Oktoberfest is 25 years old

Help celebrate this Thursday from 4pm at the Roundhouse

+ Oktoberfest founders found!
+ The art of beer appreciation
+ Win movie tickets and prize packs!
+ Arj Barker comedy at the Roundhouse on Wednesday
It's our 25th birthday...but you get all the pressies!

Hermitude
Downsyde
Funktrust DJ's -
Will Styles & Learned Hand
Muph & Plutonic
Poxy Music
bluejuice
Deepchild
The Impossibles
DJ Cadell
Nino Brown
Sefu
Moto
FBI DJ's
PLUS MORE!

Party starts 4pm
The Roundhouse
UNSW, Kensington

Members FREE/students $15
guests $25
President’s report

There are two things that I want to mention in this week’s report. Each one is very important to the student experience at UNSW but for very different reasons.

1. Oktoberfest is on this week! This year marks the 25th anniversary of the UNSW Union’s annual Oktoberfest party, and with an awesome line up of hip-hop, RnB, funky breaks and more, this year’s party promises to be one of the best yet.

For those who have never been to an Oktoberfest, the Roundhouse expands to include an extra beergarden, the Squarehouse, and the area between the front beergarden and the Blockhouse. This almost trebles the capacity of the venue, which is lucky, because with extra bars, extra stages and extra headlining bands, the Oktoberfest party needs all the extra space it can get!

The best thing of all is it’s FREE for UNSW Union Members. Non-UNSW students are welcome to come as well but they will have to pay a small entry fee. So get your beer-drinking, kransky-eating muscles ready - you’ll need them this Thursday from 4pm!

2. Update on VSU. The Government’s attempts to introduce this controversial legislation have not progressed since my last update a couple of weeks ago. The latest news is that the schedule of parliamentary sittings has changed, meaning that parliament lost a week of sitting time in October, but gained an additional two weeks during November and December.

The legislation is not scheduled for discussion at all during the October sitting. This means that, despite the fact that the legislation was initially introduced to parliament more than seven months ago, it has still not managed to pass through the lower house, let alone make it to the upper.

This is causing a great deal of confusion for students and student organisations across the country, with no-one knowing for sure whether or not the legislation will be introduced, and if it is what form it will take, and how much of an impact it will have on university life as we know it.

There has been an overwhelming response from UNSW students against the proposed legislation, with thousands of students signing petitions, sending letters and lobbying politicians to try and stop the legislation being introduced. There is still plenty of time to get involved in the campaign to stop VSU, for more information check out www.vsu.com.au.

The Union has continued to review its operations for 2006 based on a worst-case scenario, and we have some solid plans on paper. I hope to be able to give some information to our members before the end of semester, but if not, keep an eye out on the Union website over the holidays.

Enjoy Oktoberfest (responsibly of course!)

Kirstin Hunter
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My best friend has left Australia to study in the UK and – the truth be told - I’m pretty damn cut up about it. I love the glorious son of a bitch.

We met in a year eight music class. Each student had to do a presentation on a band they liked. I did mine on Nirvana because, in that pre-internet age, they were the only band I could find profiled in a magazine. I remember my presentation was pretty ordinary and our teacher, beautiful as she was (props Miss T), scoffed that I only had a tape of Nevermind rather than a CD.

Following me was a tall, silent guy I didn’t really know. All I knew was that he was good at maths and he wore big steel-capped boots: not much to commend a person. He did his presentation on The Cure. I love that band, so I approached him later and we discussed the majesty of Robert Smith in our breaking voices. It was in that way that he became an acquaintance. Not a friend. That took about two years to happen and I don’t really know how we got to be such good mates. I think it was probably music that did it. He and I, even in High School, both had musical interests mired in the seventies and eighties. He’s the only one who ever got jokes about New Romantics.

I’m pretty sure that alcohol played a major part as well. I don’t know what the situation is for women, but for guys at least there’s a special bond that you form with your mates when you’ve spent your teenage years together in parks drinking goon. Isn’t it funny how the foundational points in a life are built around such tiny little things?

It’s an odd pairing I admit: a sort of good cop-bad cop relationship. He’s utterly rational and I can be a bit crazy at times. I’m very humanities-focused and he’s a physics genius. I think it’s a good mix – a little volatile but lots of fun. We complement each other well.

At the risk of being too mushy, I think it’s pretty accurate to say that I think of him as a brother. Though we don’t share blood, I think our connection is just as thick. Sometimes you’re lucky enough to make bonds that go soul deep. I hope everyone reading this has felt that and understands what I’m trying to say. I fucking hate that he’s going, but I understand that I’m terribly lucky to know him.

Matt Lim recently took a two week holiday to Malaysia and Indonesia. You might not have noticed, but we certainly did. He was welcomed back with great enthusiasm and lots of work.

I thought that going on a well-needed but undeserved mid-semester overseas trip would be a great chance to kick back and relax. But when you factor in crazy non-stop relo bashing and food poisoning, my holiday wasn’t exactly a holiday.

The food poisoning was the worst part. I actually like spending time with relatives who I haven’t seen in a while and I had a surprisingly fun time with my cousins, despite cultural and language difficulties. On the flip side, having to run for the bathroom every hour was extremely not fun. I’m pretty sure most travellers have shared this painful experience before, so that gives me small comfort, plus it gives me something to talk about when I’m asked about my trip.

Another positive, if you could call it that, was that if it weren’t for me ‘riding the porcelain bus’ for the last week of my trip I would’ve almost certainly have gained an unhealthy amount of weight. Going by the strength of my eating habits in Malaysia in the first week, I would’ve gained an extra ten percent of my pre-holiday weight which would’ve been impossible for me to lose within the next oh, ten years. And to think I wrote a fitness article not so long ago.

I decided to make up for the lack of eating in Indonesia with some incredible shopping. Riding on a strong Aussie dollar, everything in Indonesia was cheap. Both goods and services were offered at prices which are just incomparable to Australia. A chauffeur-driven Mercedes including petrol and taxes for $5 an hour? Insanity! It does, however immediately bring you to realise how poor many countries are, which is hard to comprehend given our relaxed lifestyles. It certainly made me realise how good we have it here.

So here I am, back to the harsh reality of work and an insane number of uni assignments, wishing for and wanting another holiday. Oddly, I feel like I’ve been given a new start of sorts, despite the time of year. Now all I have to do is make the most of what’s left at Blitz, which is just what I said way back in the first issue, so no promises!
Among 28 acts at Oktoberfest this Thursday is *Entropic*, a Sydney based electro-funk band made up of four boys who play instruments with electronic backing. Their debut album, *Braille*, captured an unmarked fusion of jazz and dance music. They’ve just released a follow up album titled *Factory Seconds* that further illustrates the kind of brilliance they are playing at Oktoberfest.

Robbie Mudrazija, drummer of *Entropic*, talks about his upcoming gig with April Smallwood.

Acoustic instruments made to sound electronic. Whose genius idea was that?

Well I know we’re not the first to tackle it. It came from combination of music we listen to and the music we played and like. It’s experimental and continues to evolve.

If a song is improvised in the recording studio and becomes a track, does that mean that every performance of that song thereafter has a different twang to it?

Yeah, we try and do that. When we have a rough structure or an abstract idea we play around with it, and when it’s recorded in the studio it kinda gets set in stone, so we listen to it over and over. Sometimes it’s hard to relax and improv it live. More often than not we like to free it up and not be so attached to the recording.

Do you think a lot of your tracks are born purely by accident?

Definitely. A technique we’ve been using for a while now is to always have a tape machine running and recording during rehearsals, so that we don’t lose any improvised gems and so we can listen back and pick out parts that are worthwhile.

After the success and praise of *Braille*, was there anything on your second album that you were looking to change or improve?

Yeah, we wanted to continue the idea of playing around with the line between acoustic and electric and although it was well-received, we wanted to expand our sound a little and not just re-create that first album. Were looking to develop and evolve from Braille, but ultimately we never had a clear idea of what it would become.

As a music student at uni, what was your musical dream?

To be able to play music. I know that sounds kind of broad, but I just wanted to be one of those people who is constantly immersed in music. There are lots of plans brewing for Entropic to go overseas and write for collaboration and performance with other artists.

What would be your ultimate gig?

Lately we’ve been talking about some festivals in the UK and Europe. Those places seem like a good target for us since we have this conception that this is somewhere our music would be unique and different. I guess the Edinburgh or Glastonbury music festival would be the ultimate gig.

If a toothbrush tapping against a window made a better sound than a snare, would you use the toothbrush instead?

Definitely. There’s actually a part on the album, during one of the interludes, where I’m playing my car keys on a floor tom, and if you check it out the credits for me were listed as drums, percussion and car keys. It’s pretty obscure and I’m not sure if anyone noticed but I’m quite proud of it.

There’s a massive line up for this years Oktoberfest. What do bands talk about when they’re forced to mingle with other bands?

We probably don’t talk as much about music as a lot of people would think. I like to compare what people are listening to. I find myself constantly fascinated by various types of music I haven’t heard yet and that others are discovering. Bands tend to compare projects and get into heavy discussions about what each other are doing. We also like to network, since it’s by making contacts that we learn about what other bands can help us out with.

Got any advice for the party-goers of this years Oktoberfest?

Go hard. And try to find yourselves larger beer glasses.

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**Oktoberfest 2005 features:**

*Hermitude + Downsyde + Funktrust DJs: Will Styles and Learned Hand + Muph and Plutonic + Poxy Music + Bluejuice + The Stick Figures + Figgkid + Entropic + Deepchild (DJ set) + DJ Cadell + Goodwill + The Impossibles + DJ Nino Brown + Sefu + Def Rok + DJ Moto + Adam Bazzetto + Mild Playa + DJ Static + The Alpha betics + Chasem and Mantra + The Suitable Few + Errol Renaud and Carribean Soul + Kate Duffy + Waiting for Guiness + Tirloean Echoes + FBI DJs*
This week will be Oktoberfest’s 25th birthday at UNSW. April Smallwood tracked down one of the founders of this popular shindig to talk about its history.

Yes, Oktoberfest is the two week cultural orgy held in Munich every October, with a total beer consumption of 104,130,000 schooners per ‘fest’.

More than this, Oktoberfest has been a UNSW Union tradition for twenty five years. It marks the opportunity for students to get together and get friendly in the time just before they’re sucked in by the study-vortex, so this event will offer high time for release.

I managed to track down an old German guy who used to work for the UNSW Union in the early eighties. His name is Olwe (pronounced Oo-vee) Thomson and he was – no shit – the only German to attend the first ever Oktoberfest in 1980. He’s since retired and now lives in Newcastle, but was more than happy to explain how this mass beer fest began.

“The idea to have an Oktoberfest party on campus was a combination of ideas between me and my friend Tony, and from pressure of our bosses to get something going at the Unibar,” says Olwe, “There was always this pressure to make the bar more popular and to encourage students to make their way down to lower campus, so we suggested Oktoberfest.”

In its first couple of years, Oktoberfest pulled in a maximum crowd of one hundred people. “Most of that hundred would have been staff and bar supervisors.” Olwe says. This leads me to believe one thing: that it was the abolition of serving sauerkraut that pumped Oktoberfest attendance up into its thousands.”

“Many people don’t know that Oktoberfest is a farmer’s celebration. When their harvest is finished in late September they celebrate because the frost can’t ruin the crop anymore,” Olwe tells us.

Oktoberfest has changed a lot in 25 years, with the focus shifting away from the “Total alcohol destruction,” seen in the old days. Olwe remembers “…there was no such thing as responsible drinking in those days. I admit, it got messy. There were falls down stairs and often I’d end up sleeping in my car since we weren’t so silly as to drive in that state.”

Today there are bands and DJs to keep you and your friends occupied rather than just beer. And be glad you’re here in 2005, “The only entertainment was a German Oompah Oompah band,” says Olwe. What? That’s it? “No, the bar was also decorated in blue and white streamers to honour the colours of Bavaria.” Oh.

However, it was the beginning of a grand tradition. This year the Union has pulled together its most extensive and impressive musical line up yet. Downsyde are flying over from WA and will be here giving hip-hop some Australian flavour. DJ Moto is taking a night off from the clubs to spin the Oktoberfest decks as are the Funktrust boys and Deepchild. No doubt the heart of the party zone will be the centre of the Roundhouse which on the night will become a whirlwind of sounds and moving bodies.

Remember to get there early or at a reasonable hour to avoid queues. Gates will open at 4pm and if it fills up there’s no guarantee you will get in, especially if Olwe decides to make a comeback. “Some years I would bring an entourage of about forty people,” he remembers. If you do arrive early it may also be a good idea to pace yourself since it will be a long night of amusement that you won’t want to cut short.

As well as beer, Oktoberfest included lots of food. “My job at Oktoberfest was to supervise the pig on spit. If I looked away for a second and the thing had stopped turning, that pig would’ve been burnt black.” This year we won’t be serving burnt pork.

For the famished there will be food stalls set up because to drink on an empty stomach would be simply irresponsible.

Oktoberfest is fun, indulgent and free. Well for UNSW students anyway. Students who aren’t from UNSW will have to pay $15, a modest entry for such a huge night of entertainment. Non-students will have to pay $25, still a good price for over twenty five acts.

Twenty-five is a great number. It’s the number of years since The Empire Strikes Back was released in cinemas all over the world. It’s the number of seconds you should leave microwave popcorn to cool. It’s the jersey number of Swan’s player Andrew Schauble. Most importantly, twenty five is the number of candles on the cake of the biggest university Oktoberfest celebration in the country.

So why be anywhere else?

*Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics
TARGET

Make as many words as you can out of the nine letters. The centre letter must be used in every word. Use each letter only once. No plurals or proper nouns.

ILT

ANA

SVO

CROSSWORD

Across
3. A car brand which, literally translated, means ‘people’s car’ (10)
6. Which US President famously said “Ich bin ein Berliner” in 1963 (there were rumors that he actually said “I am a jelly donut”)? (7)
7. A twisted bread stick usually covered in grains of salt (7)
12. An Emperor, crowned by the Pope in 800, who conquered most of Western Europe (11)
13. Germany’s first chancellor, largely responsible for unifying the German state (8)
16. The most successful Formula 1 driver ever (10)
17. Mass-murdering shithead who, according to popular myth, only had one testicle (6)
18. Classical composer who created some of his greatest pieces while deaf (9)
19. One of the greatest female tennis stars of all time “Steffi _____” (4)
20. Germany’s financial capital and home to the DAX (German Stock exchange); a sausage. (9)

Down
1. This small university town served as the West German capital (4)
2. The present pope, who is also the ninth German pontiff (8)
4. Literally meaning ‘garden of children’, this is the first stage of children’s classroom education (12)
5. Famous symbol of cold war division destroyed by people power in 1989 (6,4)
8. The youngest ever winner of the men’s singles tournament at Wimbledon (5,6)
9. Ridiculously beautiful swimsuit model who is engaged to the singer, Seal (5,4)
10. Baroque composer famous for his Brandenburg concertos (4)
11. Famous for dealing the symbolic blow that began the Reformation when he nailed Ninety-Five Theses to the door of a Church (6,6)
14. The former German Chancellor (9)
15. Nobel-prize winning author of The Tin Drum (5)
The Forbidden Fruit – a simple chocolate dessert

You will need:
- 1 Apple
- 1 Mars or Snickers bar
- Honey (optional)
- 1 Microwave oven

Cut the core out of the apple. Insert the chocolate bar into the hole. Drizzle the apple in honey. Microwave the apple on high for three minutes or until the chocolate starts to melt.*

Interested?

Do you have a love for chocolate? Then UNSW Chocsoc is the club for you! Chocsoc is an exciting new society that provides an environment to chill-out and indulge your chocolate fantasies with like-minded people.

For more information about the club, email chocolate_society@yahoo.com.au or call 0422 446 666.

*We tried this recipe ourselves. It scored very high on taste, but very low on looks. Try to serve it in the dark.
RELAXED AND COMPOSED

Next Monday night, three students from the UNSW School of Music will be holding a performance of their own compositions called Triptych. Stela Solar, Catherine Arthursen and Christina Abdul-Karim are passionate about bringing classical music back into fashion, April Smallwood discovered, and they know a few things about overcoming writer’s block.

Why don’t people know much about contemporary classical music?
Catherine: Contemporary classical music has a small audience because only a small number of people have listened to enough music to be able to appreciate it.
Stela: Most of my friends don’t know it exists. They just know that Beethoven was around once and pop music is around now and they don’t know about other styles. Mozart was popular music at that time. People were moshing to Mozart.

Say someone is interested in discovering classical music and doesn’t know where to start…
Catherine: Check out ABC Classic FM. If you listen to the radio you’ll get an idea of what other pieces are played. You’ll hear what other classical lovers are interested in and listen to. Go and get a recording of Beethoven or Mozart or Bach and start there.
Christina: Try as many different composers as you possibly can and find out which ones you like. If you keep your eye out you’ll notice student concerts advertised around here and a lot of the time they’re free.

How did you first get into music?
Stela: I started when I was three, playing piano. It wasn’t a conscious decision, it was just my parents’ idea. At the age of nine I was choosing a second instrument and … because of the family budget I got landed with the cello, which was a freak accident and has since become my favourite instrument.

How do you overcome composer’s block?
Catherine: There are writing techniques we’re taught in composition class. There is a list of things you can do to a fragmented melody when it’s not working, such as invert it, make the note values longer or shorter or use augmentation. It’s just like improvising, because we start out with something and try lots of different things until one works.

Do people date within the school?
Stela: All the time. And practise rooms are sometimes multi-purpose I think.
Christina: [shock] Stela!

Do cellists think they’re better than bassists?
Stela: There’s a joke: what’s better, a bass or a cello? A bass, because it burns longer. I just don’t think any of us think one instrument is better than the other. We appreciate each instrument for its own unique qualities. There is rivalry but it’s kind of fun. The poor, poor viola players are the butt of all jokes.

Any final words for your potential audience?
Catherine: We have an excellent array of performers and lots of really talented composers and this night is a showcase of what we can do. The concert is going to display a wide variety of instruments. There’ll be piano, cello, flute, string quartet, hand bells and voice. It’s something that will be comparable to and compatible with people who are interested in using contemporary composers from the School of Music in the future.

We’re here and we’d love to be asked to write music for any drama performance, media production or art exhibition.

Triptych Monday, October 24 (Week 13, not Week 12!), at 7:30pm in the John Clancy Auditorium. FREE entry.

Happy Wings: Do You Know Where Your Donations Are Going?

A play by Writer/Directors Anand Rajan and Craig Simms.

The charity, Happy Wings, is not a happy place. At least, not at the top. For those privileged enough to be there, they know a different company - one that exists purely as a goodwill and cash generator for parent corporation and fast food chain, Janela Chicken.

This month, however, is different. While those who run the charity are used to Janela skimming its share, the company is launching a controversial new product - one that needs more funding than ever before.

With an impossible donation target set by the powers that be, those in charge will need all the help they can get just to survive the month, especially considering they’re already so busy stabbing each other in the back.

Throw in a call-centre guru who gets her target no matter what, a recovering alcoholic mayor, lots of plastic buckets and a few ‘natural’ disasters, and you have the makings of a very dark and very funny comedy that is sure to amuse.

Happy Wings is playing from Tuesday to Saturday of this week at Studio One. Tickets are $10 for students and $15 for everyone else. To book phone 0415 379 728 or email happywings@unexpectedpanda.org.

Auditorium. FREE entry.
**Event Guide Oktoberfest 2005**

**Beer Garden**
- **BRAG**
  - 4.00 - 5pm: Tirolean Echoes
  - 5.00 - 5.30pm: Kate Duffy
  - 5.30 - 6.15pm: Errol Renda and Carribean Soul
  - 6.30 - 7.30pm: King Tide
  - 7.30 - 8.45pm: Stick Figures
  - 9.15 - 10.00pm: Entropic
  - 10.00 - 12am: Deepchild

**Roundhouse**
- **Jim Bean**
  - 6.00 - 10.30pm: DJ Static
  - 10.00 - 11.30pm: Funktrast DJ's
  - 11.30 - 12am: Mild Playa & Adam Bozzet
  - 12.00 - 1.00am: DJ Nino Brown
  - 12.15 - 2.00am: DJ Static

**Back Beer Garden**
- 4.00 - 4.45pm: Two Many Adams
- 5.00 - 5.45pm: The Alphabets
- 6.00 - 6.45pm: Chasm & Mantra
- 7.00 - 7.45pm: The Suitable Few
- 8.00 - 8.45pm: bluejuice
- 9.00 - 9.45pm: Muph & Plutonic
- 10.00 - 10.45pm: Hermitude
- 11.00 - 11.45pm: Downsye

**R'n'B Tent**
- 7.00 - 9.00pm: Def Rok
- 9.00 - 10.30pm: Sefu
- 10.30 - 12am: DJ Moto
MONDAY 17 OCTOBER

Table Tennis
Whappity-whap
11am
Roundhouse
Free

Movie Screening - Run Lola Run
A young woman in Germany has twenty minutes to find and bring 100,000 Deutschmarks to her boyfriend before he robs a grocery store.
1pm
Club Bar, Roundhouse
Free

NUTS AGM
NUTS is holding its Annual General Meeting. Come along to vote in the executive committee for 2006 and to vote on some changes to our constitution! Do not miss your chance to get involved and have a say in how the society is run. Location map at www.nuts.org.au. Send any questions to nuts@nuts.org.au.
6pm
Hut B11B room 11, near Gate 2
Free

UNSW Anti-Racism Collective Meeting
The UNSW Anti-Racism Collective is a group of students who work under the auspices of the Student Guild to foster awareness of issues relating to racism on campus. Some of the campaigns we will be running this semester include a Cultural diversity forum on campus and a ‘Make Poverty History’ (wrist band) campaign.
5-6 pm
Student Guild Offices (Level 1, East Wing, Quad Building).
Free

TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER

Table Tennis
Slappedy-slap
11am
Roundhouse
Free

Theatresports
Flex your improvisational muscle
Midday
Unibar, Roundhouse
Free

Resistance Society Film: John Pilger’s
Breaking the Silence: Truth and Lies in the War on Terror
Midday
Mathews Building room 104
Free

UNSW Chess Club
Assessments are near/But no need to fear/
Avoid the stress/Just come play chess!
Midday-3pm
Quad 1001
Members free, non members $2

Campus Bible Study Talk - True spiritual life
If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Come join us for a talk on Galatians 5:16-26. For more information, visit www.campusbiblestudy.org
1-2pm
CLB7
Free

Trivia
A duck with one leg swims in a circle
1pm
Unibar, Roundhouse
Free

Pool Comp
Come down to the Unibar for the weekly pool comp and a chance to kick back
5pm
Unibar, Roundhouse
Free

Theatre - Happy Wings
Three bosses at each other’s throats. A call centre guru who always gets her mark. A drunken mayor. Wanton destruction. Piles of cash. Men, in chicken suits with lots of plastic buckets. These are the hallmarks of Happy Wings, the new dark comedy from the UNSW Scriptwriters’ Society that makes you ask - do you know where your donation is going?
8pm
Studio One, UNSW
$10 students, $15 adults

WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER

Table Tennis
Pingedy-Pong
11am
Roundhouse
Free

Library Lawn Band: Kalendar
Come check out traditional German band Kalendar to get you ready for Oktoberfest tomorrow!
1pm
Library Lawn
Free

Bar Bingo
Bar Bingo improves your reflexes. It’s true!
1pm
Unibar, Roundhouse
Free

Table Tennis Comp
Clickety-clack
4pm
Roundhouse
Free

Trivia and Happy Hour
The ultimate combination: random useless facts and beer.
5pm
Unibar, Roundhouse
Free

Volleyball
Come down and join the UNSW volleyball club. The UNSW volleyball club welcomes new players from beginners through to competitive players who wish to join an SVL team. Non-students and exchange students are welcome too. For more details hit the website at www.volleyball.unsw.edu.au.
5-8pm
Unigym main hall
See website for costs

Pub Grub
Good food. Good times
5.30pm
Clems, Roundhouse

Ultimate Frisbee Eastern Suburbs League
Ever wish there was a sport that involved a Frisbee? Well, come to the Village Green tonight to play a couple of games of Ultimate Frisbee. This exciting new sport is for men and women of all skill levels, combining some of the best aspects of soccer, basketball and gridiron. The UNSW Ultimate Frisbee Club runs a weekly League for players - beginner or advanced. Come along and give it a go!
7-9pm
Village Green
$30 for the session
Rapid Fire Comedy featuring Arj Barker and MC Daniel Townes

Originally from San Francisco, Arj’s stand-up comedy television credits include The Late Show with David Letterman, and Late Night with Conan O’Brien. He has performed in over ten countries and has been seen at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and the Montreal Just For Laughs Comedy Festival.

7pm
Unibar, Roundhouse
Free

THURSDAY 20
OCTOBER

Table Tennis
Come on!
11am
Roundhouse
Free

Table Tennis
Don’t jump the net.

Sketch Show - Nice Guys Finish Fast

Nice Guys Finish Fast casts as its heroes a fledgling Freemasons’ guild, a nasty motivational speaker, a sociopathic restaurateur and a cub-scout leader with a death wish. It draws influences from The League of Gentlemen, The Young Ones and the ‘Shitscared’ segment on The Late Show. Broken bones permitting, Nice Guys Finish Fast promises to be a hoot.

8pm
Crypt Theatre, Cat and Fiddle Hotel, 456 Darling Street, Balmain
$18 Full Price, $14 concession
For bookings call 9810 7931

Theatre - Happy Wings

8pm
Studio One, UNSW
$10 students, $15 adults

ELSOC AGM BBQ

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1pm
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1-2pm
Science Theatre
Free

UNSW Chess Club

Come spend some time/Stimulating your mind/Put your skill to the test/Have a game of chess!

1-4pm
Quad 1001
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Christian Union AGM

2pm
Science Theatre

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Music - Red Riders - The Plan A EP

Can anything slow these guys down? Red Riders just keep getting better and better. With every gig and every release they continue to effortlessly extend their domination of the Sydney music scene, and there is no group you’d rather see bestriding this city. They are so fucking good! Hopefully there will be a trickle-down effect and other bands might tap into that special quality that sets them apart.

The Plan A, their second EP is nothing short of brilliant. The highlight is definitely the Elvis Costello-inspired ‘Forget Easy’, where beautiful jangling guitars – using more delay than The Edge – shimmer and shine over you. The lyrics and harmonies will break your heart. Of course, it wouldn’t be a Red Riders disc without some jumping pumped up anthems. I defy anyone to listen to ‘Mouthful of Riot’ without wanting to get up and dance, and ‘I Think You’re Blind’ will get your feet moving.

Even if you haven’t heard of the Red Riders, this EP is worth checking out. The disc offers you the chance to get in on the ground floor with a band that will be stunning the world very, very soon. Do not miss this opportunity – Rob Gascoigne

Theatre - Nice Guys Finish Fast

It’s easy to assume that Australian sketch comedies on TV today are of the highest quality that this country has to offer. How lucky we are that this assumption is false, and that there are live shows like Nice Guys Finish Fast – that are far funnier than any sketch comedy seen recently on TV – to prove it.

Nice Guys Finish Fast is a live sketch comedy with a loose plot tied around the adventures of a rogue Freemasons guild, a misshapen restaurateur and a motivational speaker with a messiah complex.

Sketches are a mixture of slapstick, farce, spoof and musical, lovingly garnished with dark crass. This unashamedly adult humour might draw puckered lips from the easily offended, but anyone with a taste or merely a tolerance for the coarse will appreciate a very skilfully produced and acted production. Despite the occasional skit that raises more puzzlement than laughter, audiences will cack themselves.

Sketch comedy is surprisingly suited to live performance; humour has momentum in a crowd and the tiny Crypt Theatre in Balmain creates a unique intimacy between the cast of five and the audience. For anyone but the faint of heart, Nice Guys Finish Fast is funny, clever, and highly recommended – Ben Smyth
Every week, students contribute their artwork to Visual Blitz and every year, Visual Blitz culminates in an exhibition of student work with prizes awarded to the winning entries. If you’re in the habit of making creative statements then Visual Blitz is your canvas.

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Newsflash! Uni students like beer. Matter of fact, Uni students like beer a lot. But how often do we just throw it back without stopping to really experience what we’re ingesting? To help you become connoisseurs of the amber fluid this Oktoberfest, Rob Gascoigne has penciled down a few pointers to help you on your way.

If you’ve picked up this magazine, chances are you’re a university student and, as such, you rather enjoy taking a little refreshment on occasion. If that is so, the refreshment is most likely to come in the form of a cool amber fluid. Ah, the true engine of progress. Social lubrication. Beer.

Regrettably, few of us ever really try to taste what we’re consuming. Most of us just amble up to the bar, grab the glass and pour it down our dry throats. Sometimes after a long day at Uni, that’s all you really want. But it’s worth remembering now and then that there is a difference between drinking beer and just getting it in your stomach. Quite apart from the enjoyment you’ll gain when you properly appreciate a schooner, you will be able to impress all your friends and everyone at the bar with your comprehensive knowledge. As with all things, the person who knows what he or she is doing is infinitely more impressive than the person who just really likes something.

The world of beer is a large one and the best place to sample it all is at one of the Belgian beer cafes around Sydney. But for this article we’re headed to the Roundhouse, which has New, Old, VB, Squires’ Amber Ale and Beck’s on tap. That’s quite a reasonable example of the different types of beer you can get and as good a place for us to start beer appreciation as any.

The Basics:
First let’s consider the ingredients in a brew. Beer is the product of four principal ingredients, each bringing something different to a beer:
• Malt - partially-germinated grains like barley and wheat - introduce colour, sweet flavour, body, a good head and also the sugars needed for fermentation into alcohol
• Hops come from a flowering plant related to cannabis. Hops counter-balance the taste of grain with bitterness and floral flavours and aromas
• Yeast takes care of the fermentation. It breaks down sugars from the grain into alcohol, carbon dioxide, and small amounts of other chemicals critical to flavour
• Water provides a suitable environment for yeast. It also makes the beer wet.

A difference in any one of these ingredients will create differences in the beer. One of the interesting things about Squire’s Amber Ale, for example, is that it is a triple brew, made with three types of malt and three different hops. This gives it a distinctive and complex taste. But, of course, different beers will also have different ingredients. Some beers even contain spices; there is a beer called Hoegaarden that contains coriander and orange-zest.

Clearly there is a remarkable science behind your beer, and none of it came about by chance. Every single beer you consume is the legacy of centuries and centuries of experimentation and work by people from a myriad of different cultures. Surely it deserves a little respect for that alone.

Popular beer types
The lager is by far the most popular type of beer in Australia. Lagers are ‘blonde’ in colour, crisp (effervescent and dry) and not too strong tasting, making them an ideal beer for a hot climate.
An ale will be heavier, having a more fruity or spicy taste. They are slightly darker and will sometimes have ‘stuff’ floating around in them that is not only normal, but tasty. Cooper’s Sparkling Ale or Squire’s Amber Ale are good examples of this type of beer.

Toohey’s Old might look like a stout, but it isn’t – it is more like a dark ale. A real stout is even blacker and heavier in taste. The grains used are cooked longer, burning them a little and giving the beer a roasted flavour. This flavour is present in Old, but is even more prominent in stout.

Appreciation
Don’t drink straight away. First, consider the temperature. As Australians, we know that beer ought to be cold, especially lagers. But if heavier beers like ales are too cold, they lose taste and aroma, and that, as we’ll learn, is one of the cornerstones in beer appreciation.

You can tell a lot about a beer without even tasting it:
• Colour - Consider three beers on tap at the bar. Toohey’s Old is a dark – almost black – brown; Squire’s Amber Ale is amber and Toohey’s New is a pale straw-coloured beer. Colour is a function of the malt used in brewing and the easiest way for you to anticipate the imminent flavour
• Clarity- Different beers have different clarities. It can just be a rather beautiful thing to look at; a Squire’s has a rich, opaque mixture, while Coopers Sparkling is fermented in the bottle, so it has gunky yeast floating in it.
• The Head – Watch the way a beer gets poured. First, it’s splashed right into the glass, then it’s poured against the side of the glass. This is the best way to get a good head on the beer, and the head is where the aromatics in the beer will gather. The head also serves to protect the beer from oxidation and thereby losing its flavour. A schooner has an open mouth to allow a greater head and a richer aroma
• Aroma - Now we’re starting to get to the business end of things. Have a whiff of your beer, first gently swirling it in a circular motion. The Carbon Dioxide will waft the aromatics up as bubbles. Enjoy the smells.

Okay, you can drink it now. Don’t gulp it down. Let it linger in your mouth for a while. Appreciate the delicate flavours and textures you’re experiencing. A good beer is a complex collection of tastes. At first, you might not be able to appreciate precisely what’s going on with your tastebuds as they struggle to determine precisely what they are encountering.

A Tooheys New, for example, has a balance between bitter and sweet. If a beer is bitter, you are tasting the hops – one particularly bitter type of lager is a ‘pilsener’ like Beck’s. Other beers may be more ‘malty’, with a grainy, caramel-like taste. A “roasted” flavoured beer is one that tastes of the roasted grains. Both Squire’s Amber Ale and Toohey’s Old have differing degrees of these flavours: Amber Ale has a little, Old has a lot. You’re might even taste some fruit flavours as well.

Now, take another sip and, while you’re swirling it about on your tongue, consider how it feels in your mouth. Does it have a full body? Does it have a very light, crisp taste or is it a softer, richer taste? A Squires’ Ale has a mouse-like, slightly creamier, quality to it. A lighter lager like Beck’s is much crispier with a more watery texture.

It’s also worth paying attention to how carbonated (‘fizzy’) the beer is. One of the notable qualities of a Tooheys Old is that it has been quite lightly carbonated. This means that the carbon dioxide does not intrude quite so much on the taste.

Slowly make your way to the bottom of the glass. You should have that wonderful refreshed, slightly warm feeling in your mouth (and soul). Contrary to popular myth, the aftertaste is one of the best things about beer. In fact, it might make you want another.

There is a reason beer has existed for so long across so many cultures. It is tasty and drinking it can be a wonderful experience. Each glass offers you a brave new world of tastes, colours and smells. All you have to do is try and be receptive to them. Enjoy.
UNSW in Brisbane

260 UNSW students headed north during the mid-session break to compete in the Australian University Games.

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The walk there had taken up precious hours of her single day off. She continually told herself, however, that it was worth it. Her parents had been but humble farmers, doing their best to keep all the children fed. When the new factory had opened up in a town nearby, she, as the eldest, had been sent there to help support the family. Although the work was hard and the hours were long, it was a steady job with a steady flow of money. The pay was just enough to support her, although she always found a way to squirrel away a small amount to send back to her family each week.

There were many other workers in the factory who were in the same position as her; she wondered why she had been chosen by them to do this little errand. It was such a simple thing, yet the money they were paying her was more than she'd ever seen at one time. It was enough to support her, although she always found a way to squirrel away a small amount to send back to her family each week.

As the minutes stretched on, doubts assailed her. She knew perfectly well what she was doing and that if she was found out her life would probably not be worth living any more. Such a thing would not be tolerated by her employer and no other company would want a worker who could not be trusted. She would have to return home to her family shame-faced and empty-handed – a failure. It would be easy for the boss to turn her in to the police, who had taken a sudden interest in this ever since the Government had announced its crackdown. A life in prison would not be appealing.

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The strongest objection her conscience raised, however, was the simple fact that she was betraying those who had given her a job and a source of income. It may not have been much, but it was more than she would have earned had she followed her parents' way of life. They had provided her with a roof over her head and a place to sleep. It irked her to know that what she was doing went against all the values she had been taught from birth. With that final thought, she turned to leave.

The sound of car wheels on gravel made her pause and then she was caught in the headlights like a frightened deer. The sound of the engine was abruptly cut off, and a man emerged from the driver's side. He was opulently dressed and she felt a moment of revulsion at the gaudiness of the look. He approached her and muttered to her in guttural Vietnamese, "Do you have the copies?"

Her resolve was firm as she replied, "I will not do this. It is wrong, and I will play no part. You must find someone else to do it for you." He said nothing but instead returned to his car, emerging with a loaf of bread that he handed to her. She broke off a chunk and ate it ravenously, carefully putting the rest in her pocket to bring back to her family. Looking up she saw what seemed to be a shred of pity in his eyes, but she instantly dismissed that thought: the rich never felt anything for those who weren't as fortunate. It was pointless trying to deal with them. That was a life lesson one learnt when young.

When the last of the crumbs were gone, she spoke to him again, "Thank you, but I still will not give them to you. I must be going now. It is a long walk home." However, before she could walk off the man reached into his pocket and pulled out a wad of notes. Holding it out, he said, "This is the sum of money you were to be given. I offer them to you one last time." Her eyes were caught by the sheer amount of money there was in his hand. One week of food for the family.

Slowly, unwillingly, she reached her hand out to reveal the piece of paper on her palm. Snatching the money, she shoved the paper into his hand, scuttling away after the exchange. His mocking laughter followed her and he called out, "Be here the same time next month. We want the newest Chanel designs to be out on the streets before you're finished making them."

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