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Dormant SRC launches GoFundMe in attempt to revive itself



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The former employees and volunteers of Sydney University's so-called 'Student Representatives' Council' ('SRC') have set up a GoFundMe page in an attempt to resuscitate the parasitic organisation.

With a fundraising goal of \$100,000, sum would apparently amount to half

a year's worth of funding.

The crowdfunding page points the finger at the Liberal government's prudent decision to abolish the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF), the SRC's primary source of the 'SRC' has set its sights high; the funding, calling the move "callous" and "irresponsible".

However, despite the University generously providing one month's worth of operating budget, the SRC failed to readjust its finances to innovatively adapt to its new funding model, leading to its collapse late last year.

The statement on the page also says the 'SRC' is a "vital organisation whose services have helped students in innumerable ways".

The 'SRC' purportedly provided free legal and caseworker services, which were allegedly used by students in need; however, the fact the university did not feel the need to grant any special considerations applications this year is a testament to the student body thriving without those services.

At time of publication, the page had garnered just \$349 in donations, \$250 of which were accidentally donated by USyd CEO Michael Spence, who mistook the page for a Sydney Theatre Company (STC) fundraiser.

McDonald's opens on campus



McDonald's is set to bring you delicious burgers, fries, nuggets and allday breakfast without having to leave campus!

Everyone knows the struggle of choosing between travelling to Stanmore or From Wednesday, you'll never have I'm lovin' it, and you will too.

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But the great people at Macca's have

to think twice about where to charge up with a study snack because you'll be able to purchase all your favourite menu items from the prime, central location of USyd's Manning Bar.

The new outlet is opening this Wednesday, and the first 100 customers will receive free loaded fries to celebrate (delicious!).

They've also announced a special Quad-er pounder, with premium jacaranda-fed beef garnished with a slice of Courtyard pizza.

If you've gotta stay glued to your desk, never fear — free delivery will be available from the week after opening.

Releasing Students from the Chains of SSAF Made Student Life Super Lit

Since Prime Minister Peter Dutton abolished the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) last year, student life has improved astronomically, contrary to the fears of pesky student activists. SSAF made everyone pay up to \$300 per year to the University, which was then split between student organisations, taking away students' right to choose where their money was spent. Its abolition has led to much better student life — not to mention an extra \$300 in your pocket to spend on RM Williams!

1. The Students' Representative Council is broke

You might think this sounds bad, given they used to provide vital legal and casework services, but remember those protests that used to disturb your lectures and private study with megaphones? The SRC funded them, so you don't have to worry about activism on campus anymore! I don't know about you, but I'd much prefer my parents' money went to my \$100,000 degree than

protesters trying to keep fees down.

2. Parties are pumpin'

There's nothing I like more than kicking back after a long day in parliament, loosening the old tie and having a bevvy with the boys. Some people thought student parties would suffer with the USU losing SSAF as a revenue stream, but since Merivale bought Manning six months ago, the parties have been super lit — and all it took to revive student life was the free market. It's a little more expensive now, but it's good to keep the riff-raff out an-

3. Sport continues to thrive

Of biggest concern to our Party was Sydney University Sport and Fitness (SUSF) losing a major portion of its funding with the abolition of SSAF. But thankfully the government recognised the immense importance of training up the future athletes of our lucky country and began to fund SUSF itself. Our rowing boys just won the nationals comp for the third consecutive time! It's never been a better time to be an elite athlete.

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Moving On Up!

Congratulations to Tom Barney-Gleeson, Jake Merina and Ned McMann, who have left the Sydney University Liberal Club to pursue careers in Canberra.

Jake will be working in the office of Prime Minister Dutton, while Tom and Ned will be taking up positions under Minister for Women Dutton and Education Minister Dutton respectively.

After illustrious careers as campus politicians and influencers, our three golden boys have proven themselves to be competent, well-liked and very good at herding voters to polls, voting booths, and general meetings.

Showing their versatility and agility in being able to run as Liberals and Independents at the same time, these boys are well on their way to the top.

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THE LATEST **SUMMER 2023**

STUDENT NEWS



Sydney again ranked in top 89 universities

The University of Sydney has been ranked in the top 89 universities in the world for the 20th year in a row.

The 2024 QS World University Rankings, released today, placed the University at 89th in the world. The University has ranked in the top 89 every year since the rankings started in 2004.

While the University's faculty-student ratio score, student-classroom ratio score and academic satisfaction score decreased, it earned strong scores in its reputation with employers and corporate partners.

In fact, Corporate partners around the world viewed Sydney's research and teaching so highly, it ranked 3rd in the world in the corporate reputation indicator.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Professor Duncan Iveson said the rankings placed the University in the top seven per cent of universities in the world for another year. "It's pleasing to see corporations around the world regard our research so highly."

USyd student reaches new heights as alumni caller

A University of Sydney student has reached new heights, professionally and personally, as the highest grossing alumni caller of the year.

Third year Bachelor of Arts (Advanced Studies)/Bachelor of Commerce student Jake Timmonds. started his journey with the IN-SPIRED campaign team earlier this vear because "it paid decent and Star Bar raised the price of shots to \$7.50".

After 5.237 calls to Australia's most esteemed university alumni, Timmonds, who graduated from Sydney Grammar in 2016, raised over \$412,000.

When asked about his road to success. Timmonds cited the strong leadership and persuasive speaking abilities he learnt during his days of networking in high school.

"I just talked to the alumni about how they obviously have enough money to pay for their AUDI TT," he explained.

"So why couldn't they fork out half that amount to fund a scholarship for an equally privileged debater from Scots to come and study a Law/Commerce degree that they will drop out of in second year to take up Liberal Arts?"

But the role didn't come without its challenges. Timmonds' turned quiet when telling us about the time he nearly lost it all.

"I had been on a call to this Citibank executive, graduated back with Abbott, for like 45 minutes and was about to close in on \$12,000 donation when he said 'do you take American Express'?" Timmonds recounted, wringing his palms.

"We just don't have that kind of technology here in the office; it's Mastercard or nothing.

Timmonds credits his commerce degree, majoring in social entrepreneurship, as the main reason for his achievements, though.

"It's really taught me to see people as more than just people; as untapped profit margins."

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Uni saves \$1m with innovative new staffing process

Thanks to a creative and exciting administrative processes. new restructuring of the University's senior leadership, we have been able to save over \$1 million of your money; by trimming the fat, we have streamlined and simplified our decision making and

By removing the superfluous roles of Deputy Vice Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services) and Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education), we have been able

to free up vital funding for Sydney University Sport and Fitness. A portion of the money will also be channelled into our new community strategy, 'Growth', which is 200,000 students strong and counting!

HAGIOGRAPHY

Glorious Michael Spence appointed CEO for life

The University of Sydney Senate has unanimously voted to appoint Michael Spence as CEO for life. Spence, who has served as Vice Chancellor since 2008 will continue to lead the University into the future.

Spence will be the first University CEO to secure a life term, a move which consolidates USyd's position as the most innovative higher education institution in the

"I am delighted to continue to my reign over this fine University. The Senate has recognised that only I can provide the strong and stable leadership needed to navigate the next decades," Spence told Honi.

"This is the most important moment in the history of the University's management since we purged [former Deputy Vice Chancellor Tyrone Carlin]."

Under his decade-long tenure, Spence has presided over many crucial reforms which have improved the University's productivity and financial position.

A figure of cool-headed authority, Spence was instrumental in helping secure the long-awaited passage of critical Higher Education reforms through parliament, which involved the deregulation of university fees and Spence told Honi: "I am the Senate". abolition of voluntary student unionism.

The decision follows amendments by the NSW Parliament to the University of Sydney by-laws last year. which replaced the position of Vice Chancellor with CEO for life.

In a statement at the time, NSW Premier Peter Phelps said that the reforms were designed to provide stability to the tertiary education industry, and maintain investor confidence.

"As our state's flaghship educational institution, the University of Sydney needs a leader who can provide strong and stable long-term vision. These reforms will allow the University to truly become an internationally renowned brand."

Not everyone appreciates the achievements of our CEO, however. A handful of dishevelled protesters, rumoured to be former members of the now defunct 'Grassroots' faction attempted to violently storm the Chancellery and overthrow our leader. Fortunately they were quickly apprehended by Campus Security.

"The Senate is a sham," one of the filthy rabble-rousers was heard to have said.

UNIVERSITY INTRODUCES HYPER-ADVANCED DEGREE

From 2024, the University of Sydney will introduce a new degree for gifted students, the Bachelor of Specialist, Accelerated Higher Advanced Studies degree. The degree allows students to complete their undergraduate studies in just one year, while receiving the very best a USyd education has to offer.

The BSpecAccHAdvStudies is the natural next step in the University's innovative approach to degree structure. It follows the release of the Bachelor of Advanced Studies in 2018, the Bachelor of Higher Advanced Studies in 2020, and the Bachelor of Accelerated Higher Advanced Studies in 2022.

The BSpecAccHAdvStudies is only open to the academic elite - students with an ATAR over 90 or a

Weighted Average Mark of at least 55. It is also only available to students who have already completed each of the other three advanced studies bachelor degrees.

An intensive and academically rigorous program, the BSpecAccHAdvStudies is designed to truly test the leaders of tomorrow. Students complete a standard bachelor of arts program in one academic year, with classes running throughout the summer and winter breaks.

This means that students who complete a BSpecAccHAdvStudies, will graduate with four advanced studies degrees as well as their primary degree after only 7 years.

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How being underpaid builds character

'I wouldn't trade being underpaid for anything' writes Beau Bleau.

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Recently, the media has been filled with hysterical accounts from young, entitled millennials who insist that they should be paid what they call They believe that if their employer 'minimum wage'; some even demand exorbitant hourly rates which they have called a 'living wage'.

This sort of practice betrays the happier. shameful and greedy attitude that permeates the minds of the youths of today, especially international students. Detached from reality, they believe that entering the job market somehow equates to not having to choose between rent and food.

magical panacea that lets them afford essential items and services.

were to 'obey' the 'laws', they would be better off — that somehow, there is a mystical correlation between being paid a 'legal' amount and being

But they're gravely misled.

What sort of intellectually and emotionally impoverished life would we lead if we were given everything we wanted?

They believe, foolishly, that getting Understanding the importance of paid enough money to live above hard work, having to struggle for the poverty line is going to somehow everything, feeling the fiercely galvasolve all their problems, like some nising, honourable pain of hunger as

you skip dinner for the third day in a row — these are the things that make a life worth living.

When we are poor in money, we are rich in innovation, camaraderie, adventure, and strength. When we are paid below what our intrusive nanny-state government deems the so-called 'minimum wage', we are made to understand the true value of the people around us, and what it means to live life free from material constraints and 'necessities'.

In reality, everyone has to struggle for things in their lives. And why should money dictate our happiness? I wouldn't trade being 'underpaid' for anything — not even being able to eat enough to stay awake in class.



Fossil fuels are still our future

Divesting from fossil fuels would be divesting from the heart and soul of this University, writes Chancellor Belinda Hutchinson.

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Calls to divest from fossil fuels are mounting once again amidst global pressure and evidence that climate change is affecting our natural environment on a catastrophic scale. The University agrees. It recognises the emergency in this; that life will not be sustained if global warming continues at its current rate. This is why we've focused on saving the Great Barrier Reef in our 'Pave the Way' campaign, and it goes without saying that the University is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and addressing the causes of climate change.

Our commitment to an innovative, whole-of-portfolio approach looks beyond fossil fuels alone, and instead seeks to reduce the carbon footprint of the University's share investments by a humongous 20 per cent. Because what better and more innovative way is there to address a problem, than looking beyond that problem altogether? Partiality is key — historically, it is clear that no progress has ever been made by committing to causes consistently and wholeheartedly.

This strategy signals to the entire fossil fuel market that their investors are slightly concerned about the impact of climate change, and that we expect the sector to respond with plans to reduce their emissions — at least, with plans as robust, hard-hitting, and ultimately significant as ours. We maintain, as we always have, that divesting is a blunt instrument which delivers sub-optimal outcomes for all parties concerned. Even Saudi Arabia's own oil minister has criticised divestment as "misguided".

Divesting entirely from all companies with an interest in fossil fuels could result in divesting from companies that are also committed to building renewable energy sources. Some fossil fuel producers are investing heavily in renewable energy, and therefore divesting from these producers would not help the uptake of low carbon sources of energy.

Such companies include AGL Energy, a company that I, your Chancellor, just happen to have proudly sat on the board of for the last few years. You see, divesting from companies like AGL would literally be divesting from the heart and soul of this University.

Other hearts and souls here — Fellows of our precious University Senate — are equally as invested in not divesting. My Deputy Chancellor, Alec Brennan, is a proud director of Emeco group; a company that provides the global mining industry with the shiny equipment they need to tear up the earth. Pro-Chancellor David Mortimer is a director of Petsec Energy, and Pro-Chancellor Kevin McCann is a chairman of Origin Energy, which owns Australia's largest coalfired power station. Divestment hits at the heart of these precious relationships, and our precious positions. We must get the balance right between environmental responsibilities, and maintaining the cushy status quo we enjoy.



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OPINION

New degree costs teach fiscal responsibility

CEO-for-life **Michael Spence** reflects on the wisdom of his youth to examine the implications of \$100,000 degrees.

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Some said that unlimited university fees died with Tony Abbott's dreams of giving every member of the Royal Family a knighthood. I disagree.

\$100,000 for a degree is not only reasonable: it's what the youth want, deep down.

You see, I spoke to a youth recently.

Sure, that youth was my own younger self, but as I like to say, if you don't learn from history then you're doomed to repeat it.

And young Spence, on his way to the seminary from Knox Grammar School, was a boy in touch with his peers. He knew that students want the freedom of thrift — the freedom to spend money on studies, not druggies.

As the Book of Job tells us: discretionary income is a curse, and I should know: I'm saddled with \$1.34 million of it.

But reforming fees upwards is not only character building — it's also fairer.

Fairer because students — rich and poor — pay the same amount for education at the moment. If you're an investment banker or a taxi driver, your kids' education costs the same. That is deeply inequitable.

Our solution is as simple as it is radical: increase the costs for everyone.

And sure, that makes it harder, rather than easier, for the poor to come to university, but we have a solution that is deeply elegant: scholarships.

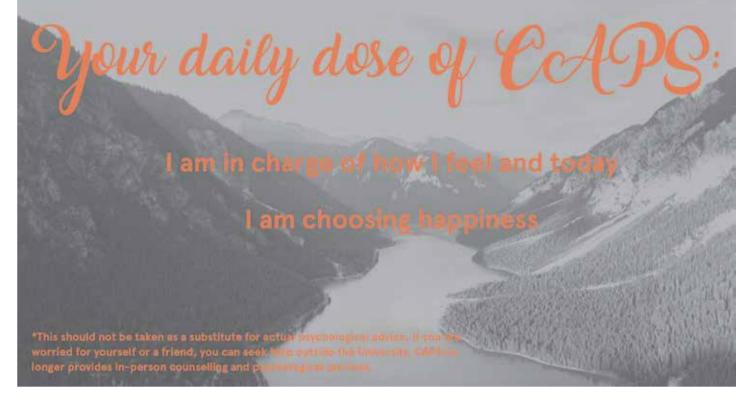


\$100,000 degrees will improve staff conditions too

Let's be clear: those scholarships will be means tested and given to those who are truly deserving: James Ruse students who speak more than two languages, play an instrument and are inexplicably good at rugby. Maybe Sydney Boys at a stretch.

Now some have said that that excludes students who didn't attend schools with lavish extracurricular programs, but to them I say: "Fuck off, you wouldn't have got into this sandstone paradise anyway".





One contact hour per semester is the way of the future

The University's new contact hours policy will only threaten learning outcomes for students who don't try hard enough, writes **Skipper Carlson**.

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When the University introduced one contact hour subjects, the decision was met with criticism from some, and outright suspicion from others. "What will happen to lecturers for the other 520 working hours per semester? What will happen if students need to ask their lecturers questions? Won't learning outcomes be reduced?", skeptics asked.

However, the University has ensured no learning opportunities are lost, with all teaching materials for the semester pre-recorded and available through lecture recording software Echo360.

The system has only been in place for one semester, but I've already got a head-start on my subjects by watching all of my lectures at once, before the semester has even started. This

has been great because semester dates conflicted with my clerkship. It's been especially easy with the Echo360 software because it lets me watch up to two lectures at once with the stereo function, and speed up the content by six times. It's made even more efficient because other students don't stop the lecturer to ask questions and the lecturer doesn't try to start "class discussions".

It's also had great results for my friends, from what I've heard. One of my friends who has to work 40 hours per week to afford their \$100,000 degree has found it fantastic having next to no contact hours — not to mention the time and money they've saved on travel and clothes. I'm not sure when they're catching up on their lectures but hey, I guess that's a sacrifice you've got to make to afford your education.

Overall, lecturers have said fewer students than ever are engaging with lecture material ... but I just can't see why this has been framed as a negative. It's a competitive job market out there, and you can be sure that people who aren't listening to any of their lectures aren't going to be doing as well as yours truly. It's not the University's responsibility to provide structures that motivate students to focus on their studies, and if anything this will just weed out students who don't want it enough.

If there's any negative to the program, I guess I'd say it's a shame that I haven't seen my friends at all this semester. But I've been getting far better traction on LinkedIn. You win some, you lose some.

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My year as a Student Ambassador

A real Student Ambassador* recounts a fantastic year spreading the good word of the University of Sydney.

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This year, I've had the honour of representing this esteemed institution as a Student Ambassador.

If that name doesn't mean much to you, don't worry — I'm sure you've seen us around! We're the friendly faces you see on campus in red shirts, telling everyone how much we love USyd. The University may have even sent one of us to your high school — if it was a private or selective school in the inner Sydney region, or the People's Republic of China.

The opportunities that being a Student Ambassador opens are almost endless.

On this year's Open Day, the University asked me to give a speech about Arts degrees because the staff member who was scheduled on to give the lecture was on strike for better working conditions. Though I'm an engineering student and don't really know about Arts degrees, I took this opportunity to practise my improvisational public speaking skills — not to mention it'll be a great story for job interviews if I'm asked about resilience.

Last year, my friend was given a directive to take down posters put up by students protesting the University's marketing campaign at the time. That's a job usually reserved for Campus Security!

Friends of mine have also been flown overseas — that might sound pretty expensive just to chat to a few prospective students, but when you consider their exorbitant international student fees, it's totally worth it.

*Not a University marketing staff member

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'Oh! Things are going pretty well for me, thanks for asking!'

By That Person From High School Who Started A Business To Fill A Gaping Hole In Their Life

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Oh, hey! How are you? Oh it's so great to see you! It's been so long hey. I bet you barely recognized me, I've gotten so much hotter recently. Yeah things have been great. I don't know if you've seen yet but I'm just starting a business at the moment and it's just so exhausting, I mean sometimes I spend eight or nine hours a day just telling every single one of my extended circle of family and friends about it. So tiring!

You should check out our Facebook tripping your friends into supporting page — the one that I'll probably never update except to post memes that I

find on the various business thought inspiration meme pages I browse now and then, although, by the time we go bankrupt I probably will have spent more time making the page than I will have spent drafting our business plan.

The other thing I should probably tell you is that because I'm running out of my uncle's "startup" "investment" money, I'll probably be forced to start a kickstarter soon. Crowdfunding is the future — not of business funding, but mostly the future of guilt you. And the future is now. Pay up! Haha. Please.

They say 80% of businesses fail in their first twelve months, so I'm working super hard to be in that top 20%! Although let's be honest here, we all know that I definitely won't be.



'I won't apologise for giving power tools the respect they absolutely deserve'

By James Simpson

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My name is James Simpson, and I love power tools.

I was ten years old when my father first took me to the shed out the back of our two-bedroom suburban house to discover drills.

I remember holding the tool, and feeling a thrill, a rush, a sense of infinite power. I later realised that that was the day I became a Man.

Now, I'm 55, and my passion for drills still burns bright. Nothing allows me to feel more alive, more powerful, and more masculine than drilling holes in my shed for no apparent reason.

There's nothing like the obnoxious roar of a turbo-charged battery-powered beast to reaffirm my fragile masculinity, and remind me that I am a red-blooded,

red-faced, middle aged, Anglo-Saxon male who likes barbecues and beer and cargo pants. But most importantly, the roar of my drill tells the world that I, James Simpson, am the owner of a penis — and a rather large one at that.

But the world is changing fast, and changing for the worse. Back in my day, drilling holes in the shed was a man's business. And it still should be!

These days, women think they deserve the right to drill holes too.

Look ladies, I am not sexist. I'm all for equality between men and women. Last week I even did the laundry.

But let me make this very, very clear to all the Sheilas out there:



Holes are for women to have, not make.

To suggest otherwise is simply political correctness gone mad. Drilling is our thing. It's a legacy, passed down from father to son, generation to generation. My father was a driller, and his father before him, and so on and so on back till till our ancestors drilled the first holes.

Ours is a sacred legacy, that has been untarnished by the fairer sex for centuries. That's the way things should always stay.

I will not apologise for loving my drill. But if you want to give it to a woman, you'll have to take it from my cold dead



Open letter: We're sorry we can't do more

Dear students and members of the community,

We're sorry. The reality is, as heads of colleges, we simply aren't responsible for the behaviour of people whose housing and social environment we provide.

There is simply no way that we could refer students who have committed sexual assaults to the relevant authorities. After all, their fathers and their fathers before them were not referred to the police, so it would be deeply unfair if the fourth or fifth generation of college men were held accountable for their behaviour.

Perhaps more than anything else, we want to foster an open discussion about this behaviour. If our students' behaviour is revealed, that discussion will stop. Therein lies the real problem: if we stop talking, we may have to start

Action of that kind is unavoidably dangerous. There are good boys at our colleges — the vast majority. They have been the bystanders when their peers posted sexist slurs or silently applauded their friends' boasts of sexual conquests. We cannot risk harming the reputations of these good folk by association with the actions of their peers. To do so would be to slander some of the most vulnerable in society; a generation of Mosmanites who wanted nothing more than to enjoy three years of debauchery before returning to their parents McMansions.

So, we're sorry. We'd like to do more. We've tried to do more, but we can't do more.

Sincerely,

Heads of St Andrew's College, St Paul's College, St John's College, Sancta Sophia, Wesley College, and Women's College

P.S. — On net, have our boys really done anything wrong? They have founded societies, won elections and run charities. As St Paul himself once said, "you can CV stack your way to heaven".

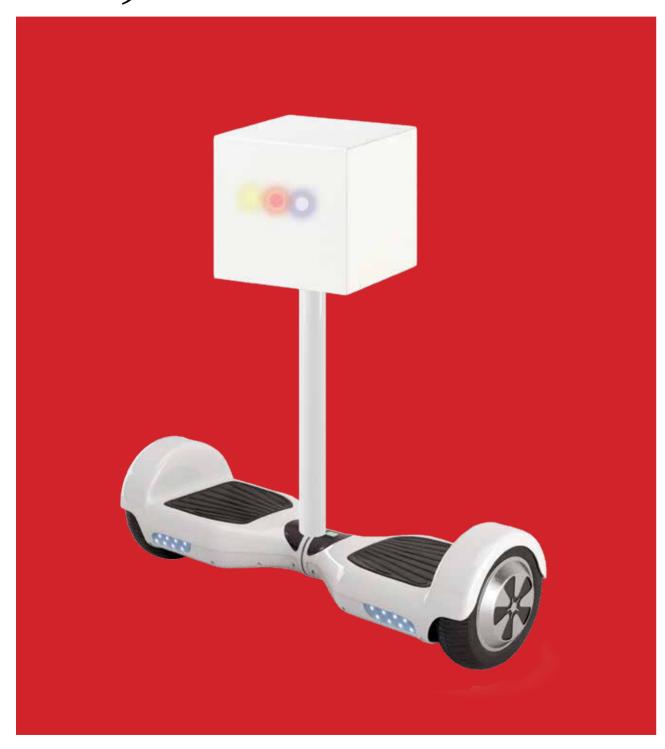


Researchers have found that 47% of Paul's College alumni end up marrying alumni of Women's College.

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HOW AUTOMATED TEACHING WILL CHANGE THE WAY YOU LEARN, KIND OF.

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"Excuse me." I ask. "I was a bit confused about the reading this week. I'm not really sure the point the writer was trying to make, or how his perspective differs from Weber's reading last week."

"Uh. Well. Basically I'd say this week's reading was much more materialist while Weber's reading really diverged from that and focuses much more on ascetic rationalism. Does that answer vour question?"

I sit at the foot of a conference table in tutorial room 209 in the Woolley building. Opposite me sits a plastic cube about the size of a microwave. The response from my tutor was so similar to how any other tutor might have responded except that this wasn't a regular tutor. It was Tutoma, the newest deliverable from the Uni's artificial intelligence platform unilearn.io.

Stunned, I recoiled back into my plastic chair.

"Yep," I lied. Tutoma's answer was the perfect blend of heady specialist jargon that made me realise that the more I asked, the more confused I would become, and make myself look like a moron in the process. Tutoma's answer was also delivered with a deflated, uninviting tone insinuated that the last thing it wanted was for me to ask it questions.

It's taken years for the team at unilearn.io to get the AI formula for their tutoring program just right. When the project started in 2012, the company was churning out effective prototypes, but they didn't accurately recreate the feel of being in an actual tutorial.

"When we first started out with Tutoma we actually made a program that would answer students questions, clearly, concisely and with a high degree of accuracy" explained unilearn.io's Chief Technical Officer, Natasha Wright. "It was a huge failure. We had to go back to the drawing board."

Over the ensuing months and years, unilearn.io used a machine learning algorithm, fine-tuned using thousands of hours of recorded tutorials, to hone in the machine's output and make it more realistic.

"Eventually we had a product that would answer questions vaguely and explain concepts clumsily."



unfortunately users still found that they were coming out of lessons with more actual knowledge then they came in with. The flaw was that the program's aim was still essentially to impart students with knowledge they would eventually be assessed on. So we realised a lot more work had to be done."

According to Wright, the breakthrough came when the the Al group figured out what they call "tutor indifference", the key to accurate tutorial recreation.

"What we realised is that the data the university supplied us with is tainted — it's riddled with thousands of recordings of tutors who are actually competent. So we used unit of study surveys to refine our data."

The group used tens of thousands of UoS feedback forms, along with personalised database profiles of students and tutors, data which was admittedly remarkably easy to acquire, to weed out samples in which the tutorials were actually effective.

"What we were left with is the most mediocre dataset possible. It took the program to unprecedented highs," Wright boasts.

"We are now proud to have an Al which will randomly devote a third of class time to a completely irrelevant youtube video, or encouraging tutorial discussion to go off the rails and become a banal conversation about current events"

It's also nailed the one question tutors ask the most.

"The intelligence learned the perfect way to ask 'has anyone done the readings this week?' in a tired, defeated tone which insinuates that, in fact, they never actually

It was a huge improvement, but expect anyone to actually do them unfortunately users still found that in the first place."

"If you asked anyone ten years ago whether we'd be able to reach this level of artificial intelligence by now, they would have thought you were nuts. We are truly living in a golden age of AI."

Last week, the organisation announced it would not confine itself to just tutors.

"unilearn.io is more than a service. It's an idea that aims to rethink tertiary education from the ground up" the group declared.

"We dream of a day not too far in the future where, when students first arrive to university, they'll be greeted by AI admin staff who are delicately calibrated to give you unhelpful, uninformed answers and tiredly refer you to a phone line, just like a real person would. We dream of a day when students will walk into a lecture and be met by an AI lecturer perfectly tweaked to emulate the casual sexism of a real one."

Like Uber, Snapchat and Amazon, other valuable tech startups that find themselves currently unprofitable, unilearn.io is currently unprofitable. Instead, it's telling the Uni to have products that come to dominate a segment of the market and generate monopoly value eventually, while also innovating in a number of fields.

When asked why it's so unprofitable to create a service that would make hundreds of jobs redundant, Wright replied "we thought we'd be replacing really highly paid jobs. But as it turns out, they barely pay tutors anything here. I mean, it costs us more to maintain the robots than it does to pay actual tutors."



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FEATURE



The world can be a cruel place. Luckily for us, the University of Sydney is here to be the boyfriend in your wet dreams tonight ... and every other night, too. *Here's why:*

It's great at foreplay

With great preparatory events like Open Day Info Day for prospective students, the Uni ty knows how to turn you on and get you ride. It's got experts in every position, so n't stress if you're inexperienced — instead, ask a lot of guestions, learn how to navigate the University's body and soul, and take the chance to really lap it all up. That's right, every single drop.

It's not afraid to experiment with multiple partners

People really come together at university — and nen we mean come together, we mean come together. With things like tutorial icebreakers, group assignments, and clubs and societies, uni is the place to really get your freak on. Regular parties, exciting new events and sultry gigs, too, will make it hard to tear yourself away from new friendships. It might seem awkward at first, but you'll soon get into the swing of things.

If you can't get in the front door, there's always the back door

Sometimes, using the front door all the time gets a There's nothing more satisfying than being made bit soring. Sometimes you need to try something new and different. With a bit of preparation (and maybe some stretching!), it's possible to spice we're talking about. Having your applications things up and widen your horizons. Even if you're a mature age student, it's never too late.

It's a dom with a firm but loving hand

Everybody loves a good whipping sometimes. es flowing, so you can really relax and enjoy. Like they say, there's a fine line between pleasand pain. And nobody knows how to dance along that line like your lecturers and tutors.

> That 60 per cent essay might leave a big red hand mark on your academic ass, but you know you love it. And if it's late? Expect to be disciplined even harder than before, with those sweet, sweet increased late penalties that hurt so good. Of course, all this is essential to training you up for the real world, where you'll eternally be playing the sub.



It knows how to make you beg for it

Wait for it. If you've ever submitted an application for special considerations, you know what rejected multiple times and needing to resubmit them over and over and over — it just makes it all

the more explosive when daddy officially gives you the fail grade he's been waiting to give you since the start of semester. You know, delayed gratification and all that.

It's the most generous lover you'll ever have

It's a shameless

Sometimes, when you've got the goods, you've

gotta flaunt them. And with a campus this sexy, who could blame the Uni for wanting to show

off a little bit? The Uni is always running slick, seductive marketing campaigns that could make

even the most prudish student a little hot under the collar. You might call it peacocking; we call it

USyd is full to bursting with myriad picturesque locations — locations where you might acciden-

tally get caught in compromising situations —

but like we said, who could blame you?

doing the world a favour.

exhibitionist

lover is one that knows when to take hen to give; one that will pay full attention when you need it most. When you're in ght spot, the University will take good care of you, with a range of scholarships and bursaries that will fulfil all your wildest dreams. If you need it, we've got it.



It's all about same love*

Just as there's more than one way to fuck, there's also more than one way to love. USyd has a place for everyone, no matter who or what you're into Don't you just hate it when guys tell you they had daddy doesn't judge, as long as you're good. pen days you might even see the rainbow flag flying proudly from atop the Quad.

*Note: the University does not publicly endorse same-sex marriage.

It can go all day and all night

might have thought the idea of a lover who os you up all night was just some inflated myth. twith Fisher, the Law Library, and Carslaw Learnng Hub open 24 hours a day, you won't catch a wink of sleep. Sure, your body might ache after one too many all-nighters, but we all know you'll keep coming back for more.

stays in touch after a good <mark>n</mark>ight

a great night and then just disappear off the face the earth? Luckily for us, the University would ver do that to you. Emails, donation phone calls, the Sydney Alumni magazine — you'll never be able to get the escapades you had together out of your mind. Frankly, you'll be dreaming about them for a long, long time.



SHOPPING SUMMER 2023

Mint green is the colour of the season...

As comrade Sally McManus once said, "I believe in the rule of law when the law is fair and the law is right. But when it's unjust I don't think there's a problem with breaking it." Show off your commie credentials in this subtle shade.

Mint 'Good People Disobey Bad Laws' T-Shirt by Acid Reign, \$49

Slay like Queen Bey in these gorg

achievement: the social licence to

wear comfortable footwear.

Regime, \$30

'Slay All Day' Slides by Civil

mint green slides that will have you walking on clouds all day. Pay homage to feminism's greatest





We bet you won't be able to get through this list without buying something.

POLITICS

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If you've got cash to burn...

For the guys who want to show that their feminine side is nothing to shy away from — nothing says "unashamedly an ally" like the cute floral detail on these leather brogues.

Floral Brogues by Gucci, \$1,077





Smash the patriarchy with this chique crowbar from Supreme, and be the envy of everyone at the next Antifa protest you attend. Windows are for breaking, baby! Supreme Crowbar, \$165

> Show solidaritty with the working class in this stylishly sturdy coverall — are you actually a labourer, or is it simply that you don't discriminate

Don't ever put your contrarian attitude to bed. Show your housemates that you're against all antagonisms around the clock, always ready to fight the good fight, as you lounge around in your inner city terrace. 'Anti-Everything' Oversized Raw Cut Raglan by Civil Regime, \$60

EVERYTHING

Resist capitalism without breaking a sweat in these fleecey trackies — it's how all great social change begins. 'Resist' Tracksuit by Civil Regime, \$75









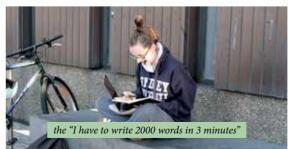
















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OWN A PIECE OF





Lendlease teams up with USyd to deliver stunning new residential development

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Construction and real estate titan. Starting out at \$980 per week for Lendlease, has teamed up with the University of Sydney to develop their latest architectural triumph, dian price for a Camperdown apart-Sandstone Towers, right in the heart of USyd's Camperdown campus.

The improvement involved significant renovation for the Quadrangle with only the East facade remaining untouched. While the original Quadrangle took over 100 years to construct, the experts at Lendlease were able to complete Sandstone Towers in only four years.

The 28-storey building will include 88 lavish apartments: 54 one-bedroom and 32 two-bedroom apartments, and two penthouses.

a one-bedroom apartment. Sandstone Towers is well below the mement of that size.

"These homes are open to anyone but USyd is very excited that Lendlease have done their utmost to make the residences affordable to students as well," a University spokesperson said.

Testament to the building's desirability, 80 per cent of the apartments were bought by overseas investors before officially entering the real estate market.

The development comes just in time

after the University's only affordable student housing co-op, STUCCO, was disbanded last year. Excitingly, Lendlease have also been given the reigns there and plan to redevelop the space into a luxury studio apartment complex called Stuccoview Heights.

The Quadrangle's jacaranda and flame tree, which were planted in 2017, unfortunately had to be cut down so that development could begin. However, saplings cloned from each of the trees will be on offer to lucky customers at the beginning of December.

As seen above, once construction begins you will also have the oppertunitity to purchase a piece of the Quad's historic rubble.

Diversity win: these weapons are creating Woke War III

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The latest gun innovation meets social justice issues

Across the world, LGBTI people face systematic oppression, discrimination and violence.

Fortunately, many brave companies are positioning themselves at the forefront of the global battle for LG-BTI rights.

Raytheon is just the latest major manufacturer to throw its weight behind positive change.

The technology, aerospace and defence giant has released a new range of rainbow themed products, to make a powerful statement about gay rights.

This summer, Raytheon planes will ditch the traditional gunmetal grey, and opt for a bold and fun rainbow

design, to reflect their deep commitment to gay rights. Raytheon contractors working across the Middle East. North Africa and Latin America will now swap drab khaki for flamboyant pinkish hues. Ravtheon has even developed a special rainbow bullet.

According to CEO Anthony Scaramucci. "we want our products to be bold and to stand out, while also making a statement about injustice in the world."

"Many of the countries where we operate have very poor records when it comes to gay rights. As corporations, we have a special duty to liberate and educate", Scaramucci said.

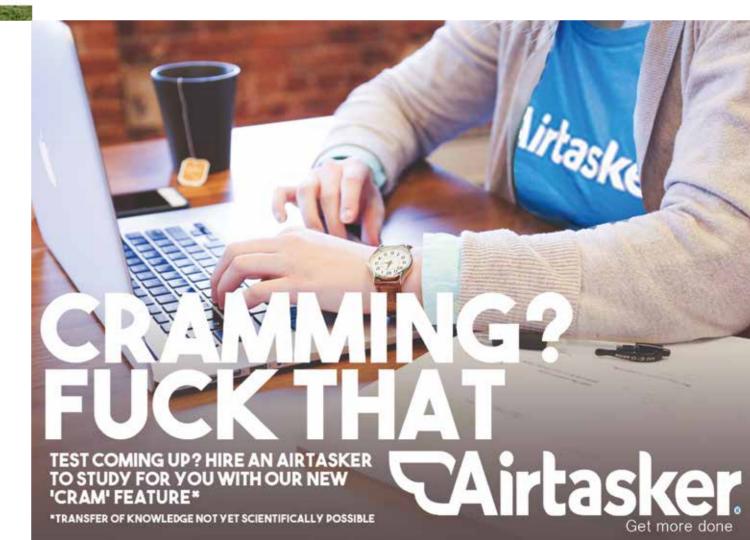
Raytheon has always been a company

at the forefront of progressive social change, with a long history of fighting to make the world a better place.

In 2005, they adopted equal opportunity provisions for LGBT employees.

They have decades of experience in helping bring peace to the Middle East, assisting in the ongoing liberation of Iraq since 2003, and helping the Israeli Defense Forces defeat the viciously homophobic Hamas.

As the Trump presidency reaches its tail end, and politicians continually fail to solve the big issues, we're fortunate to have companies like Raytheon who are willing to put their money where their mouth is, and truly fight for the rights of the downtrodden.



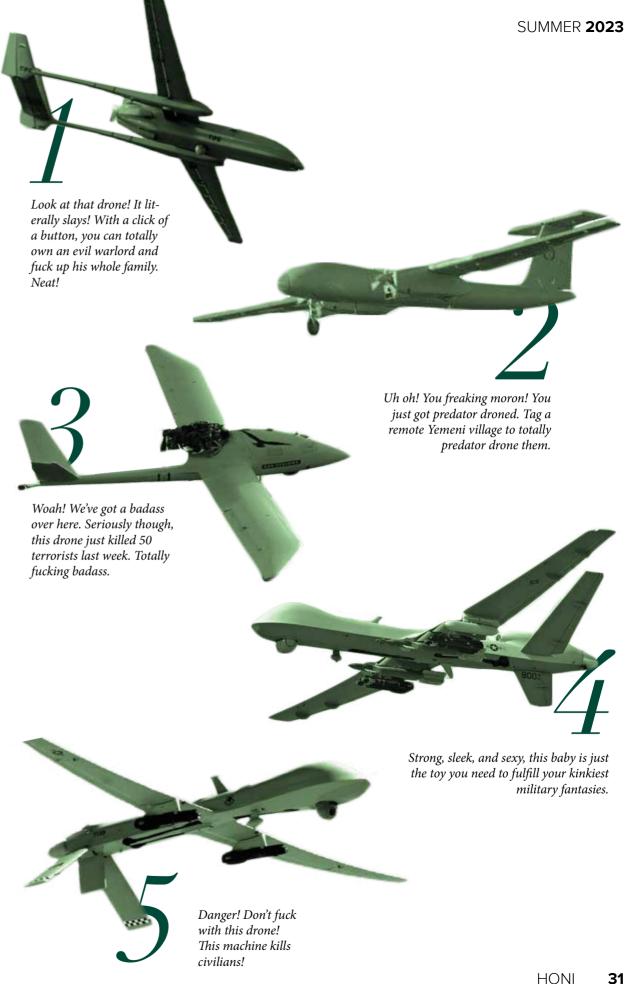
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FIVE DRONES THAT SLAY

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If you're looking for a last-minute Christmas present for your significant other, don't miss the best drones money can buy.

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LAW REVUE PRESENTS: THE 2023 REVUE SEASON

Arts Revue 2023: Two People Punching Durries for an Hour and a Half and That's The Show

Commerce Revue 2023: Sweeney Commerce — The Demon Businessman of Commerce Street

Engo Revue 2023: We're Masochists and We Actually Love When You Bully Us

Science Revue 2023: 200 Musical, Dance, and Choir **Numbers About Sonic. With** Five Sketches Inbetween (Which Are Also About Sonic)

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Coupon: see a faculty revue this year and we'll give you \$15!

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How to have your avo and eat it too

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there's no need to get down in the The nap pods allow you to "disengage

1. SLEEP PODS

STEAL HER STYLE

HERMANN'S EDITION



Rose Gold cocktail glass \$18.00, House & Home

Nothing has taken the #interior porn world by storm quite like rose gold. From toasters to iPhones, it's everywhere. These cocktail glasses are perfect for serving too-small quanities of spirits and mixer at your next adult dinner party attempt.



Fern in hanging basket \$40.00. Glebe Markets

Everybody knows that good interiors need good plants. Lots of them. In every room. For gods sake, if you want to have an adult home you can't skimp on the plants! Bonus points if you get your plants from an independent vendor at your local market.



Tsingtao Beer \$11.00, Hermann's

Beer is the cool kid's drink of choice; whether you are trying to fit in with "the boys" or make that guy think you are so not like other girls. Tsingtao's green glass bottles are perfect for scattering around your balcony for a "lived in" student look.

Daddies
of your
dreams

Daddy Michael Spence University of Sydney, NSW Annual salary: \$1,445,000

The highest paid Vice-Chancellor in the country — and it shows. We love any man in a suit, especially those worth millions, and this one is no exception. Plus, just look at those brow bones ... irresistible.

Daddy Greg Craven
Australian Catholic University, NSW
Annual salary: \$1,245,000

As the daddy of ACU, Craven is sure to fulfil your priest/ altar-boy fantasy. One look into those green eyes and we're already green with envy at the thought of some religious romping.

> Daddy Attila Brungs University of Technology Sydney, NSW Annual salary: \$985,000

He may not be the most doshed up Vice-Chancellor, but as the old saying goes, *let one's facial hair speak for itself.* This bearded daddy will leave you lusting for lumbersexuals in no time.

Daddy Caroline McMillen University of Newcastle, NSW Annual salary: \$845,000

If you thought women couldn't be daddies, think again. Hailing from the coast, she's breezy, she's beautiful, and most importantly, she'll bankroll your way through university.

Daddy Brian Schmidt Australian National University, ACT Annual salary: \$ 618,000

This Vice-Chancellor took a pay cut to fund his university. Now imagine if that pay cut went to you. But not only that — he's also a Nobel Prize winner in physics, so if physical attraction is what you seek ...

BON BRAPER

If you're looking for a sexy summer fling, or a charming Vice-Chancellor, look no further ...

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SCOOT OVER TO SAUDI

1001 Arabian nights of unadulterated fun.



Saudi Arabia is alive. No longer simply the land of stuffy sheikhs, over-zealous preachers and public executions, the Kingdom is ready to open up to the erously gave women the right to drive, making the world and shatter a billion misconceptions. With a low Riyal, Saudi Arabia is the perfect destination for the luxury traveller on a budget.

Don't Believe the Hype

To the casual Western observer, Saudi Arabia conjures up images of strict religiosity. But step inside any of Riyadh's swanky new malls and glitzy high-rises, and one And for those craving some sand and sun, why not is struck by an exciting vision of the future. Downtown Riyadh rocks a skyline to rival New York, Tokyo and Shanghai, but with a fraction of the crowds!

The Woke Kingdom

A genuine melting pot, Saudi Arabia is the Middle East's most multicultural country. Migrant workers from South Asia, Africa and the Middle East have flocked to the desert kingdom, enticed by the promise of steady wages and vibrant communal living — in fact most love it so much they never return home!

Something for Everyone!

Saudi Arabia is the spiritual home of Islam. Each year, millions of pilgrims flood to the holy sites of Mecca and Medina.

But Saudi Arabia isn't just for the pious. In recent for Tourism.

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years, the Kingdom has embraced a more tolerant brand of reformist Islam. In 2017, the Kingdom gencountry ideal for the solo female traveller. Last year, Saudi Arabia decided to do away with its notorious public beheadings, choosing to adopt the more humane guillotine instead. Fortunately for the more intrepid traveller, executions are still held publicly, with increasing regularity, providing the ultimate Saudi

hit up the beaches along the country's Red Sea coast — just remember to cover up ladies!

Danger?

Once upon a time, the threat of terrorism turned away many a prospective visitor. But the Saudi government has done an outstanding job shifting most of the violence to nearby Yemen and Syria (and even the far-flung Philippines!), making the country a safe oasis for travellers in a troubled region. What's more, the country's religious police are always on hand to ensure the country is safe and vice-free.

So next time you're looking for somewhere safe and luxurious, choose Saudi Arabia — a land of wholesome fun for the entire family!

Honi travelled as a guest of the Saudi Minister

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Calling all international students: is this your dream home?

Our new budget option means that you can live and study on campus, even though your employer is almost certainly underpaying you.

Get your 'gram on in the Quadrangle.

Walk just 10 minutes to class, and approximately the same distance to the nearest toilet.

Make friends with USyd's legendary ibis population. As our own poet laureate Barry Spurr once said: nothing sings like an ibis at night.

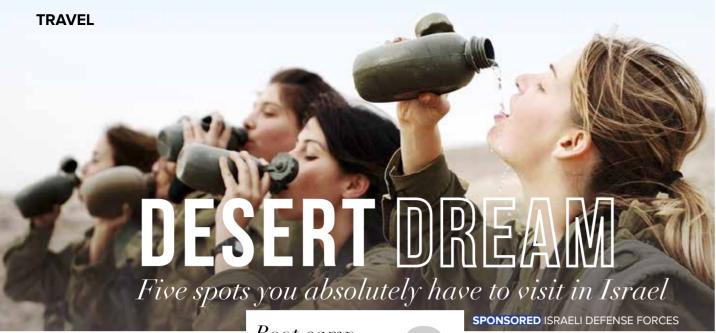
"We're incredibly proud to be announcing the new generation of student accommodation. It's an innovation on two fronts: both smaller and more expensive than ever.

The Vanlife USyd project shows that the University is incredibly committed to prioritising the needs of international students over our commercial partners."

 Carly Carlin, Head of International Student Housing







Regardless of your political inclination, travellers around the world can't deny one thing: that the State of Israel is one of the HOTTEST DESTINA-TIONS on the Eurasian landmass. Between STUNNING beaches, EX-QUISITE historical sites and inner city districts packed with TRENDY cafes and restaurants, the Holy Land has it all. So whether you're there for the Jewish state's heritage, NATU-RAL BEAUTY or culture, here are five things you should definitely do before you leave.

IDF recruitment bureau (Tel Aviv)

When you hit the tarmac, the first thing you're going to want to do is head straight to the Lishkat Giyus (recruitment centre) in Tel Hashomer, just north-west of where you'll land at Ben Gurion airport. The base and recruitment centre here is lush; a lavish expanse rich with tanks, IDF HQs, and even a factory where they make tanks. After being recruited at the Lishkat Giyus, you will be taken to the Meitav where you will receive your uniform and basic military equipment before being drafted into one of the IDF's many units. You will be treated to a standard-sized bunk and army-issued meal. Wednesday night is Israeli food. So are all the other nights!

Boot camp

An essential experience for all visitors to Israel is to experience the wonders of a traditional, old-school style IDF boot camp. And you can't talk about boot camps without talking about Bahad 4, a classic base just south of Ashkelon on the Mediterranean coast. It's slightly down the coast from Tel Aviv, but that's a small price to pay in order to use some of the finest guns in the entire Middle East. Plus — the base is only kilometres from the the border with Gaza, so you (fingers crossed!) might be lucky enough to witness one a strike from one of the world famous Qassam rockets fired directly from the Gaza Strip! Be sure to strap on your helmet!

Patrolling the scenic Golan Heights

There are few parts of Israel more gorgeous than the Golan heights. With beautiful mountains, streams and waterfalls, the Golan Heights have an immeasurable natural beauty that you will witness as you patrol the area as a soldier for the IDF. Be sure to visit the historic ruins of Quneitra, once the largest town in the region until it was given a makeover in the 1967 Six Days War. Make sure to say hi to the Israeli settlers in the surrounding areas on your way back!

Tze'elem army base (Negev Desert)

One of the finest cities in all of Israel arguably isn't actually a real city — it's an IDF training facility built to simulate 21st century Middle Eastern urban combat. While the town is entirely uninhabited, only existing for urban combat training, there are still several highlights you just can't miss, like the city central's fake Mosque and huge, skyscraping eight storey apartment building. You'll have a blast while taking part in simulated operations training, where you'll blow holes through homes in Arab cities to reach your target.

The Wall

Finally, after spending some time in the great outdoors, you'll be dying to head back to the city to to patrol one of the true urban architectural wonders of the world — the wall bordering the West Bank. With beautiful concrete slabs reaching 8 metres into the sky, immaculately dressed with elaborate razor wiring, the barrier is truly an ornate urban icon for all to behold. Be sure to see the Banksy grafitti, and say hi to your fellow border guards, although you'd better be wearing your IDF uniform when you do! Otherwise you may see the unfriendly end of a tear gas cannister and/or stun grenade!

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Agony, 'Au<mark>nt</mark>' you glad you called the

MY BOYFRIEND AND I HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR, LIKE, A REALLY LONG TIME. AND WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT BYPASSING GOD'S BACK DOOR AND HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE FRONT ENTRANCE. I THINK ABOUT HAVING SEX ALL THE TIME AND I THINK I'M READY. WHAT FORMS OF CONTRACEPTION SHOULD WE USE?

Thank you for sharing with us this important question. Don't worry, I get asked this question a lot, and hey, I've even asked it of myself a few times.

In order to answer this question, we need to go back to the beginning of time. If you remember in Genesis, God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Eve and condoms. There was no barrier to their love or their lovemaking; the only protection that they, and you need, is the sacred vow of marriage.

As 1 Corinthians 7:2 says, "therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh".

Now, we all face temptation. But even if we are thinking about making the beast with two backs, we must turn to our values for guidance. Even if we are lying awake at night, the balmy breeze brushing along our limbs, as we think Yours Faithfully, about her coming through the door to us wearing her pale blue silk gown, and we know that the blood running

through her veins is the same as the blood running through mine, the sin of it, but she is walking to me, in the pale cast of the moon, and wraps her legs around me, drawing me into her.

Even then, we must flush our faces with cold water and rub one out over the toilet. And repent. You must repent.

Reverend Richard





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THE USU PAGES

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QANTAS' NEW DEBATER CLASS

After a long partnership with the University of Sydney Union (USU), Qantas has introduced free debater class seats for all private school graduates.

Qantas CEO Bourtney Joyce told shareholders sending wealthy students overseas to talk about equality was essential for Qantas to maintain its reputation as an equitable and inclusive organisation.

"Irony is not a word with which I'm familiar", Joyce said.

USU President Dominic 'Do it for Dom' Reynolds agreed.

"One of the significant side benefits of this project is that we can invest more money in our technology firm, Incubate. If there's money left over, we may even be able to give some back to Sydney University Sport and Fitness".

THE PULP CORNER: THIS QUARTER'S PULP ARTICLE

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Since you're here, we have a small favour to ask you. Please keep us alive by reading this article. If everyone read this article right now, this fundraiser would be done within an hour. Please.

USU INTRODUCES 1 LIKE 1 VOTE

We tried offering you free coffee to vote, but you didn't bite... or should we say drink? We tried offering charitable donations but that was even less successful.

But now we think we've cracked it. You won't have to do anything you don't normally do to exercise your privilege of deciding the direction of this multi-million dollar company.

For our election Season '24, we are introducing a new voting system, which we at the USU Office of Marketing and Communications like to call "1 like 1 vote".

For the first time in USU history, you will be casting your vote when you 'like' a candidate's DP on Facebook.

President Dominic 'Do it for Dom' Reynolds introduced the new policy by speaking to seven student viewers, and his mum, in last week's USU Facebook Live video.

"Over the years, the USU has received criticism... I mean, feedback... that our customers just don't care about our elections. Board elections are just one big popularity contest, so why bother casting a vote, right?"

"Well, we agree. So we aren't going to pretend otherwise anymore."

"Customers, in keeping up with changing times, we have come up with a system that makes sure your vote reflects your true feelings towards any candidate: "1 heart 2 votes"; "1 angry -1 vote". Don't worry, we will still consider 'Hahas' as flirting or casual bigotry, depending on the context," he told viewers, adding a winkie face in the live comments section.

The USU will count your likes on multiple candidate DPs, or even the dps of people who aren't candidates. Donald Trump? Pepe the Frog? Whatever your vote, we want to make your memes come true!

Don't forget to 'like' and 'follow' the USU across our social media channels.









QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. USU gives sandwiches to hunger-striking refugees on Manus: "We couldn't afford to strike in solidarity, but we think this is the next best thing."

2. USU replaces Cellar Theatre with new photo studio: "We love promoting the Union with photos of our student Board, and can't wait to take these photos to the next level."

3. USU introduces safe cis-male space: "Off the record, we're really just hoping they won't become full-blown men's rights activists."



That's the USU spirit.





The world is your foot...

EDITOR SEEKING JOB

I started writing this last editorial about the bizarre experience of receiving near-constant criticism online, something becoming more and more common. Editing Honi, much of this comes from people you know personally, who seem to forget that behind the name Honi Soit, we are just 10 people, mostly still finding our feet. But those people aren't what I'll take away from this year. The other bizarre thing about Honi is that, if you're lucky, you'll take away the collective knowledge and experience of 10 brilliant people. I'll be forever indebted to my nine co-editors for making me both a better writer and a more empathetic person. There's a lot of things I'll miss about Honi, and some I won't, but I hope I won't have to miss any of you. I'd also like to thank my family and friends outside Honi (I swear I have some!). The best advice I was given before editing was to have someone outside the team to talk, rant or cry to. I've been incredibly lucky to have more than one of these people — you know who you are — and I couldn't have done it without you.

Siobhan Ryan

EDITOR SEEKING JOB

Last year a bunch of my friends helped in our campaign for the *Honi* editorship. Some did it because they thought we'd be capable editors but many had barely heard of this papery passion project. That sort of wholehearted friendship is rare and sacred and I've tried desperately to justify it. Thanks for quashing your yawns whenever I mentioned campus drama and for reminding me of the world beyond the dim office under Wentworth.

Jayce Carrano

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Justine Landis-Hanley

EDITOR SEEKING JOB

My grandmother once told me that

I was too nice to go into politics. I was an edgy teenager; I could be spiteful; I didn't believe her. She was right, as she was with almost everything else. With each step I have taken towards student politics this year, I have grown more repelled by it. The far left are enraptured with moral absolutes that permit no disagreement and alienate the majority. Student Labor put blind loyalty above talent, leaving important positions filled by incompetent people. The right are deeply dishonest. These people are not fundamentally bad: they have been socialised to think that their grimy world is normal. They don't ask for better and they stifle those who do. Honi has not always succeeded at being better this year, but we've tried. To my co-editors, I owe a huge debt. I may have been too nice for politics (and that is debatable) but I haven't always been too nice to be petty to my friends. I hope you forgive me. I love you all. I will keep trying to do better; I hope that those mired in student politics do the same. This campus could be so much better. We could be so much better to each other.

Nick Bonyhady

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Hello. Goodbye. Shout outs to the following: My fellow editors for always responding to my frantic messages 'TO BRING COFFEE!' by bringing coffee. My boyfriend, Michael, for making it to the end of the year without breaking up with me, even though I deserve it (take that Honi curse). The people who hate us online for never being mean to me in person because that would be awkward. The SRC staff for putting up with me not wearing shoes in the office. Subway for being the only place on campus open for food on Sunday. My room mates, Courtney and Nat, for like, I don't know, everything. My reporters for not rejecting my track changes. Past editors for bailing us out when we fuck up and most importantly, my beauitful, wholesome, Coastie mates who don't even know what Honi is but stick around anyway.

Maani Truu

EDITOR SEEKING JOB

This was a blast and I'm very grateful for all the people who gave me the opportunity to make it one. I really recommend being involved with this stupid thing if you can. Peace.

Aidan Molins

EDITOR SEEKING JOB

In a recent job interview, I said that the most important thing editing *Honi* taught me was resilience. On that note I'd like to have a toast for the douchebags, arseholes and scumbags from across the political spectrum who helped me grow a thicker skin this year. Of course, attacks from the right are an integral part of the *Honi* experience — big shout out to Janet Albrechtsen and my homeboys at the Conservative Club. What frustrates the most is when that criticism comes from your own side of the ideological fence. Of course, sometimes critique is warranted — we are, after all, fallible human beings. More often than not, however, editing this newspaper involves wading through a deluge of petty vitriol. Social media makes it easy for any self-aggrandising gronk to attack Honi for daring to criticise their faction, or not subscribing to a narrow and dogmatic misinterpretation of identity politics. But what the average gronk lacks is talent. My fellow editors, on the other hand, are the most brilliant people I've had the pleasure of knowing. Egotistical hacks come and go; *Honi* is eternal. There's your fucking tea.

Kishor Napier-Raman

EDITOR SEEKING JOB

There's a strange sort of spirit that possesses the offices on weekends. Among all the stress, the headless-chicken-running-around, I've always felt sure, surrounded by my nine fellow editors, that everything will eventually come together and be fine. And it always has. Thank you all for making this perhaps the most rewarding thing I've done with my life to date. P.S. I love you, Bernard and Mum. Thanks for being patient with me.

Ann Ding

EDITOR SEEKING JOB

Initially I planned to fill this space with "log off bunch" repeated 13 times, then it became some waxing lyrical about how this last issue was also my first Honi all-nighter. Now it's 7:40AM and all I can think about is that scene in Master of None where Aziz Ansari sits in the back of a cab to the tune of "Say Hello, Wave Goodbye". I love you all. It's been real.

Michael Sun

EDITOR SEEKING JOB

My two slightly earnest cents for anyone bothering to read this: I came into this role in March without knowing a single editor on this team. It was weird, but I found my place. The 'Honi clique' is penetrable if you're eager, I promise. So get in there friends! All it takes is some story ideas!!! Bye!!! xxx

Natassia Chrysanthos

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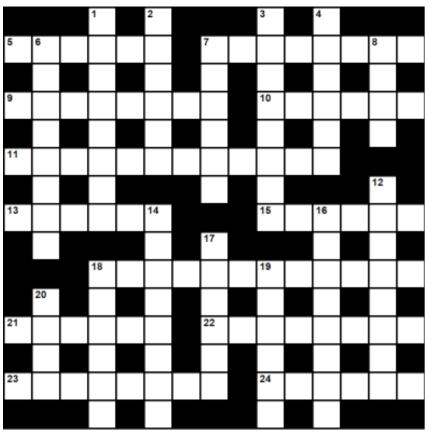
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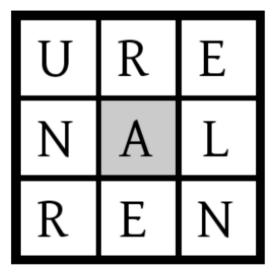
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13 Carbohydrate (6)

15 Language offered by USyd's world-class (6)

18 Narrow outlook (6,6)

21 Exciting new platform to replace Blackboard (6)

22 Ordered letters (8)

23 City with a fellow Group of Eight university (8)

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1 Academic term (8)

2 A temporary cessation of breathing (6)

3 USyd's number one priority (8)

4 Adjective to describe USyd's unshakeable reputation (6)

6 USyd's number one priority (8)

7 Unfounded rumours (6)

8 Subjects that aren't Arts (4)

12 One who ruins things (8)

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17 University governing body that definitely gives adequate voice to students (6)

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19 Steam (6)

20 The NTEU is always making a fuss about getting this (4)

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