ARE LIMITLESS. IF YOU'RE STARTING FIRST YEAR AND FEELING OVERWHELMED, FEAR NOT - WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK.







## THE WHITEHOUSE



The Whitehouse is the home of coffee on campus. Ever the quiet achiever, it's the place to chill out, hang out and meet up - stop by for a boardgame, punchbowl or pizza.

Through the Quad Arch (C15)



## UNSW'S NUTTIEST SOCIETY

BY CASUARINA O'BRIEN  
PRESIDENT OF NUTS AND DIRECTOR OF *THE TEMPEST*

**The New South Wales University Theatrical Society (fondly known as NUTS by its members) is the perfect avenue for you to let out all your creative urges and forge friendships with a wonderful exuberant family of actors, writers, techies, designers, and all sorts of theatre lovers.**

There are countless opportunities to get involved in *NUTS* this year. In O-Week, we'll have a stall where you can sign up and meet some of our friendly members, auditions for our second show of the year - *Punk Rock*, writing workshops for our hilarious showcase of student written skits - *Domestic*, and a pub-crawl on Friday night to top it all off!

In Week 1, there'll be a launch party for our first season of shows for 2017, auditions for *Domestic* and a couple of exciting workshops including our 'get-fit-or-die-trying' initiative - *Sweaty NUTS*. From Week 2 onwards we'll have a huge variety of shows, including our exciting new production of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, *Domestic*, our raunchy *Welcome Back Cabaret*, and the biting contemporary play, *Punk Rock*.

Being involved in *NUTS* has brought about amazing opportunities allowing me to get involved in incredibly high quality productions, and learn about the practical (and immensely fun) side of theatre. I've found a hilarious family of nutters, not just through involvement in shows but also through the society's many social events. I'm also directing a bold new production of *The Tempest*, which is proving to be one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences I've ever had.

*The Tempest* is Shakespeare's last and most self-aware work, set on an enchanted island filled with spirits and monsters, where an overthrown Duke, Prospero, has lived with his innocent daughter, Miranda, for the past twelve years. When Prospero and his sidekick Ariel conjure up a tempest and strand all of Prospero's enemies on the island, things change. Miranda falls in love with the first man she meets, a hilarious duo of lords plot to usurp Prospero's usurper, and the enslaved spirit Caliban tastes alcohol for the first time and adopts the drunkard Stephano as his god.

In this production, we're bringing a unique emphasis on physical performance to the play, and integrating live music, dance sequences, and silk aerials in order to heighten the play's sense of metatheatricality, and its interest in the bittersweet impermanence of both art and life

Don't forget to pop by the *NUTS* stall this O-Week to get involved in an amazing theatrical world! I can promise you, joining this society was the best \$5 I've ever spent.

# FINDING YOUR WAY THROUGH FIRST YEAR

BY RYAN BAUTISTA

FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO ADJUST? WONDERING HOW EVERY OTHER STUDENT HAS GOT THE FIRST WEEK DOWN TO A T? HERE ARE FIVE PROBLEMS FIRST YEARS CAN RELATE TO AND HOW TO RECTIFY THEM.

## Problem #1: Trying to survive this uni thing

**Solution:** First up, course outlines are your bible – and so is Moodle. Jot down when your assessments are due on your planner. Constantly check Moodle for lecture slides and lecture recordings. More importantly, don't forget to treat yo'self and you'll nail this uni thing.

## Problem #2: Being the only student from your high school going to UNSW

**Solution:** Rocking up solo doesn't mean you're going to be lonely forever and it means you get to start uni with no Beckys in sight.

## Problem #3: Struggling to make friends

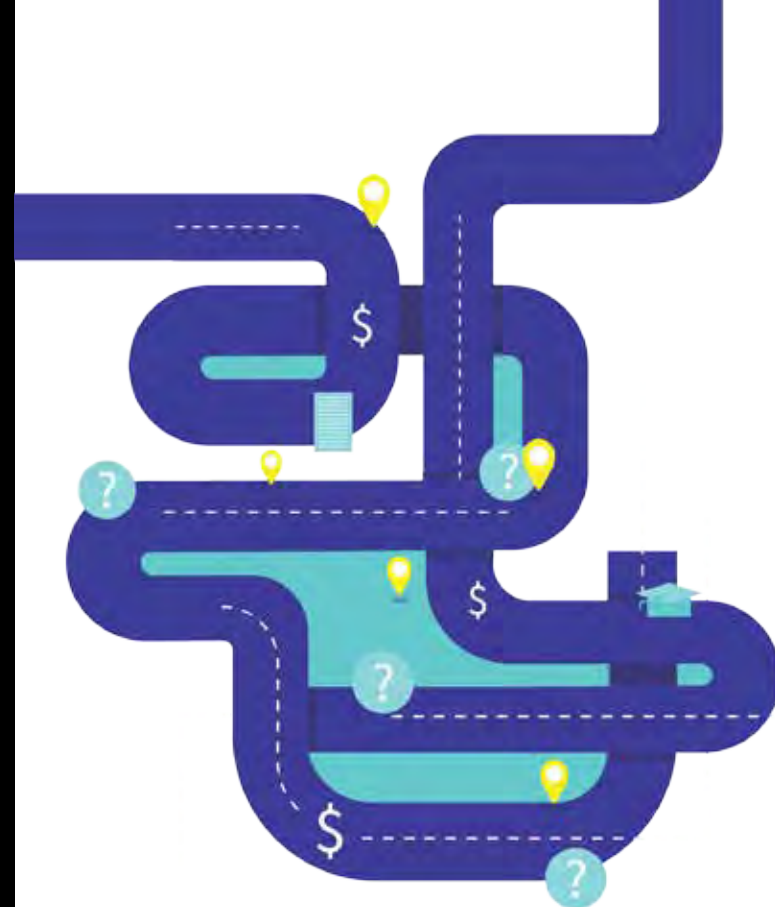
**Solution:** Chat to the person sitting next to you in tutes, that way you have a familiar face come lecture time. Attend your faculty-based society camp and join a club or volunteer with one of Arc's programs, to socialise outside your degree. Who said uni was all about hitting the books?

## Problem #4: Being judged based on your postcode

**Solution:** Don't disguise or hide your postcode, own it. Being from Woop-Woop allows you to bring forward that suburban (or rural) perspective during tutes – something the city slickers lack.

## Problem #5: Perfecting the study/internship/work/sleep/social life balance

**Solution:** Get out your planner and highlighters out and get organised! Keep an eye out on when the busy waves occur throughout semester (hint- typically mid-sem and end of sem), because with a little prioritising, balancing and time management, you won't be on Struggle Street no more.



# JOB APPLICATIONS

BY CHARLOTTE GOODSIR

Being an adult is #hardaf. Filing your taxes will have you considering a finance major, and what's a good deal on superannuation anyway? Gone are the days of 'pocket money,' replaced by clean outfits, aspirin and finding a job.

Job applications are an endless maze of sounding upbeat while trying not to communicate the real reason you're applying to bag groceries and work in retail – you're desperate for dollar dollar bills.

To make it through uni with a job (and stay relatively sane) it is essential to find an employer who can do two things:

- 1) understand that you're at uni and currently under the same amount of pressure it takes to turn coal into a diamond; and
- 2) realise that you need all the shifts you can get.

When applying for a job or any graduate program, you are asked to write a cover letter or a letter about yourself. In this letter they don't actually want to know about you, your love for true crime and the My Favourite Murder podcast. Even your ability to eat two times more than anyone else at Christmas dinner – a skill envied by many, isn't what they're looking for. Instead, they want you to use buzz words like "inspired", "teamwork", "innovative," and my favourite, "creative soul", for a chance to be the next big shot.

Although these jobs may see you as just another cog in the wheel, at the end of the day they are the stepping stones to great things, big things, and will actually lead you to jobs that will endorse and love your "creative soul".

So strap yourself in, take a deep breath and go get that cash money.

# EXPECTATION VS REALITY



## EXPECTATION

You'll make really detailed and organised notes every lecture using that brand-new laptop you splurged on.

## REALITY

You'll probably end up watching hours of lectures on double-speed during Stuvac and wishing you hadn't chosen *BuzzFeed* quizzes over listening to your lecturer.

## EXPECTATION

Scheduling your classes at 9am will be a really good idea because you'll have the rest of the day free to do other things.

## REALITY

9am classes leave you so tired that all you want to do for the rest of the day is nap.



## EXPECTATION

You'll sign up to every society, attend all their events and be the most social student on campus.

## REALITY

You'll sign up to a few societies, and promptly forget about most of them until you get an email in November, thanking you for a good year.



WE WANT YOU IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT  
WHEN IT COMES TO STEERING YOUR TIME  
AT UNI, MAKING SURE YOU ALWAYS...

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## Arc BOARD ELECTIONS 2017 GET INVOLVED

Arc WANTS TO BE THERE FOR YOU, WITH YOU AND HELPING YOU TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UNSW. THE Arc BOARD IS LED BY STUDENTS FOR STUDENTS, ELECTED BY YOU AND STEERING Arc IN THE DIRECTION YOU WANT. GET INVOLVED AND HAVE YOUR SAY BY NOMINATING AND VOTING.

**Board Nominations Open** Mon 20 March, 9.00am

**Board Nomination Close** Fri 31 March, 4.00pm

**Positions Available:** There are four (4) positions up for election of which, two (2) positions must be filled by women while the remaining two (2) positions are unrestricted.

**Nomination Forms:** May be obtained from Arc Reception (level 2 Basser College Kensington), at the Arc Office at UNSW Art & Design Campus or from the Arc website. Nomination forms may be lodged at either of these offices or emailed to [returning.officer@arc.unsw.edu.au](mailto:returning.officer@arc.unsw.edu.au).

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE BEFORE YOU JUMP ON BOARD? CHECK OUT...

# 10 YEARS OF Arc

To celebrate Arc turning double digits, we've gathered together the top 10 highlights and facts from the past decade.

1

Over the course of 10 years Arc has had over 160 000 members! That's over 160 000 membership packs, and 320 000 hands flipping through Arc diaries.

2

In 2016, Arc launched Phil' – UNSW's first ever student lead philanthropy initiative, raising over \$34 000 for the Child Life and Music Therapists at Sydney Children's Hospital.

3

Arc's namesake is derived from the shape of an arc, a curve, and umbrella like metaphorical structure arching over all aspects of Student Life.

4

Arc started off with a mere nine volunteer programs in 2007, which has now expanded to over 30, with hundreds of volunteers spread across the Kensington and Art & Design, Paddington campus.

5

Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill downed a few bevies as undercover cops at the 2012 O-Week special screening of *21 Jump Street* at the Roundhouse, confirming that "chemistry's the one with the shapes and shit, right?" Paramore, Flo Rida, and S Club 7 have also graced the stage at The Roundie.

6

Throughout the past 10 years, Arc has given away hundreds of thousands of sausage sizzles. We tried calculating the exact number, but kept losing count mid-2007 (we're also not the greatest at math).

7

Arc has lived through six changes in Prime Ministers: John Howard, Kevin Rudd, Julia Gillard, Kevin Rudd (again), Tony Abbott, and Malcolm Turnbull.

8

Arc alumni and 2013 *Blitz* editor, Krystal Sutherland published *Our Chemical Hearts*, a novel depicting the bittersweet bliss of a first love, and it's also being adapted into a movie!

9

Arc runs The Roundhouse, The Greenhouse (while The Roundhouse is undergoing a facelift, tummy tuck and everything in between), The Whitehouse, and The Grad Shop.

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When founded in 2007, Arc was referred to as "The Arc."



# JUST IN

BY GARRY LU

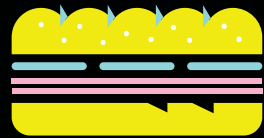
## Instagram upgrades server in lieu of university student' return from Europe

As one year dawns, and another comes in its place, we face the cyclical beauty of nature. In light of their annual homebound migration from Europe, the native species of northern Sydney university students are set to return from their easterly flight, and so Instagram will upgrade their server in anticipation. The rush of #nofilter photos has just begun.



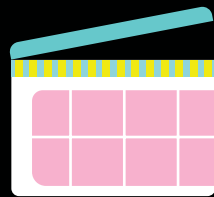
## Resident socialist activist accepts part-time job at Subway

A resident socialist activist's tenure on the Library walkway has come to an end. Gina Holsworth (24) has been forced to take on a part-time job at Subway, after discovering that collecting petition signatures still leaves rent five months overdue. Defeated by capitalism like the rest of the world, Holsworth was last reported learning about estrangement of labour firsthand as she assembled her 27th foot-long sub for the day.



## Third-year film student takes first year subject to appear worldly

A third-year film student has opted to take an introductory film subject to appear comparatively worldly to his peers. David Rodriguez, 20, has been reported claiming the oldest film he has ever seen to be The Fall of Faust from the mid-19th century. The collective resources of this publication were unable to discover any trace of its existence. Eye witnesses noted Rodriguez was perspiring quite noticeably when prompted about Citizen Kane, suspecting he had yet to watch it contrary to his claims.



# FREE STUFF AT UNSW

BY RACHEL LUI

Let's be real, there is nothing everyone loves more than freebies. When you're out in the real world, freebies are scarce, so make the most of your life as a student and capitalise on the sweet, sweet opportunity to grab as many freebies as you can.

## FREEBIES FROM THE Arc STREET TEAM

Seriously, there's a ton of free things that you can hustle from the Arc Street Team! When you're feeling hangry they'll show up with free nachos or popcorn to make your day. They host amazing pop-up food stalls, hand out free diaries, goodie bags and stationery setting you up for uni without having to spend a dime.

## FREE MOVIES

*High School Musical*, *The Lion King*, *Pitch Perfect*, you can watch all of these and get a healthy dose of nostalgia for free! Tell your mates and get your snacks ready because these 'Pop Up Pictures' at UNSW's very own outdoor movie cinema is totally worth pencilling in your diary.

\* Check out [arc.unsw.edu.au](http://arc.unsw.edu.au) to find out more about the movie screenings.

## FREE O-WEEK TOURS

The most crucial element of O-Week is a tour! Run by Arc, a tour will let you in on everything you need to know to navigate UNSW campus life: where the freebies are, where the cleanest toilets are and where the best sleeping places are!

\* Register at [arc.unsw.edu.au/oweeek](http://arc.unsw.edu.au/oweeek) for tours.



# A CHAT WITH: O-WEEK COORDINATOR

*Blitz* met up with O-Week Coordinator and Arc legend David Vu to chat about what he loves most about the week long fun fest, as well as his advice for freshers for their first few weeks at uni.

## HOW MANY YELLOW SHIRTS ARE IN YOUR TEAM?

Altogether, the program is made up of 190 volunteers. We have 10 Organising Team Members (including me), 20 Squad Leaders, and 160 Yellow Shirts!

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT O-WEEK?

My favourite thing about O-Week is the vibe. The campus is just overrun with this huge buzz of positivity, the air is thick with anticipation, the stalls are packed with people and the campus is crawling with people who just want to have fun and share in that UNSW spirit. It's absolutely infectious!

## WHY DID YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Before I was even enrolled at UNSW, I was warmly welcomed to the campus by the Yellow Shirts at prior events. Their warm hospitality was what showed me that UNSW is a university with students that care, that want to help others – I instantly knew that this was where I wanted to be, and being a Yellow Shirt was something that I wanted to get involved with because I wanted to give that same energy back to students!

## WHAT WOULD BE THE ONE PIECE OF ADVICE YOU'D GIVE TO FIRST-YEARS?

Try everything, do everything. If you walk past something on campus and it catches your eye, learn more about it - whether that's a Yellow Shirts event during O-Week, or an interesting club, give everything a go. University is the place to explore your interests and experience new and wonderful things. The more you give, the more you will get. Make 2017 your time and make the most of it!

## WHAT IS THE QUICKEST WAY TO GET FROM UPPER TO LOWER CAMPUS?

As boring as this may seem, the Main Walkway or the Basser Steps – whilst an arduous task, they're the most direct and quickest way from Upper to Lower and vice versa! Sorry I couldn't provide a super-secret passageway between the two. Although I've heard there are secret passageways underneath our campus...



# THERE'S A NEW HOUSE ON THE BLOCK.

HAPPY HOUR

WED-FRI 12-1PM

DOUBLE HAPPY HOUR

WED-FRI 1-2PM

LIVE MUSIC

WED-FRI 1-4PM

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## BLITZ'S SEM 1 HIGHLIGHTS

### THE GREENHOUSE OPENS

0-WEEK

Kick back and soak in the summer sunshine all year round at the new house on the block, the Roundhouse's home away from home.

### START OF SESSION HEAVEN AND HELL PARTY

2 MARCH

Whether you're donning angel wings, a halo and a harp or horns, a cape and a pitchfork, start the semester with a bang.

### FESTIVAL OF SPORT

7-9 MARCH

Lace up your runners, whether you're an Olympic athlete, a sports fan or a certified couch potato there's something to get everyone's heart racing and blood pumping.

### BIG TRIVIA

7 + 21 MARCH, 4 APRIL & 2 MAY

Round up your squad and put your love for sport, Netflix, Stranger Things, superheroes and villains to the test.

### CIDER FEST

8-10 MARCH

An apple a day keeps the doctor away, right? Enjoy apples in their final stage of evolution - bubbly goodness in a glass.

### FLEA MARKETS

14 MARCH, 11 APRIL & 15 MAY

Pop on over to the open air markets where you'll find cool stuff like groovy trinkets, vintage clothes, and gadgets a-plenty.

### ST PATRICK'S DAY

17 MARCH

Follow the rainbow all the way to the plot of gold and four leaf clovers for celebrations at The Greenhouse and the Whitehouse.

### BEER FEST

21-24 MARCH

To beer or not to beer? Always beer.

### HOW TO ADULT

27-30 MARCH

Forget about finding x, these workshops will have you mastering actual life skills and learning how not to blow up your kitchen or your budget.

### Arc TURNS 10!

3-7 APRIL

The only thing better than a birthday is a birthday-week long celebration as Arc turns 10!

### MID-SESSION TOGA PARTY

13 APRIL

Wrap yourself in your finest threads, sprinkle on some golden dust and gather your squad in a Trojan horse to have a sheet tonne of fun.

### THE WHITEHOUSE'S 6TH BIRTHDAY

8-12 MAY

Free cake, food specials, drink specials, free cake. Did we mention free cake?

### CLOTHES SWAP

9 MAY

Dig through your wardrobe and trade in your pre-loved goods for truckloads of new treasure.

### STRESS LESS WEEK

9-11 MAY

Get your head out of your textbooks, take a breath, a break and put your health and happiness first with Arc Wellness.

### STUDENT COOKBOOK LAUNCH

24 MAY

Pick up your copy of the Student Cookbook and leave your spare change in your pockets because there ain't no party like a free food party!

### END OF SESSION FULL MOON PARTY

1 JUNE

Give your glow sticks a cracking and bleach your whites whiter to prepare yourself for a howling good time.





## DAY

### TOURS

CAMPUS TOURS  
TIMETABLE TOURS  
UNDERGRADUATE TOURS  
PARENT TOURS

### SOCIAL

HUNGER GAMES  
TRIVIA  
DODGEBALL  
UNSW'S GOT TALENT

ENDURATHON  
JELLY WRESTING  
WATER FIGHT  
PICTIONARY BATTLE

### ACADEMIC EVENTS

LIQUID NITROGEN ICE CREAM WORKSHOP & DEMO  
BB8 ROBOTICS DEMONSTRATION  
LASER CUTTING WORKSHOP  
DEATH BY DESIGN: AN eWASTE DOCUMENTARY

## NIGHT

### MONDAY MOVIE NIGHT

MOVIE: ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY  
DATE: 20TH FEBRUARY  
TIME: 7:30PM - 9:30PM  
WHERE: QUAD LAWN (OUTDOOR CINEMA)

### WEDNESDAY O-WEEK NIGHT MARKETS

DATE: 22ND FEBRUARY  
TIME: 6PM - 10PM  
WHERE: QUAD LAWN

### FRIDAY NIGHT CHILL

DATE: 24TH FEBRUARY (FRIDAY OF O-WEEK)  
TIME: 6:00 - 9:00PM  
WHERE: GREENHOUSE POP UP BAR  
LOCATED NEXT TO SAM CRACKNELL PAVILION  
WHAT: KARAOKE, PINBALL, ARCADE GAMES!

### TUESDAY COMEDY NIGHT

FEATURING: LUKE HEGGIE, CAM KNIGHT,  
BECKY LUCAS, MICHAEL HING, NINA  
OYAMA AND A SECRET SURPRISE ACT!  
DATE: 21ST FEBRUARY  
TIME: 7:30PM - 9:30PM  
WHERE: SCIENCE THEATRE

### THURSDAY NIGHT PARTY

THEME: SAFARI ADVENTURE  
DATE: 23RD FEBRUARY  
TIME: 8:00PM - LATE  
WHERE: COOGEE BAY HOTEL  
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# MARDI GRAS



BY JOSH HUAVILLE

Feeling overwhelmed by the prospects of bank-breaking textbooks, sleepless nights and ruined healthy eating habits? Liven your spirits with the most fabulous weekend of the year! *Sydney's Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras* is THE Australian pride event in which people of all sexual orientations, genders and ethnicities (including you, straight people), can strut in the city wearing as little or as much as they please and be embraced by a community of acceptance.

This Saturday, Oxford Street will be packed with crowds flocking to watch a procession of the fiercest, fabulous and most inspirational floats Sydney has to offer. Dress up, drag up and duck up to Darlinghurst as the streets erupt with color on the gayest night of the year. Hazard warning: beware of glitter-induced asphyxiation.

Following the parade, the official after party commences, headlined with various notable Australian and international artists and continues into the early hours of the morning. If you've missed out on tickets, fear not as the surrounding clubs and bars also have cheap entry to similar parties continuing well beyond witching hour, with amazing drag shows, the best DJs and premier venues.

If the Saturday festivities were not enough, the Beresford Hotel pumps up the jam for the *Laneway Party*, taking gay Sundays to the extreme. However, as pride is far more than partying, a myriad of surrounding events in the preceding week, celebrate queer culture in all its glory through artistic and political expression.

## WHERE:

Oxford Street

## WHEN:

Saturday, March 4

## MORE INFO:

[mardigras.org.au](http://mardigras.org.au)

## VERDICT:

"Give a twirl" and "do your thing on the runway"

# CHEAP A\$\$ SYDNEY

## ENJOY

**WHEN:** 25 Feb, 6am - 6pm

**WHERE:** Manly Wharf

**COST:** FREE!

**MORE INFO:** [sydneyharbourchallenge.sydney](http://sydneyharbourchallenge.sydney)

Back for its 4th year, and currently the largest six-person canoe race in the Southern Hemisphere, this one's a must-see.

## WATCH

**WHEN:** 25 Feb - 5 March

**WHERE:** Manly Beach

**COST:** FREE!

**MORE INFO:** [crowsnestnsw.com.au/crows-nest-festival4](http://crowsnestnsw.com.au/crows-nest-festival4)

Watch the world's best surfers ride the waves at Manly Beach. With sun, sand and some epic surfing, what's not to love?

## MOVE

**WHEN:** Every Monday from 9.30-11.30am (beginners) & 12.30-2.30pm (intermediate), until 1 May

**WHERE:** 29-53 Hugo St, Redfern NSW

**COST:** FREE!

**MORE INFO:** [whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/ballroom-dancing-in-redfern](http://whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/ballroom-dancing-in-redfern)

Held at Redfern Community Centre every Monday, you'll be sure to have a ball at these free dance classes. So what are you waiting for? Pop on your dancing shoes and get moving the world!

# UNI BUCKET LIST

BY SAMANTHA CLEMENTE

WHETHER YOU'RE A FRESH-FACED FIRST-YEAR OR YOU'VE BEEN AROUND FOR A FEW YEARS, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS THAT EVERY UNSW STUDENT MUST CHECK OFF THEIR BUCKET LIST BEFORE THEY GRADUATE. ON BEHALF OF BLITZ, HERE ARE A FEW:

## JOIN Arc

Arc is UNSW's student organisation that's run by students, for students. Arc will keep you in the loop about what's going down on campus and allow you to join clubs and societies like PhotoClub and the Secret Society. You'll also get some awesome off-campus discounts – uni parties included – so get on it.

## JOIN A SOCIETY

From the Circus Society to the Origami Society to the Comedy Club, UNSW has an array of different clubs and societies that will help you find your squad. Arc has every kind of club you could want – and if they aren't your jam, start your own! Jump on board by joining Arc and signing up on OrgSync.

## GRAB MERCH @ THE GRAD SHOP

A significant rite of passage. Getting a shirt, hoodie or notebook with the elegant UNSW crest and 'UNSW' plastered on the front keeps the UNSW pride alive and makes sure that no one will confuse you for a USyd student when you're travelling to and from uni.

## INTERN/VOLUNTEER

You won't just gain a line on your résumé from this one. You can be travel bound with Global Village, help out Indigenous communities with Walama Muru, or pass on your HSC knowledge to high school kids with Shack Tutoring. Make the most of uni while you're here and bulk up your extra-curriculars.

## WALK FROM UPPER TO LOWER CAMPUS

Whether you take the picturesque Main Walkway, up the rainbow coloured Basser Steps or the sidewalk alongside High Street, every UNSW student must, at some point or another, walk from Lower Campus to Upper Campus. Whether it be for a class, to meet a friend, for an ATM or Express Bus access, you can't be a true UNSW grad until you can speak (and complain) from experience about how every day at UNSW is leg day.

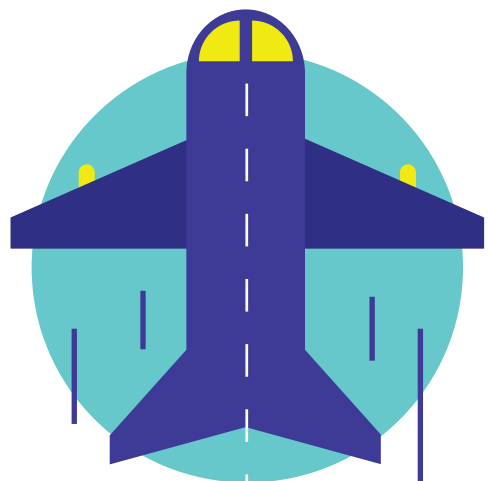


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# EXCHANGE DIARIES

*Blitz caught up with Shivika Gupta who spent time on exchange in the beautiful rugged terrain of Scotland. Read on to hear about why exchange in Scotland is much more than just working up the courage to try haggis and tolerating bagpies.*

## What university did you attend?

The University of Edinburgh.

## What's your favourite thing about Scotland?

The ridiculous proximity to natural beauty – Eddy is the second biggest city in Scotland but I had a beautiful, unobstructed view of Arthur's Seat, an extinct volcano which is now a mountain of sorts, right from my balcony. Also, kind strangers who'll let you freeload a car ride to hitch hike to Dublin.

## Where did you live in Edinburgh?

I lived at Pollock Halls, which is the University's catered dorm residence. I had a roommate from Bulgaria who did name (one of) her Bratz dolls after me... but overall she was very kind and easy to live with!

## How is Scotland different to Australia?

The Scottish have curry sauce and we have chicken salt. We need to set up a trade deal to concoct the most delightful hot chip meal ever.

## What did you find strange or interesting about Scotland?

People really do wear kilts as casual day wear - and also out to clubs.

## Is university quite different there?

I noticed people don't ever go on Facebook during class. I had 10 contact hours spread over five days. Honestly, the intensity of classes (two of my subjects had classes four days a week, which is quite different to Arts subjects back home) was quite refreshing because you cover content more rigorously which actually means less independent learning.

## RAPID FIRE QUESTIONS

### What football team do you follow?

Don't quite follow it. But we should all get into shinty, the true Scottish sport.

### Exchange in three words:

Ryanair, cold, hectic.

### Your opinion of bagpipes?

They sound so beautiful! Definitely a mating call for all the world's sexiest people.

### Your fave Scottish celeb?

David Tennant - what a man!

### Next place you'd like to go?

Iceland - I actually had flights booked but couldn't go in the end. The landscapes look absolutely insane.

## Highlight of your trip?

One of many – seeing Lindsay Lohan in Cannes during the film festival. She's alive and kicking, everyone.

## What was your favourite tourist activity?

Shedding a tear (of joy, surprisingly) whenever my dining hall had haggis – definitely a huge fan! I am a vegetarian so the various sheep's-innards-free version might've been more palatable than the traditional cook up. They love to put haggis in everything – I came across a haggis samosa and haggis chocolate.

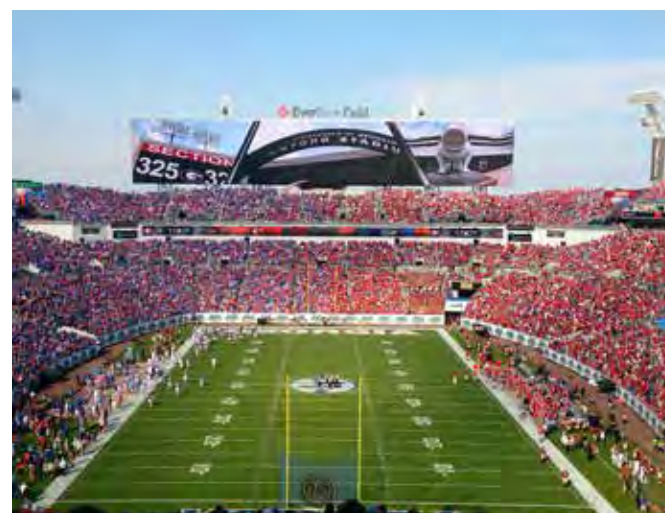
## Any tips for students going on exchange?

Go to Edinburgh! Where else could you find Butterbeer at your local pub other than Hogwarts itself. Genuine advice: don't over plan your post-exchange travel plans before you arrive – play it by ear during the semester and try to organise trips with your new friends. Also, the initial transition is quite hard, but remember, you are forging a life in a place completely isolated from your known, comfortable universe! So give yourself time for things to fall into place.



EDINBURGH

## FLORIDA



## RAPID FIRE QUESTIONS

### Favourite Flo Rida song?

Right Round.

### Are there as many retirees in Florida as the movies show?

There is a place in Florida called The Villages which has a population of 150,000 retirees. It's a village full of older people and no one else - so yes.

### Most American thing you did while overseas?

Drove a pick-up truck, while listening to country music, to Rainbow Springs and paddle boarded down the spring for two hours, eating an alligator po'boy with a bevy of Bud Light afterwards.



*Blitz sat down with Charitha Katupitiya to talk about his exchange trip to Florida, surviving social life in sororities and fraternities and university pride.*

## What university did you attend?

University of Florida.

## What's your favourite thing about America?

My favourite thing was the abundance of nature and outdoor activities. Florida has many beautiful springs with crystal clear water and awesome trails. One of my favourite things to do was river floats. A couple of mates and I would hire float rings and float down the springs for a few hours while stopping occasionally to explore the banks or jump off of a well-placed tree.

## How is America different to Australia?

To be honest there wasn't a huge difference between America and Australia. The people are really nice but I felt like they weren't as interested in world news as much as an average Australian. They don't get as many holidays as us and it's more of a working culture than in Australia. There is so much to see and different parts of America have totally different people, from the way they speak to how they act.

## What did you find strange or interesting about America?

The Greek life, fraternities and sororities - exclusive clubs that you have to pay and pledge to be part of, were extremely interesting. Each Greek life house has its own persona and each member matches such persona. It was great gaining different perspectives on the system by talking to people. Greek life is really good for making friends, but members seem to lose their individuality. Greek life seemed pretty cool, but I didn't like the fact that there was an interview process.

## Is university quite different there?

University in America is really different compared to here. The lack of big lectures and smaller classrooms was much more engaging. There's a huge emphasis on uni life, school spirit and sports! Everyone is involved in campus clubs or extracurriculars and owns merchandise, showing off their university pride.

## Highlight of your trip?

Meeting so many interesting people from different cultures. I'm still in touch with some of the people I met during my exchange, and we have become really good friends. Another highlight was the American college football games, packed with students and alumni grilling food and partying before the game – known as tailgating.

## What was your favourite tourist activity?

The week and a half long trip I took down south of Florida. A few mates and I hired a minivan and drove to Miami, Key West and then back to Miami to go on a three day cruise to the Bahamas. Key West is the southernmost point of America and had great views. The Bahamas was also incredibly beautiful - I was knee deep crystal clear water, hundreds of fish swimming around my legs.

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### HAIR: AN HOMAGE TO THE AFRO

BY LAWRENCE MENZ

Let's throwback to our parents' style when they were our age and going to university. The flared jeans, the gold chain, the platform shoes, and best of all: that afro! That shimmering, stylised, highly flammable head of hair.

Chemical alterations and expensive stylist appointments aside, how come some people have straighter or curlier hair than others? Surely it isn't because they ate their bread crusts while you demanded crust-less triangle fairy bread. It may have to do with two little proteins - one controls the amount of the other one, which changes the shape of the hair follicle.

The brains of the duo is called KROX20 and controls the amount of the brawn, IGFBP5, that is produced. The brawn gets to work by disrupting the symmetrical pattern of the hair follicle. When it is even and round straight hair is produced, but when it is irregular and flat curlier hair comes out.

This is because when your hair follicle is flat, it gives more chances for the hair protein, keratin, to bond to itself. This works by the amino acid cysteine, which is part of keratin, forming disulphide bonds with other cysteine molecules in the hair. So, the flatter the hair follicle, the more disulphide bonding that goes on, which means more bending and curling.

While a crimping iron and hair curlers can give you those lush locks your parents perfected before you were around, nothing beats good old genetics.

## PUB SCIENCE

# TECH GEEK

BY AIDIL TEPER

## SUPER RETRO BOY

The *Super Retro Boy*, essentially a clone of the original Game Boy, shares the same form-factor as the original, but packs more punch. It will play original Game Boy, Game Boy Colour and Game Boy Advance cartridges. It's 2500 mAh rechargeable battery will keep you playing your favourite games for 10 hours on a scratch and shatter-resistant TFT HD display. The best part is that it is only priced at US \$80 (AU\$109) and will be released in August later this year. Availability in Australia has not yet been confirmed, so keep your eyes peeled for updates.

## HUAWEI MATE 9 SMARTPHONE

The high-performance *Huawei Mate 9* is big on features with its massive 5.9-inch, 2K screens and long-lasting 4000mAh batteries. It runs on Huawei's own new Kirin 960 processor and will be compatible with Google's Daydream VR platform. It boasts a Leica-branded dual-lens camera with a f/2.2 lens. It's overall design is updated with smoother bezels and a more refined look. The *Huawei Mate 9* will arrive on our shores on February 7 at a recommended retail price of AU \$930 and will be available from Optus, JB Hi-Fi, Harvey Norman, Vodafone and Allphones.

## LEGO BOOST

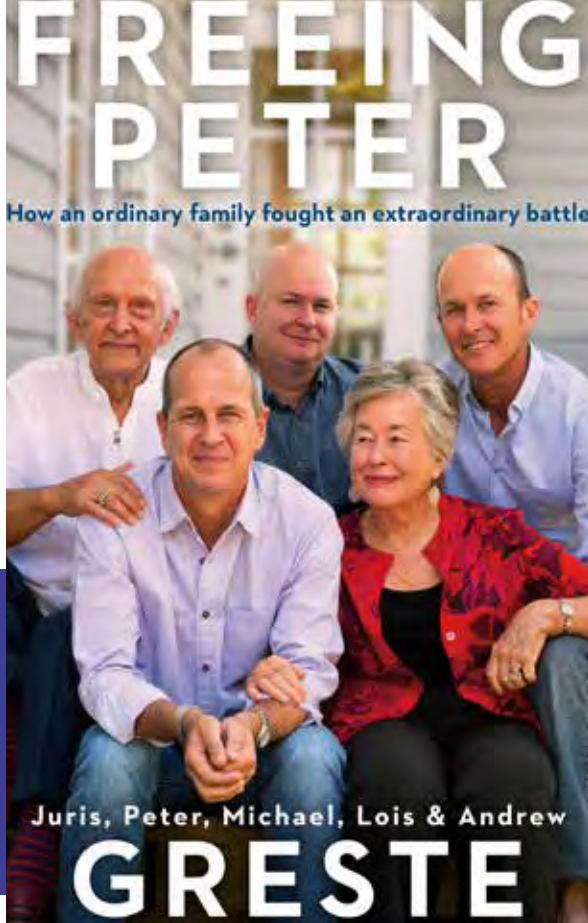
*Lego Boost* is the best way for anyone to build robotic toys. It comes with motors and programmable bricks that work with existing LEGO kits, turning them into motorized or motion-sensitive toys. There are also tilt sensors, including colour and distance sensors. You can use its companion app to drag and drop different actions to control the robot, rather than having to tediously code in commands. The kit comes with five robotic kits such as a cat, a robot, a guitar, a bulldozer and a LEGO stacking machine. It is expected to be for sale in the second half of 2017, priced at US \$160.





# REVIEWS

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## FREEING PETER BY THE GRESTE FAMILY

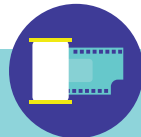
BY PAIGE MCGRATH

We all remember the tale of Peter Greste, the Australian journalist whose arrest and imprisonment in Egypt in 2013 became a global outrage. Whether you participated in the ensuing Twitter hashtag activism or not, Greste became a symbol for press freedom thanks to the media campaign led by his family, whose incredible story is now detailed in full. Combining the perspectives of all five Greste family members, *Freeing Peter* reads as listening to the family having a conversation, recounting their extraordinary adventures, hardships, mishaps and eventual relief.

Greste, his father, mother and two younger brothers give insight into what it means to deal with overseas imprisonment in the era of social media, when creating a Facebook campaign has more political power than you'd expect. Peter provides "do's and don'ts" for life in jail (should you ever find yourself in an Egyptian prison), but while his experience is humbling, it's his parents and brothers' ordeals that shine as they reveal their ongoing, selfless commitment to regaining Peter's freedom.

*Freeing Peter* certainly has the products of a good read, including sibling rivalry, family arguments and global community solidarity. The Greste family story is certainly an important tale for media students and budding journos alike.

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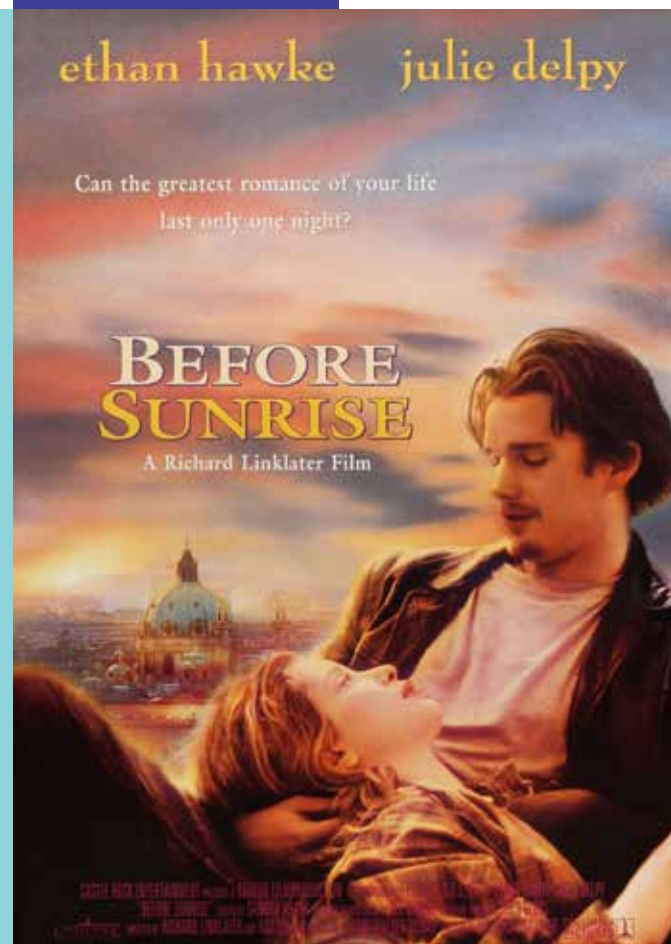


### BEFORE SUNRISE

BY LIAM LUANGRATHRAJASOMBAT

Richard Linklater's 1995 *Before Sunrise* was made over 20 years ago, and remains one of the most honest films about love and relationships you will ever see. After a chance encounter on a train, a young American man, Jesse and a French woman, Celine decide to spend the day together. This movie is not a love story, but it does play on the audience's wildest fantasy to connect with someone.

At first, Celine and Jesse are just bored young people, attracted to each other only on a surface level - but what we get is so much more than that. The script, penned by Linklater and Kim Krizan, captures the awkwardness of meeting someone new and trying to get to know them. The European backdrop of Vienna is a pretty place to meet someone, so much so that *Before Sunrise* has living, breathing characters you care about. If you do like *Before Sunrise* (and I'm 99% sure you will), the 2004 sequel *Before Sunset* and 2013 sequel *Before Midnight* are definitely worth the watch.



## TEARAWAY UNFOLDED

BY JULIAN RIZZO-SMITH

*Tearaway Unfolded* for the PlayStation 4 is an adorable platformer and artistic delight, encouraging creativity in both its gameplay and level design. Players take on the role of a customisable messenger in a world made of paper mache, saving the world from an impending darkness. The story is narrated by a pair of voices in the sky, one creates obstacles and the other teaches the player new tricks.

Creativity is encouraged through *Tearaway* through world and level design. Players recreate and design environments by tracing a pattern on the PlayStation 4 controller's touchpad. While this is often needed to advance the main story, a variety of side quests involve the player recreating parts of a character, leading to hilarious poorly drawn limbs and disproportioned eyes mirroring abstract paintings. Regardless of your artistic skill, seeing your creations in the game's environment is visually intriguing and makes for a more personable experience.



## HIGH DISTINCTION



### FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

BY LIAM LUANGRATHRAJASOMBAT

*Friday Night Lights* is the best sports drama of all time you'd be hard-pressed to find a series that captures the intensity of American football, the dramas of adolescence and even the complexities of adult family conflict, as well as *FNL* does. The funny thing about the five season series is that almost everybody is a main character. There is no central narrative - the only thread that ties everything together is the Texas town's love for football.

Dillon, Texas is that small town with big dreams. You can imagine the surprise on everyone's faces when star quarterback, Jason Street has his promising football career wiped out because of a spinal injury in the first game of the season. Street's accident is a low key catalyst for much of what happens in the series. Coach Eric Taylor has to find a new star quarterback, Matt Saracen is forced to step up to team leader after being on the bench for most of his life, and the rest of the team just don't know how to cope. Moreover, how does Street's girlfriend handle the news? Why would her father be against her staying with him? Why does Street's best friend go into seclusion?

Tied together by football, character development is the biggest success of *Friday Night Lights*. You can't consider yourself an expert on teen drama based on *Gossip Girl* or *The O.C.* without watching this.

## DISTINCTION



### YOURS - SG LEWIS

BY NADIA YEO

Hailing from the long line of British electronic music producers swarming our airwaves, newcomer SG Lewis is bringing his Disclosure-esque deep house beats rooted with R&B soul to the charts. The 22-year-old musical scientist, whose real name is Sam Lewis, tests his experimental tunes in the electronic music waters, pushing the boundaries of stereotyped club music. His concoction of calm beats juxtaposes the pumped-up electronic sounds, highlighting his unconventional DJ style perfectly.

Since dropping his highly successful debut single 'Warm' last year, SG Lewis is back with a new EP, titled *Yours*. The album features his signature smooth vocals and progressive experimental electronic sounds, and is a perfect end to the summer and welcome to the new uni year. Tunes like 'Holding Back' and 'Yours' will get your groove on and it is just the sound you can't help but bob your head to. With his nomination on MTV's Brand New 2016 list and having earnt a coveted performance spot on the 2016 *Coachella* lineup, SG Lewis is definitely a fresh face to keep our radars on.



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# UNSUNG HEROES

BY SAMANTHA BALDRY

We all sing praises to the people at UNSW that help us survive the semester: our lecturers, older students and our tute friends. But there are a few people we so often forget! Shout-out to the backstage crew, our guardian angels, the unsung heroes of UNSW.

## BARISTAS

These guys and gals work behind coffee machines like a well-oiled machine allowing you to transform from your zombie-like state just in time for your 9am class. They don't just froth milk, and grind beans during peak hour, they prevent us from scribbling incomprehensible notes in our sleepy state. Our grades thank you, baristas – especially those at The Whitehouse who are there from early morning to late night, supplying sustenance to even the latest wakers. We love you a latte.



## Arc WELLNESS

Suffering from a case of the blues? Struggling to concentrate in class? Need someone to help you get back on track? Arc Wellness is there to help. They run fortnightly pop-ups, from Yoga and Mindfulness classes to the Pat-a Pooch room (basically a room full of puppies to play with) and Stress Less Week, helping us put our health and happiness first.

Visit [arc.unsw.edu.au/wellness](http://arc.unsw.edu.au/wellness) for more info on wellness initiatives and wellbeing tips.



## CLUBS & SOCIETIES

We wouldn't have much of a social life without all those clubs and societies ensuring our time at uni is filled with tons of fun! There over 200 clubs and societies around campus, from The Secret Society and Chess Club to the United Nations Society and Circus Society. Whatever your interests, there's bound to be a club for it, and if one doesn't exist you can start your own.

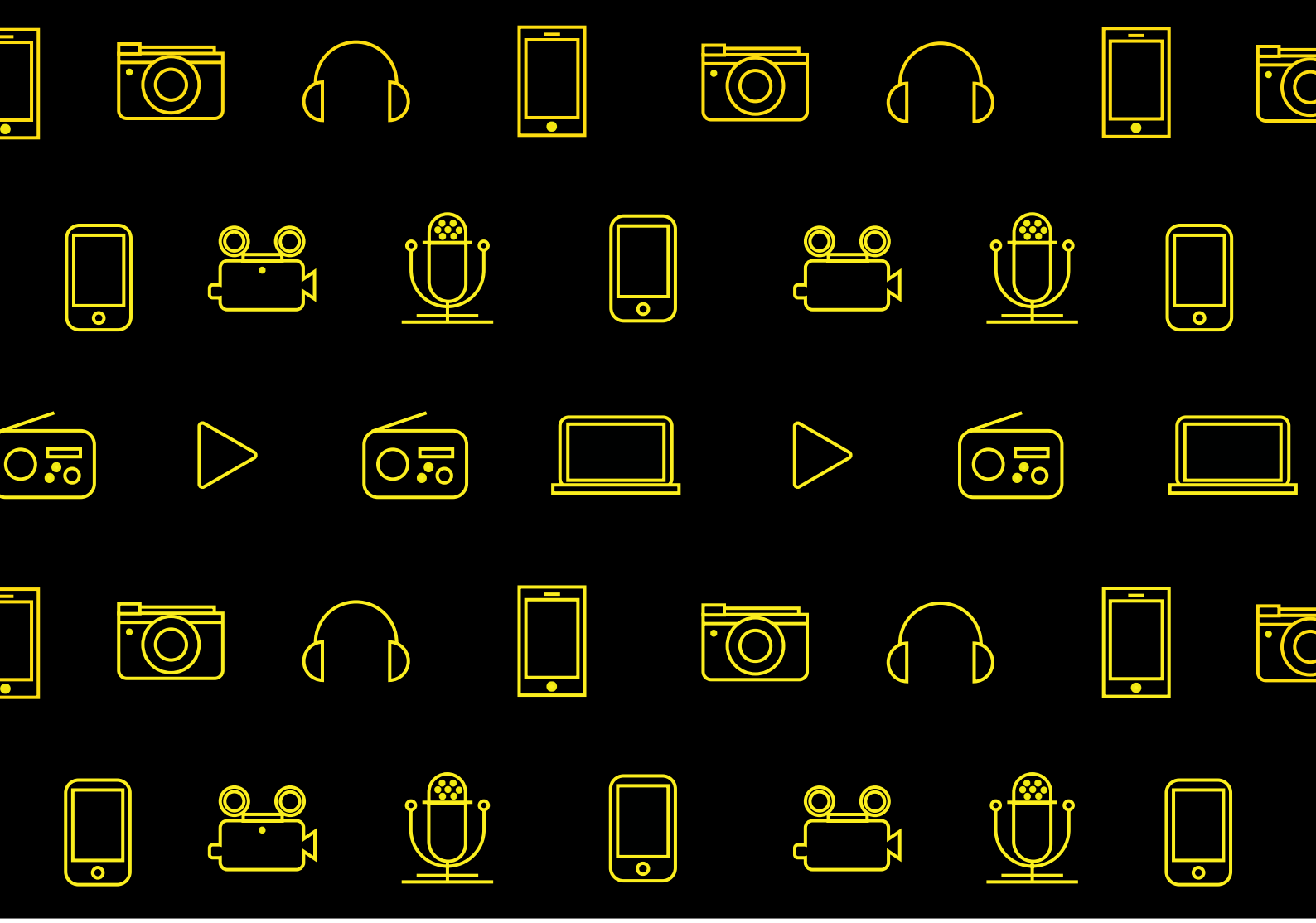
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## CAMPUS SECURITY

They may not directly assist us with our assignments, but Campus Security do help us sleep at night (especially if you live on campus). Keeping us safe behind the scenes, the lovely security staff are always a call away if we ever have concerns for our safety. Without their green shirts and expertise, our campus wouldn't be as safe as it is.





# BLITZ

BLITZ IS THE ULTIMATE STUDENT GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON, WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT, SPRINKLED WITH A FEW MEMES, PUNS AND A HEAVY DOSE OF HUMOUR. RUN BY A BUNCH OF CREATIVE AND MEDIA-LOVING STUDENTS BURSTING WITH IDEAS, WE DEVELOP AND PUBLISH CONTENT FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT OF YOUR EAGER EYES AND EARS THROUGH ONLINE ARTICLES, VIDEOS, PODCASTS, OUR RADIO STATION AND BIENNIAL PRINT MAGAZINE.

We've interviewed big names like RUFUS, Wil Anderson and Rebecca Black. We've covered events like *Groovin The Moo*, *TEDx Sydney* and *Tropfest*. We've produced comedy skits, recapped Session Parties and participated in the odd challenge. We've been keeping students in the loop since '88, and this year we've got plans to be bigger and better than ever before.

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# CLUB INTERVIEW

## B-GRADE SOCIETY

BY ALBERT LIN

You know those movies that are so bad they make you clutch your side in laughter when you're meant to be screaming in fear? Well, there's a society for that! We sat down with Jack, the President of the *B-Grade Society* to learn more about the film equivalent of laughing at failed Pinterest projects.

### SO WHAT EXACTLY IS THE *B-GRADE SOCIETY*?

The focus of it is to watch low-budget films. We like movies that are so bad they're good. As a society, we also like alternative comedy - we do things like watch comedy shows and more out there things.

### SPEAKING OF MOVIES THAT ARE SO BAD THEY'RE GOOD, WHAT IS IT ABOUT BAD MOVIES THAT MAKES THEM ENJOYABLE?

There's the acting, the sets, the lack of money that's been put into it. Sometimes there's been too much money put into it, and they just do a bad job of it. The characters, the story, there's lots of things that make bad movies enjoyable. The people creating these movies have huge aspirations to make a great film and it's great to watch when they completely mess everything up.

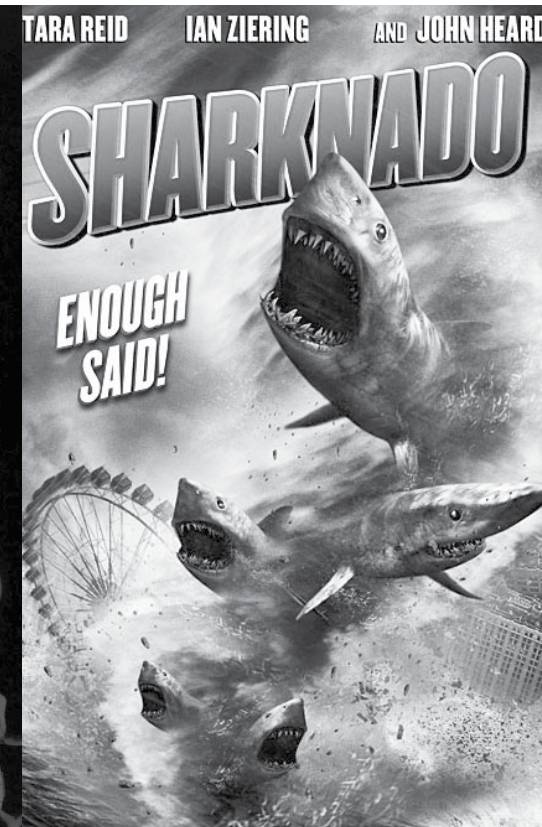
### WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE BAD MOVIE?

It's got to be *The Room*. People have heard of *Birdemic* and *Sharknado* and things like that, there are loads of bad movies, but *The Room* takes the cake. It had a relatively large budget, at least a few million and managed to be so bad it was great!

There were opening shots of San Francisco that cost half the budget, so you can imagine the rest of the movie. We do a screening of *The Room* once a year, because of how bad and yet so good it is. The director's vision for it was so weird and bizarre and that makes it so enjoyable - a must see.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT B-MOVIES WITH A CULT FOLLOWING, AND THE COMMUNITY THAT FORMS AROUND THEM TO MAKE THEIR OWN IN-JOKES AND META-COMMENTARY, LIKE *THE ROOM* AND SPOONS, OR *THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW*?

Sometimes *Sharknado*, and similar movies are funny to watch but it doesn't feel like they deserve a cult following, because in my opinion they just didn't do that good of a job. *The Room* or *The Rocky Horror Show*, have a lot of different facets to it, and there's a lot of jokes you can make about them because they're so weird and interesting, warranting a cult following. Every year we go to Hayden Orpheum in Mosman to watch *The Room*, they hand out spoons, and we scream and shout out during the movie. Such an experience has become so big, it sold out in 2016!







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# HOROSCOPES



ARIES

In 2017, you will have a love/hate relationship with time. Your alarm may be a salty b\*tch and make you miss your first lecture but at least you can pretend you're still in holiday mode for a little bit longer.



CANCER

This year, you will evolve into the perfect stud(ent). Try not to get yourself in too much debt or burn down your kitchen/house when cooking your fourth packet of mi-goreng for the day.



LIBRA

You're going to meet someone you have the hots for. You'll stalk them on social media instead of asking them out, because a relationship sounds like work.



CAPRICORN

Dream big because if you do, you get more time to sleep and sleep is life. Nap during your breaks, but don't do it on campus because someone will take a photo of you and upload it to Facebook.



TAURUS

Although you will have a heavy workload this year, your workload reflects you chasing your dreams. You may struggle with procrastination but this will make you worthy of the title: Procrastination Kween.



LEO

Your dreams are destined to come true. People may start talking behind your back about you, but don't worry - it's mainly because they're jealous of you.



SCORPIO

This year you will have sore cheeks from smiling and laughing too much, whether it's from someone tripping over or bingeing on deserts remember to exercise those cheeks of yours.



AQUARIUS

Opportunities are falling at your feet. Choose wisely or prepare to regret your decisions existential crisis style.



GEMINI

The stars have aligned in your favour for 2017, it is likely that you will meet your soulmate. Always carry chewing gum on you, you don't want to talk to potential soulmates with bad breath.



VIRGO

In the year of 2017 you should stop make less goals - so you won't disappoint your future self when you can't achieve all of them.



SAGITTARIUS

In 2017 you will experience many changes in your life. If you're feeling unlucky, head to The Whitehouse or Greenhouse on St Patrick's Day for a spot of Irish luck to rub off on you.

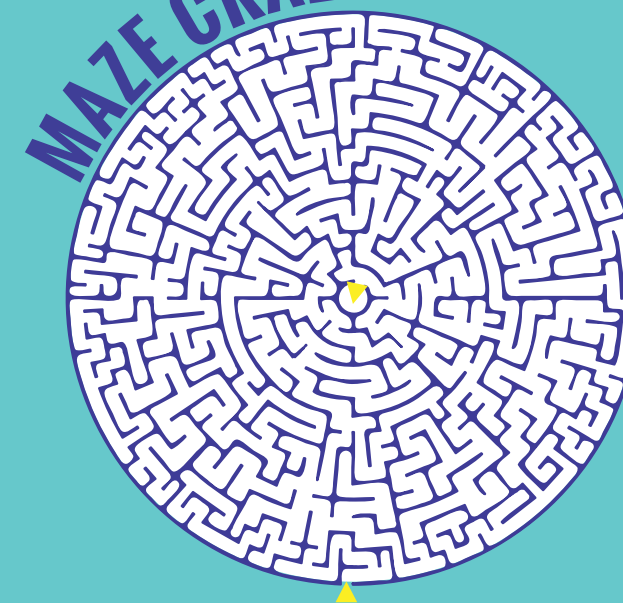


PISCES

All your problems will be solved this year... mainly because you'll be avoiding them.

# PUZZLES

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# VOX POPS

## WITH YELLOW SHIRTS

### BRENDON KIM



**YELLOW SHIRTS POSITION & WHAT IT ENTAILS:**  
I'm the Tours and Training Organising Team member. The Training aspect involves pumping the leadership body with confidence to lead their squads, and teaching the Yellow Shirt volunteers required information. We also create the SNOW Quiz which tests their campus knowledge. The Tours aspect involves creating a functional tour system including the tour route, marshalling system and logistics of the tour bags.

**THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE UNI LIFE:**  
Chill then 0-to-100

**ADVICE FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS:**  
Get involved with as many societies, clubs and Arc initiatives from the get go. Over time you'll find certain things more enjoyable, so pursue those ones with more gusto!

**UNMISSABLE EVENTS DURING O-WEEK:**  
Campus tours and jelly wrestling.

**BEST CLUB ON CAMPUS:**  
Arc Goes To...

### WENDY TRAN



**YELLOW SHIRTS POSITION & WHAT IT ENTAILS:**  
Team Development and Support Coordinator. See all those Yellow Shirts around campus? My role is to look after their health, well-being and development. It's also my role to organise fun things like the selections process, camp and catering for our volunteers!

**THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE UNI LIFE:**  
Versatile, Fun, Deadlines

**ADVICE FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS:**  
Get out there and meet as many people as you can. Don't hold yourself back! The friends you make now can be the ones that stick with you all throughout your degree and beyond.

**UNMISSABLE EVENTS DURING O-WEEK:**  
Join a campus tour and learn all about the hot spots at UNSW! Or if you're looking for something more chill, take part in speed friending or bingo!

**BEST CLUB ON CAMPUS:**  
Vietnamese Students Association or VSA for short! (Free food every fortnight, that's lunch sorted.)

### EDMOND NGAI



**YELLOW SHIRTS POSITION & WHAT IT ENTAILS:**  
As Clubs and Sports Coordinator, I organise and deal with the logistics of Club Stalls and allocation for O-Week. This position also involves event management and a bit of creativity in trying to put sporting and regular clubs on the map for new and returning students. It's not an easy role to say the least, but it's something that's very rewarding and your efforts translate to the success of Clubs at O-Week and beyond.

**THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE UNI LIFE:**  
Community, Vibrant and Snags

**ADVICE FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS:**  
Pool notes/resources with your classmates - it's not the HSC anymore, and you're all in it to help each other pass! Embrace opportunity - discover yourself and delve into your interests or perhaps try your hand at volunteering.

**UNMISSABLE EVENTS DURING O-WEEK:**  
Thursday's Day of Play! It's going to be a packed day full of sports classes, social competitions, inflatables, new friends and prizes as well!

**BEST CLUB ON CAMPUS:**  
UNSW Campus Runners. Believe it or not, you don't have to be a state representative in cross-country to be part of this club!

### SHARON WONG



**YELLOW SHIRTS POSITION & WHAT IT ENTAILS:**  
I'm in charge of the Academic Events and Services portfolio for the Yellow Shirts program, which involves introducing students interested in academic pursuits to a range of events and organisations from a variety of academic arenas. I'm responsible for bringing a host of talks, workshops and demonstrations and I also get to look after getting the fun stuff to O-Week like Nitrogen ice cream!

**THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE UNI LIFE:**  
Coffee, Struggles, Debt

**ADVICE FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS:**  
Get the cheapest drinks on campus at the Quad Chemist. And also, Zooper Doopers.

**UNMISSABLE EVENTS DURING O-WEEK:**  
Get your free nitrogen ice cream on Alumni Lawn, and win some great prizes by joining in the games and talent quests at the Quad!

**BEST CLUB ON CAMPUS:**  
All of them! But if you've ever watched *Ricky Martin* do his thing, and wanted to learn how to glide sensually across the dance floor, check out the Latin Dance Society for some top notch classes.

### JESSICA DAI



**YELLOW SHIRTS POSITION & WHAT IT ENTAILS:**  
I'm the O-Week Social Programs Coordinator, and I help bring fun events to uni for O-Week! (Because after all, uni is not just about the study - it's about having a great time too!)

**THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE UNI LIFE:**  
Diverse, Enriching, Memorable

**ADVICE FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS:**  
Get involved! Whether it's going to society events, or taking part in a volunteer program - there's so much to do at uni in your spare time and it's a great way to meet new people. Also, explore! UNSW has so many cool things (I mean, we've got a museum!), so just have a wander around - you never know what you'll find.

**UNMISSABLE EVENTS DURING O-WEEK:**  
Tea & Coffee society (for all the tea and coffee lovers) and Quidditch Society! Make sure you check out the Quadrangle and Village Green, there will be lots of events going on there.

**BEST CLUB ON CAMPUS:**  
Cooking Society!

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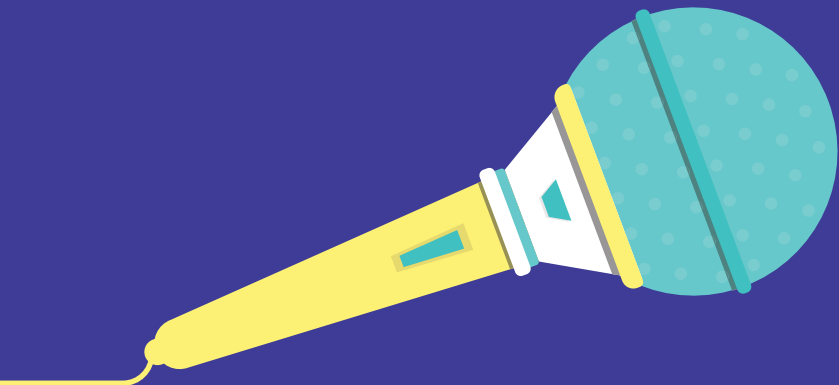
**YELLOW SHIRTS POSITION & WHAT IT ENTAILS:**  
I work with Arc Marketing and various other stakeholders to create the marketing plan and materials to advertise for O-Week and all our events!

**THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE UNI LIFE:**  
Naps are life

**ADVICE FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS:**  
Don't stress over the small stuff and get involved at uni! Participating in various volunteering programs and joining societies was probably the best decision I've made, and I've made so many friendships and learnt so much about myself through it! Oh also, don't stress eat. You'll regret it.

**UNMISSABLE EVENTS DURING O-WEEK:**  
O-Week Tour's! Our social activations at the Quad! Our amazing Night Events! Our fun Academic events!

**BEST CLUB ON CAMPUS:**  
UNIT (University Network for Investing and Trading)



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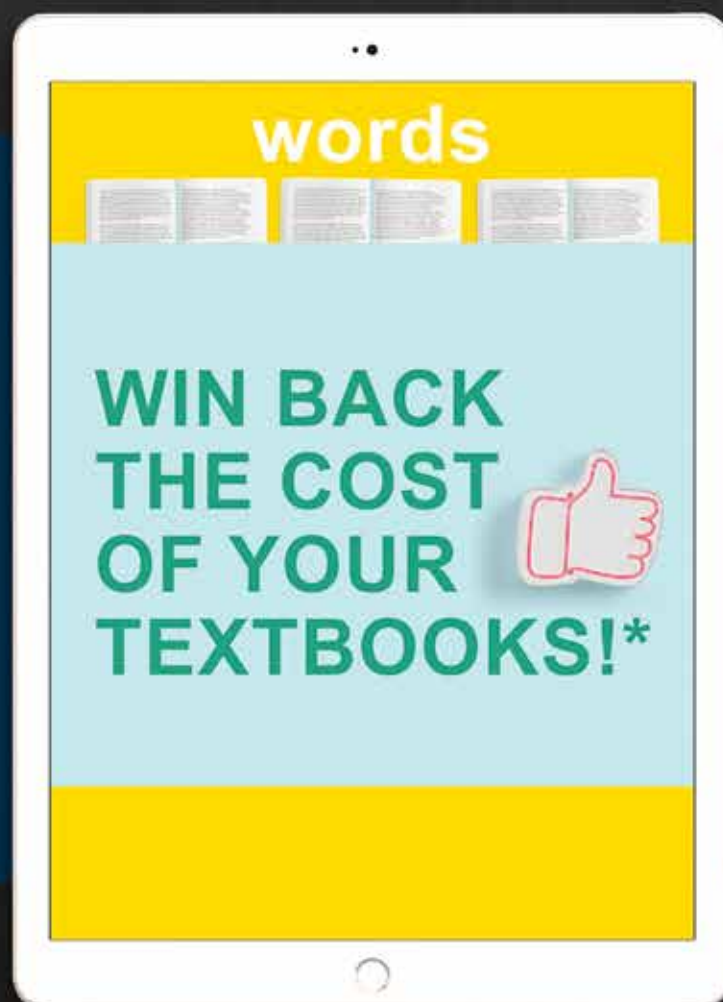


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