Week 9 – Wednesday 20 September @ The Roundhouse

Mooncake
Yum Cha festival 2006

Delicious 13 course YUM CHA
Sitting 1 – 11.30 am
Sitting 2 – 1.15 pm

Tickets: Source Members $8 (11.30am) $12 (1.15pm)
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Virgin atlantic airfares for 2 to Hong Kong

Tickets on sale NOW at Zippys CLB, Mathews and Blockhouse, Quad store, and Source Reception, Blockhouse.

Tickets available at the door from 10.30am and 12.30pm unless sold out.

Details at www.source.unsw.edu.au
Editor’s letter

by Rob Gascoigne

Here’s a story about multiculturalism I always liked. About two years ago, I was on a train in China. I struck up a conversation with a ridiculously pleasant guy sitting in the same carriage. He was sitting with his very fat and very bored son who was playing around with a little toy of some description. The man leant over to his son and said “you speak English too, don’t you?” and began to sing “Happy Birthday” in English to get the kid to stop playing with the (by now annoying) toy and engage with us.

What was surreal was that I began to sing it in Mandarin. Now, as you might have guessed, I don’t speak Mandarin (a fact that became all too apparent when I later got pneumonia and was trying to explain to a doctor in Guangzhou that the penicillin he was trying to ram down my throat would kill me) so it was bizarre that I knew this song. After about a day of reflecting on this sorry fact, it dawned on me that I learned the song when I was about five years old. A Chinese kid in my kindergarten class had a birthday and his parents taught us the song.

I love that fact. I love that we have all these wonderful cultures available to us. I think that’s really the great thing about this country generally and this Uni more specifically: the wondrous variety.

Week Nine is the Source’s Mooncake Yum Cha Festival. To give you a taste of this, we’ve dedicated this issue to this phenomenon of multiculturalism. Alex has written a brief piece on this fact and its controversial history in Australian and international politics. Flick has written her feature on the broader issue of “culture”, focussing on sub cultures.

Finally, there are also a number of shows on this week. Rosencrantz and Guildenstern have died recently and there are Aliens landing at the Figtree Theatre. Check out a show and get ready for Mooncake.
We’re currently looking for energetic, fun people to promote Oktoberfest on campus.

If this sounds like your thing email hypesmiths@source.unsw.edu.au, and become part of one of the most exciting volunteer programs on campus.

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Kate Bartlett
Source President
A Holiday to remember

by Antonella Schulte

It’s official! Hong Kong is an amazing, beautiful place! “How can you say that? Isn’t it just like a giant Chinatown?” I hear you ask. Well, yes, but therein lies its charm. You have to appreciate it in the spirit of the culture from which it comes.

My sister and I spent ten days this past July in Hong Kong thanks to Virgin Atlantic and UNSW’s Mooncake Yum Cha Festival. Neither of us had ever been to Asia before, so we didn’t really know what to expect, but I can say without a doubt that we loved what we saw.

The flight on Virgin Atlantic was great. An otherwise tedious ten hour flight was made blissfully relaxing with comfortable chairs and a personal in-flight entertainment system in the back of every seat. These personal entertainment units had over 60 films to choose from, along with TV shows, documentaries and news programs and information about each of Virgin’s major destinations. It was the perfect way to introduce us to the new and yet undiscovered island of Hong Kong. The food was super tasty and the seats good enough for sleeping (though who would want to with all those films to choose from? I mean really)! After a rather enjoyable flight, we had arrived at our final destination. Welcome to Hong Kong!

Admittedly, when we first got there some things came as a bit of a culture shock: walking into a busy restaurant for lunch on our first day and having a short Asian man yell at us before showing us our table; seeing a legless beggar lying face down in the street with crowds of people bemusedly walking around him; the constant need to bargain for everything except that which is sold in an upper class shop; the incredibly tall buildings and pervasive neon lights. This city was everything I expected and yet, it was so much more. People were incredibly friendly, everything was amazingly clean and it was such a different world to experience.

Yet there is more to Hong Kong than neon lights and strange beggars. On our third day in our summer paradise (at least 30 degrees the entire time) my sister and I checked out the local museums. The Hong Kong Museum of Art showed us some amazing pieces of Chinese artistic culture, a highlight being the incredible painted little snuff bottles that are beautiful examples of Chinese ingenuity and art. We also visited the Hong Kong Space Museum and the Hong Kong Science Museum, which were interesting experiences in themselves.

The highlight of the entire day was without a doubt our visit to the Hong Kong Museum of History. This museum displays Hong Kong’s history using magnificent dioramas in a giant multilevel exhibition hall detailing the development of Hong Kong from prehistoric times with the formation of the land right through to early civilised man, the introduction of pre-modern Chinese culture and the various influences in the history of Hong Kong that have affected the way it stands today. An amazing display of the living history of the place we were so fortunate enough to visit. Our explorations did not end there though. We couldn’t resist a detour into China.

Halfway through the trip we joined an organised tour that explored the Guangdong province in southern mainland China. We visited a Panda at the Safari Park and saw an exhibition devoted to the Terracotta Soldiers. We ate a delicious Chinese meal at the oldest restaurant in Guangzhou and later walked through an incredible market that sold scorpions, turtles and frogs for dinner! I was definitely glad we ate lunch before that one. China really is quite an amazing place, and I really didn’t know what to think about it when I was there because it was so different to anything I’ve ever seen before. In hindsight though, I have realised that it’s not the kind of place you can see and totally understand in a single day’s visit so I’m going to have to see it again.

This is not all we saw though. We also went to the Big Buddha on Lantau Island and ate an amazing lunch at the Po Lin Monastery. We visited the newly opened Hong Kong Disneyland and met Mickey and Minnie Mouse. We watched an incredible water and light show put on by the Hong Kong Tourism Board, caught the Peak Tram and visited Madame Tussaud’s and travelled the world’s longest escalator and quite simply, we saw the sights, we smelt the air and we ate the food: my sister and I experienced Hong Kong and I have got to tell you…I’ve never seen anything like it!

Who will be the winner this year? Mooncake Yum Cha returns to the Roundhouse Wed 20 Sept, and again we’ll be giving away 2 Virgin Atlantic return economy flights to Hong Kong.
Multiculturalism is a fascinating concept. It appeared in the late 1970s as a reaction to the concept of the mono-cultural nation state. Many factors of the modern world contributed to the break down of cultural and geographical barriers. The post-war boom brought with it increased migration and cross-continent movement. Multiculturalism began as a policy in English speaking countries with Canada being the first to implement it. As a political policy, it sought to alleviate the threat of forced assimilation and discrimination that expanded migration could produce. These days, political policies of multiculturalism include dual citizenship, minority representation in the media, support for minority festivals and holidays and acceptance of traditional and religious dress.

Today, multiculturalism means a lot more than a simple political policy. It is an ideology that is representative of the cultural mesh that is modern life. It has brought with it a more refined idea of mainstream culture. Whilst Multiculturalism has brought with it a plurality of ideas and traditions, a mainstream culture is always present. But there is always a peripheral hub of less recognised “sub cultures”. Modern society has demonstrated a keen need to appropriate from these peripheral traditions and customs and bring them to the wider mainstream.

There are plenty of examples of multiculturalism in the periphery that are appropriated by the mainstream. A perfect example of this is the trend of boys wearing their pants halfway down. Not only is this unsightly for anyone who has

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absolutely no desire to see the style and colour of the wearer’s undergarment, it is a complete Westernisation of a cultural phenomenon. The trend actually came from American gaols, from predominantly Afro-American men who wore their gaol attire at subaltern levels because their belts had been confiscated by the prison. This fashion ‘trend’ left the prisons with the prisoners and came back into society via the popularity of music styles like gangsta rap. Nowadays, every wannabe black ‘gangsta’ white kid can be seen with their pants halfway down their ankles.

This is not a new occurrence. Throughout history, time and again the mainstream has taken from the periphery and completely subverted it, often to the detriment of the original ideas and philosophy. In the 1980s, there was a dance style calling ‘Vogueing’ which originated in the slums of New York City. It was created out of the activities of the young socially ostracised Latino and Afro-American gay and transsexual street kids who lived in the slums of Harlem. Mostly ostracized for their sexuality, some had turned to prostitution and drugs but invested their emotional and social energy into the production of Drag Balls. The balls the kids held were a complete subversion and reaction to the affluent American “yuppie” the 1980s produced. The men and women of the New York City Drag Ball circuit would dress up in an attempt at ‘realness’ and were given awards for the most real costumes and acting. Due to their social isolation they ended up forming mock family units or ‘houses’ which acted as teams against which they played off during the balls. The competition was in the form of ‘vogueing’, a showy dance style in which the dancer created different poses to show off his/her realness.

The style of dance characterised as ‘vogueing’ involved the dancer contorting themselves into different shapes with full use of all their limbs. These days most of us would be aware of the ‘vogue’ style of dance thanks to Madonna’s 1990 hit of the same name. The image of Madonna with her hands wrapped around her face is fairly typical of vogueing. Ironically, Madonna would have been exposed to this world through her backing dancers who would have been in contact with this community.

While the dance translated to a big hit for Madonna, the balls of the 1980s, sadly, only exist in a very limited form. Many of the members of the original houses have died from Aids or on the streets. The phenomenon was captured in the cult classic documentary Paris is Burning by Jennie Livingston and sadly may remain the only record of such an important social movement. The philosophy of the Drag Ball scene was one of absolute subversion and irony. Here you had poor African American and Latino queers imitating white affluent white Americans and reacting to the social isolation by forming their own unique family units. Bizarrely, this was appropriated by the same culture they were satirising.

Another area where the mainstream borrows from the peripheral is in fashion. Think of the 1990s obsession with Asian influence clothes. Suddenly traditional saris, fisherman pants and even bindis were being worn by Westerners with no real understanding of the cultural significance behind them. As surreal as it may seem, it was actually possible to buy Buddhist prayer beads at General Pants stores. Even the trends at the moment reflect a borrowing of a subculture, with the Indy-rock influence now seen on every teenager ever to set foot in Sportgirl, General Pants or Dotti.

It’s the nature of living in such an integrated world. With so many varied and rich cultures living side by side, able to access each other at any given time, the more “mainstream” cultures that dominate a particular community, can more easily appropriate the peculiar idiosyncrasies of those at the periphery. But it can be important to remember where those particular forms of expression came from and what they meant.
Blitz is sad to announce that Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead. They will be dearly missed. The story of these two tragic, lonesome characters was originally scribed by Tom Stoppard and has been clearly recreated by Sarah Jarvis for your sombre entertainment. Alex Serpo spoke to Sarah about these two tragic characters.

Why did you choose to direct this play?
I was first involved in a Stoppard play many years ago when he writes he is so witty and so quick. Soon after, I saw Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead. The production of it just blew me away. It is both so funny and so tragic; there is a lot in it.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are two periphery characters in Shakespeare’s Hamlet who are thrown to their death for very little reason. This play is about them. Seeing the reality from their side, their quest to try and work out why they are there.

I have probably read that play in excess of two hundred times now, and each time I find something new, something that makes me sad or laugh. Stoppard writes with so many layers.

What sort of a show is it?
The play is based on Hamlet. However the main action of the play happens outside the theatre. Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead is basically Hamlet from their point of view. In Hamlet they are very scheming conniving people while in this play they are no idea why they have been summoned, what they are doing or even who they are. Throughout the whole play that is what they are searching for. Here they are very innocent.

Tell me about the technical elements of the production
Studio One is a small black box theatre with a capacity of fifty people. It is very intimate and very close, we are going to have the action happen right in the audience’s face and the audience will surround the actors.

There is a group of ‘players’, a group of tragedians [thespians performing a tragedy] who come in and play instruments live. For the lighting we have gone for a ‘no holds barred’ approach.

Why should people come and see the show?
Without trying to sound biased, it’s a good show. It’s a show that has something for everyone. If you’re looking for comedy, it has comedy. If you’re more philosophically bent then it has that layer as well. If you’re young you’re going to love it, if you’re old you’re going to appreciate it.

Is it better than Snakes on a Plane?
It’s a lot better than Snakes on a Plane. It’s five Samuel L. Jacksons’ worth of Snakes on a Plane.

If you would like to know how Rosencrantz and Guildenstern died, go to Studio One between Tuesday and Saturday in either Week Eight or Nine at 8pm. Pay the doorman $10 if you’re a non student, $8 if you’re a student or $5 if you’re a student NUTS member. May they rest in peace.

If you know a person or group that would be of interest to UNSW students and should be profiled here, tell us about them. They should be presently or formerly affiliated with UNSW. Send an email with subject “Snapshot” to blitzeditor@source.unsw.edu.au.
What is Mosaic Fusion Forums?
It is an initiative that partners University students (as facilitators) with young high school peers to encourage thought, discussion and creativity about cultural interactions amongst the participants. It is through this interaction that both facilitators and participants grow in their capability to communicate and develop their leadership skills and intercultural skills.

Why did you set up Mosaic Fusion Forums?
Mosaic was set up by a group of us. We were University students at the time who saw that our peers and younger students had no opportunity to really explore the vexed questions of multiculturalism and cultural identity. Young people had no space to talk about such ideas and so we set about creating a space – in writing at first, and then, in person, through the forums. No other programs were available that could provide the same level of frank, honest and open interaction between students and their University mentors.

What is the idea behind the program?
The forums are a dynamic mechanism that provides an environment for peers to develop cultural intelligence and leadership confidence through activities that seek out their creativity, encourage free thought and the collaboration of ideas. Essentially, we wanted to contribute to the growth of our peers and encourage them to be culturally prepared and to take positive community action in their lifetime. It is about having fun and learning from each other.

Why should students get involved?
University students are looked up to by the young. By being involved, you are in a unique position to directly influence these young minds, and reconnect with your own experiences and become a mentor. In doing so, you develop your self-esteem and build your competence in leadership and communication. You make a difference to the students’ lives; that’s pretty powerful stuff. Being an employer in my profession, the significance of this commitment is not limited to the skills you can bring to a role but also your mentality and motivation for being a community builder that many leaders would like to have in their organisation. What other programs offer you the chance to play an active leadership role in influencing over 300 minds a year?

You are planning to expand the program into the wider community. What is in the pipeline?
We are working with the Department of Education on a state-wide basis in an effort to institutionalise this productive and dynamic program. We hope that in this process there will be continuity in growth and longevity. It is our expectation that this will serve all purposes of existing stakeholders. University bodies involved in this program will have the potential to reach out to a significant number of high school students in NSW.

How has your involvement in Mosaic helped you after uni?
Mosaic not only provides career progressive skills sets, it provides the team and myself with the opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to the community as we actively reach out to our peers and assist with their growth. It is this passion that community work ignites that enables us to tackle challenges and overcome hurdles between us and our goals, through leading by example and committing to others, you can always benefit your own development.

If the Mosaic program sounds of interest to you, register your interest for the 2007 program with Zhiyan Cao at mosaic@source.unsw.edu.au

In 2000 James Tran, along with a group of UNSW students, set up the Source's Mosaic Fusion Forums program. Flick Strong caught up with him to find out more about the program and its future.
To celebrate the Chinese Mid Autumn festival, the Source will again be holding its annual Mooncake festival in Week Nine. There will be plenty of delicious Yum cha available in the Roundhouse and, as Rob Gascoigne, explains, there’s an important communal quality to this ritual.

In many different cultures right across the world, the greatest act of fraternity and friendship is the act of sharing a meal. Friends and acquaintances come together in celebration to share this simple rite. Think of that great Australian institution: the family barbecue. Distant relatives come together to catch up and wish each other well (or, in my family, to embarrass each other) over a freshly cooked meal. It’s not a new concept. Ancient Christians symbolically broke bread with friends and, in Japan, Korea and China, tea ceremonies have traditionally been hugely important, almost spiritual, rituals. Even in the most remote patches of Earth, these rituals exist. Tibetans, high in the Himalayas, share a tea mixed with yak milk with strangers when they meet on some lonely mountain pass.

It seems that there’s a particular intimacy in the act of sharing a meal. Maybe it’s the sensuality of tasting something yummy and sharing that process, however, I suspect the yak milk probably debunks that theory. Maybe it’s important because it’s hard to scream abuse at someone when your mouth is full with a tasty dumpling. Regardless of the reason, it’s plain to see that, regardless of culture, race or personality, people can easily agree on the great virtue of a good feed.

One ritual that is particularly amenable to this idea of a communal custom is Yum cha. The term “Yum cha” is a Cantonese expression meaning “drinking tea”, however we more commonly recognise it as the custom of eating tiny servings of different foods while sipping some well-brewed Chinese tea. The ritual originated in southern China and is an integral part of the culinary culture of Hong Kong and the Guangdong province. In any city with a sizeable population of Cantonese people, Yum cha is a tradition on weekend mornings, and whole families gather to chat and eat. The tea is important, because it helps digest the rich foods that may be included in the choice of offerings.

The custom has developed its own rituals. A tea-drinker who taps the table with his/her fingers is showing gratitude to the member of the party who has re-filled her cup. When a teapot is unfilled – and the all important tea has stopped flowing - the customer need only leave the lid diagonally up and it will be whisked away and refilled.

But perhaps what is most interesting about Yum cha is that it is a type of food that you cannot enjoy unless you’re surrounded by other people. You sit around a table with your friends and family and each make a selection from the varied foods available. With dozens of different selections on offer, it’s one of the few meals you will have which actually offers something for every taste. By sharing in this way, you get a whole range of foods to be
shared amongst you. Yum cha is truly a communal custom. This communal quality is probably the reason why the ritual has been so well embraced in Australia, particularly in Sydney. On weekend mornings at Yum cha restaurants in the city, the restaurants are not solely filled with Chinese people. All manner of different people, from all manner of different backgrounds, come together to share some tasty food with friends. It’s no surprise that, in a multicultural society such as ours, a custom that invokes fraternity and sharing will gain a certain currency.

It’s become an important ritual on the UNSW campus as well. Each year, the Source coordinates the Mooncake festival as part of its cultural diversity program. It’s popular on campus, not only because the food’s great (have a look at the menu), but because it allows us to have a meal with friends. We attend one of the most culturally diverse Universities in the country and it’s wonderful that we can embrace this fact by sitting down together and sharing a meal. Don’t miss the festival next Wednesday. Go along and enjoy a feast with friends.

**About the Mooncake Festival:**

The Mooncake is a Chinese confection that is traditionally eaten during the Mid-Autumn Festival. The festival is a popular Chinese celebration of abundance and togetherness, dating back over 3,000 years to China’s Zhou Dynasty. The festival is also a celebration of the Moon Goddess Chang’e.

What is really fascinating about these little cakes is their importance in Chinese history. In the Fourteenth Century, China was in revolt against the Mongols. Legend has it that information about the time and place of the revolution was concealed within the mooncakes and sent to friends and relatives. Today, mooncakes are eaten before the festival day and make meaningful gifts for friends and family.

At UNSW, the Mooncake Yum Cha Festival is one of UNSW Source’s annual cultural diversity programs. Over 600 Yum cha meals are served at the Roundhouse, accompanied by traditional Chinese entertainment.

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**Win!**

Two Virgin Atlantic Return Economy Class Tickets to Hong Kong At UNSW Source’s Annual Yum Cha Feast at the Roundhouse on Wednesday of Week Nine.

With 13 delicious courses, live entertainment and free samples from Lee Kum Kee.

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**TICKETS**

The Mooncake Yum Cha Festival, Roundhouse, Wednesday September 20 (Week Nine).

Two sittings:

- 11:30am - $8 for members
- 1:15pm - $12 for members (non-member price is $15 for both sittings).

Tickets available from all Zippy’s stores (Blockhouse, CLB, Mathews), Quad Store or Source Reception at the Blockhouse. Tickets will also be available at the door from 10:30am or 12:30pm unless sold out.
**Monday 11 September**

**Ping Pong**
11am
Like mini tennis
Roundhouse
Free

**Amnesty International UNSW BBQ**
12-2pm
Amnesty International UNSW is kicking off ‘Amnesty for a week’ with a sizzling BBQ to raise awareness for Human Rights.

**Queerplay**
1-3pm
Scintillating conversation and the occasional game.
Queer Space – Applied Sciences Building 920
Free

**Learn the Lingo Coffee Meetings**
1-2pm
Improve your English, make new friends and learn more about Australia!
ISS Lounge, Level 1, East Wing, Red Centre
Free

**UNSW Bridge Card Club**
2-4pm
Quad G055

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**Tuesday 12 September**

**Thoughtful Foods Food Cooperative**
10:30am–4:30pm (Opening Hours)
Backyard of the Roundhouse, next to Eats@theRound
Free

**Ping Pong**
11am
Roundhouse
Free

**Thoughtful Foods Food Co-operative; Training Session**
12-1pm and 3-4pm
Info and training session about the food co-op.
Backyard of the Roundhouse, next to Eats@theRound
Free

**Chess**
12-3pm
Want to learn better positions?
Website: www.unswchess.org/

**Goldstein**
Rm G05
Free for members. $2 for non-members

**‘Why does Amnesty help the refugees?’**
12-1pm
Speakers will address refugee and asylum seeker rights.
CLB Theatre

**UNSW Debating Society: Watch a Debate!**
6-8:15pm
See a debate in ‘British Parliamentary’ style. A great time for new debaters to join as we all learn this more interactive style of debating!
Visit www.debsoc.unsw.edu.au for details.
Old Law Tower Foyer for walking group
Free

**UNSW Poker Club: Poker Tournament**
4pm
Who wants to play poker at uni?
Prizes for winner. Rego: 3:30, start 4:00.
For any enquires contact Andrew on 0405698161
Squarehouse Room 521
Free for members, $5 annual membership

**Anti-Racism Collective meeting**
4pm
ARC discusses current issues and brainstorm campaign ideas
Guild Meeting Room
Free

**Happy Hour**
5pm
Unibar, Roundhouse

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**Wednesday 13 September**

**Momentum Dance Studio: Hip Hop/Funk Class**
5–7pm
For more info www.momentumdancestudios.com.au
Casual Class $10, Dance Card (10 Classes) $80
Dance Studios Behind Io Myers
(Gate 2)

**Momentum Dance Studio: Classical Ballet Class**
6pm
Casual Class $10, Dance Card (10 Classes) $80
Dance Studios Behind Io Myers
(Gate 2)

**‘Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil’**
1-3pm
A documentary describing how Cuba creatively survived the collapse of the Soviet Union and the US-imposed economic constraints. Followed by Resistance Club AGM.
Mathews Building room 130
Free

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**Thursday 14 September**

**Learn the Lingo Coffee Meetings**
1-2pm
Improve your English, make new friends and learn more about Australia!
ISS Lounge, Level 1, East Wing, Red Centre
Free

**Campus Bible Study Talk—’The Truth about Jesus’**
1-2pm
Join us for Bible talk by Warwick de Jersey on Colossians 1:15–23, for more information about CBS, visit: www.campusbiblestudy.org
Rex Vowels Theatre
Free
Thoughtful Foods Food Cooperative; Training Session
12-1pm and 3-4pm
Backyard of the Roundhouse, next to Eats@theRound
Free

Environment Collective
12-1pm
A space to talk about environment issues, plan events and generally work towards a more environmentally sustainable world.
Quad 1001 (or Quad lawn if nice weather)
Free

Pottery Studio Inductions
12:30-1pm
Learn how to use the Source Pottery Studio from our Potters in Residence.
Pottery Studio, Level 2, Blockhouse
Free

Library Lawn: Liz Martin
1pm
Liz Martin is a creative, original artist who has turned her sound to all manner of projects including blues, electronica, rock and pop.
Library Lawn
Free

Learn the Lingo Coffee Meetings
1-2pm
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Esme’s, Upper Campus
Free

Bar Bingo
1pm
Unibar, Roundhouse
Free

NUTS Presents: Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead
8pm
Dearest Hamlet, we thought a nice play might cheer you up and we know a wonderful troupe which will be perfect. Yours truly, Rosencrantz

Free used stationery distribution
2-3pm
Come and get your Freebies.
Quad lawn
Free

UNSW Go Club meeting
2-6pm
Strengthen your skills and stimulate interest in the oriental board game. Beginners and advanced players welcome.
Quad 1001
Free for members

Wrestling Training
3-4pm
Learn how to wrestle. Why not bring a friend?
Judo Room Unigym
Free

Garden Beats: Justin Mile
5pm
Like Britney and K-fed... beer and music are meant to be together.
Beergarden, Roundhouse
Free
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10. The official spoken dialect of the People’s Republic of China (8)
12. The language most commonly spoken in Vatican City (7)
13. The most commonly spoken language in Belgium (5)
14. The first language of Ho Chi Minh, who fought the US in the 1960’s and 1970’s (10)
15. A language originating in Spain and spoken extensively in South America (7)

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1. The English name for the official language of Indonesia (10)
3. The Slavic language spoken in the biggest country by land mass in the world (7)
6. Spoken in Berlin; this language accounts for the most written translations (6)
7. The language of love you would hear in Paris (6)
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So what is “CSE Revue” anyway?

CSE Revue is a comedy sketch variety show put on every year by student volunteers from all walks of life, but is backed by the School of Computer Science and Engineering.

What’s this year’s show called?

“The teXt files: Close Encounters of the Nerd Kind”. This year is a very special year because it is CSE Revue’s fifth show since it’s creation in 2002. And so we’re going to celebrate by doing some extra special super secret operations in the show that you won’t want to miss!

Is there a sci-fi theme?

As you might suspect this year we’ve gone with a general theme of aliens - little green aliens, illegal aliens, Austr-aliens. So the show definitely contains the odd reference to anal probing and UFOs. We’ve taken our inspiration from a wide range of alien movies and put it together in one big ball of comedy!

Is the humour very sci-fi?

It would be wrong to have a CSE Revue without the occasional sci-fi or nerd joke, but it’s all very mainstream so anyone will get the humour, even your Nobel Prize winning grandma! We have a wide variety of comedy in the show including but not limited to puns, slapstick, satire, pantomime and song parodies, and we touch on anything from embarrassing moments to emos. And, of course, robotic coffee machines.

How many nerds have actually had close encounters?

It might surprise you, but it is actually a lot less than you might think. At an estimate, based on those in the cast, it would only be something like 83%. In fact Nick was only abducted for the first time last week... he doesn’t like to talk about it.

How many are in the cast?

We have a cast of 26 amazingly talented and very special people. And by that, I mean special in the nice way.

How long have you been rehearsing?

It’s been a year long endeavour for a lot of people involved in the show but we have spent the last nine weeks putting the show together with the cast. It seems so much shorter than that, despite the amount of crazy things we’ve gone through.

What songs are there in the show?

Naturally, as a revue we’ve got our share of singing and dancing, backed up by our rocking band. For details - well, you’re going to have to watch the show and find out. But we can say that the songs are both anthemic and too-cool-for-school at the same time, plus you’ve got the added bonus of our cast on stage shaking things for your amusement.

You’ve mentioned that there will be special surprises.

Can we get a hint about what’s in store?

We can’t say too much or people might have to kill us. But it’s audience interactive - kind of like a choose your own adventure novel - but not even a little like that. Let’s just say that if you like glow worms, or glow-in-the-dark condoms, you will love what we will have in store. We can promise that it’s like nothing ever attempted before at UNSW.

Anything else we need to know?

Only the most important stuff of course! You’ll need to know where the show is being performed, how much it costs, when its running and where you can get tickets. And the answers to those questions are:

Figtree Theatre
$10 for all tickets
September 13 - 16 and September 18 - 23
Show starts at 8pm
Book online at www.cserevue.org.au or visit the sales desk at the Library Lawn or Mech Eng Lawn from 12-2pm Monday to Friday

This week on campus, aliens will be landing at the Figtree Theatre. CSE Revue is celebrating its fifth anniversary by throwing an extravaganza to welcome these visitors. To find out about the landing party, Rob Gascoigne approached (with caution) the Directors, Nick Gibson, Michael Tokar and David Vallance.
by Alex Serpo

One of the journalists I worked with early on told me an interesting story: journalism’s dirty little secret. Often journalists are attempting to uncover secrets or confessions out of one source or another. However, it is not uncommon for journalists to have a few skeletons in their own closets.

It is a well kept secret that the profession of being a spy and that of being a journalist are intimately connected. Spies often pose as journalists, specifically, foreign correspondents, because both professions involve very similar activities. Both professions involve scrutinising government information, digging around for political secrets, looking for leaks or sources in power institutions and preparing reports on the general state of affairs. Posing as a journalist often gives spies the access to places normal people wouldn’t want to be, such as nuclear plants, government briefings, war zones and so on. In fact, posing as a journalist is an excuse to be pretty much anywhere. The old joke goes that you can always tell a journalist because he is the one running the opposite direction to everyone else.

While many spies simply pose as journalists, some in fact are journalists. Many foreign correspondents work both jobs simultaneously. This gives them more legitimate cover but also provides them with a source of ‘black income’ when news is slow. Inevitably, most foreign correspondents get approached to work as operatives for their respective countries. The skill set is almost entirely the same; the ability to speak languages, the ability to blend into a foreign culture yet keep an outside eye, a strong knowledge of politics, lastly and importantly, the ability to make secret contacts and rapidly find information people don’t want you to find. Doing this kind of work is dangerous, stuff straight out of a Tom Clancy novel. The penalty for spying in China is death.

The man who told me worked as both a spy and a journalist in the Middle East. To his credit, he dismisses the spy work as ‘trivial’. Many a journo has braved the double mask, and for every story that reaches the press, there are a hundred others that will forever remain untold. At the very core of the profession, a journalist has more respect for a secret, than he does for the truth.
I first decided to apply for the exchange program in March of this year. I was so sick of the continuous rain and sudden snow showers in Northern Ireland that I decided that my pasty white skin deserved some tanning. I received my acceptance letter for a year as an exchange student in May and my first thought was YES! I get to leave the cold dreary Irish weather for hot tropical sunshine in Australia. I'll live a life of total bliss, palm trees, cocktails by the beach and hot surfer dudes on call for my every need (because, as you know, the Irish accent is irresistible (well that's what I was all told)). So I packed my 30kg bag with everything – bikinis, sun hats, sunglasses and about a litre of sun cream - all to go for the year of sunshine that I was longing for. Still to this day I believe I was the only one in the airport wearing shorts, it was raining outside, but to hell with it I thought, I'll be on the other side of the world in three days when the plane lands!

So, I arrived in Sydney and got the shock of a lifetime, it was raining! Is it supposed to rain in Sydney? 'Ohh its only a shower, it will go away soon' I thought, and I couldn't have been more wrong. It rained for three days and I had to go straight to a shop to buy two jumpers and a thick quilt! But that wasn’t the best part. People were actually surprised that not all Irish people were alcoholics and that not all Irish men are called Paddy. I've got to admit I had my own assumptions. I'm still waiting to meet a Bruce or a Sheila over here and where are the Kangaroos?

Don't get me wrong, I love Australia and everything about it. I love the scenery, the fact that it costs a small fortune to buy some chocolate, a bottle of juice and bananas and the way Australians are so laid back in everything that they don't even bother pronouncing their R's in sentences. Whoever said that Australians were lazy? But most of all, you can't beat the nightlife. Some bars in the city are open until like 8am! That allows some serious drinking if you are an Irish student like me. It's certainly better than back home where they kick you out at 2 am.

Although this experience so far has provided me with a few shocks, it hasn't been all bad. I got to go to my first AFL match recently to support the Sydney Swans and I didn’t think the man beside me wearing red and white minded me asking him "...and what’s happening now?" every five minutes.

So regardless of my ‘culture shock’ and sudden adjustment to my wardrobe, I am beginning to settle into Sydney and look forward to this summer I’ve been hearing so much about as my bikinis, sun cream and thongs are all beginning to gather dust in the drawer. So when we next see the sun I’ll see you on the beach!
Win!

Passes to
Nacho Libre

Films: John Tucker Must Die

I have a confession: I love trashy American teen movies and John Tucker does not disappoint, it has eye candy, bad one-liners and a silly entertaining plot. It follows the story of three A-list girls from three different high school cliques who are all dating the same guy.

John Tucker (Jesse Metcalfe) is the boy everyone in school wants to date, hot, wealthy and captain of the school’s basketball team. He manages three different girlfriends until the fateful Black Tuesday, the day the three girls realise they’ve been had. To get revenge the three scorned: Carrie (Arielle Kebbel), the school’s overachieving journalist; Heather (Ashanti), the head cheerleader; and vegan activist Beth (Sophia Bush) decide to take revenge. They use innocent new girl Kate (Brittany Snow) who relishes the opportunity to go from nobody to somebody. In typical teen movie fashion their plot meets resistance from the ever popular Tucker and some ridiculous antics ensue.

Don’t go in expecting anything other than a fun frolic through the American high school we all wish we went to. The film isn’t particularly deep but the gags are pretty funny. The plot certainly isn’t original and follows the formulistic moralising necessary in all good teen movies. I loved the movie for the beautiful Penn Badgley who plays Scott Tucker, the overlooked brooding younger brother of John. Boys and girls alike will like the cast – eye candy for all, especially the scene with Jesse Metcalfe in a thong!

Flick Strong

Win!

Passes to Piranha

Under the guise of a romantic holiday, a Russian Secret Service agent and a beautiful Bio-Chemist are sent to the Chinese border area to neutralise a cache of abandoned biochemical weapons. They soon discover that the weapons dump and surrounding area have been taken over by the insane Prohor and his gang of killers whose hobbies include hunting human prey safari style. Our heroes quickly find themselves trapped in this game, but before they can save themselves, they must first save the world from Prohor’s ever expanding ambitions.

The Russian Resurrection Film Festival and Blitz are excited to offer 10 Double Passes to a prescreening of the 2006 Russian Box Office smash Piranha. Monday 18th September 6:30pm at the Chauvel Cinema, Paddington. To win one of these passes, tell us who is the President of Russia. Email your answer, along with your full name and surname, student number and contact phone number to comps@source.unsw.edu.au with the subject “Piranha”.

CD: Phoenix: It’s Never Been Like That

This is the latest album from French band Phoenix. You probably know a bunch of their older songs without realising it’s them (Too Young (2000) and Everything Is Everything (2004) being their most commercially successful). They were the band for Air on a couple of tours, which gave them a bit of an electronic thrust to their albums. Their music is a very accessible groovy throwback to disco R&B and pop; it’s honest, groovy and at times quite lovely.

It’s Never Been Like That shows them going in a new direction, focusing more on the song writing and the guitar. The resulting sound is a bit like The Strokes on nitrous oxide: it’s light, bouncy and fun, and you can’t help bopping along, looking behind you in case someone’s watching you. They still appreciate their grooves, which leads them to a bit of a redundant five minute piece of moving three chord changes over a steady beat (“North”).

Having said that, the nine other tracks on the CD are fantastic and left me really wanting more, as well as their back catalogue (which is a sign of a good band). The combination of Thomas Mars’ implaceable accent, the affected rhythm, and some great vocal melodies make some songs, such as “Long Distance Call”, “Second To None” and “One Time Too Many”, the most tempting sing-alongs ever.

All in all, it’s a feel good album and even when the lyrics are cynical, they’re just plain fun.

Associate Reporter Tom Hogan
Amnesty International is recognised across the world as one of the most important non-government organisations campaigning for better conditions for all those people suffering because of the abuse of their rights as human beings. This week on campus, as Alex Serpo explains, there will be a range of activities to raise awareness of this revered organisation.

Christians say that forgiveness is divine, the ultimate act of morality. To forgive is to allow others to live in peace. The indivisibility between peace and forgiveness is the backbone of any democratic society, which is why, in 1948, the United Nations proclaimed the Universal declaration of Human Rights.

The purpose of this document was to demonstrate that those in power have no right to violate basic rights of those under them, even when acting in their ‘protection’. In the first world, Human Rights are something we often take for granted. Rights like freedom of speech, the right to assembly, association and movement and the right to a fair trial are entitlements we expect.

Sadly, in many places around the world these rights do not exist. In places like Uganda, the Lord’s Resistance Army kidnaps children as young as eight to serve as soldiers and prostitutes. In Guinea, police and other government security forces routinely torture, assault, rob and sometimes even murder the citizens they are entrusted to protect.

Amnesty International (AI), is a non-religious, non-political institution that acts as an international watchdog on human rights. It was founded in 1961 as a response to young students in Portugal being arrested for raising their glasses in a toast to freedom and jailed for seven years. A British lawyer, Peter Benenson founded AI to campaign for their rights. Forty five years later AI has over 1.8 million members worldwide. Despite its size, Amnesty receives no funds from any government or political organisation, not even the UN. At UNSW there is a club devoted to supporting the Australian branch of AI, Amnesty International Australia.

Nick Tofoni is the president of this club and spoke about why he supports AI; ‘I just wanted to be proactive’ he says when asked about his motivation for joining this club. What does Amnesty do? Amnesty was the first group to highlight the situation in Darfur. (Darfur is a region of the Sudan where a group connected to the government, Janjaweed, committed extensive ethnic cleaning of non Arabs). Amnesty is an international human rights watchdog. The UNSW Amnesty club runs campaigns twice a year, and previous campaigns have centred on violence against women and the rights of refugees.

‘We have a policy of not shoving things down people’s throats’ Nick says, claiming the approach is ineffective. ‘We don’t really bother with fundraising, students are always broke’ he continues. A good example of an Amnesty Event is the Secret Policeman’s Ball. This is an enormous comedy gala, which is low key on promotion of Amnesty but high on quality. This event has featured big names like John Cleese, Billy Connelly and Michael Palin. According to Nick, Amnesty on campus endeavours to promote awareness about human rights issues, and so in Week Eight, the Amnesty club is running a series of events called ‘Amnesty for a Week’. There are a lot of opportunities for students to get involved in these ongoing campaigns and raise awareness about human rights abuses. Go along to show solidarity in our basic humanity.

UNSW’s Amnesty International club is holding a series of events centred on human rights in Week 8.

Monday: A BBQ and Welcome 12-2pm on the Library Lawn, free for members and $1 for non-members

Tuesday: A free forum about ‘What does Amnesty do to help refugees?’, 12-1pm CLB 2.

Wednesday: A free art and multimedia exhibition at TAP Gallery, Level 1, 278 Palmer St, Darlinghurst centring on ‘Human rights in 2006’.

Thursday: A free comedy night from 6pm in the Cougar Club Bar in the Roundhouse reminding people that Amnesty do their work to give every person the ‘Freedom to Laugh’.
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Universities Women’s Cricket Club
Training is on September 13 from 8-9.30pm at the SCG indoor nets. Go to www.uwcc.com.au for more details.

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Outback Assist Information Session
Come along to an information session about the recent Outback Assist trip, held over the mid-year break. There will be a slide-show of photos and information about the program for all who are interested! Tuesday, 19 September 2006 from 6-7pm in the Cougar Club Bar, Roundhouse

CiNEsoc Trivia Night
UNSW Filmmaking society is having a trivia night at the Cougar Club Bar, September 12 at 7pm. Great prizes, including mystery dates, crab racing and many random others! Tickets are $10. Call Amanda 0438 626 392 for details.

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Q1: What foreign culture do you find most appealing?

Dylan
1. Easily the Amazon shamans.
2. You can contact other people.

Bart
1. The manga pornography culture.
2. It’s the tentacle sex; the grip and the suction.

Clairie
1. Tasmanian culture.
2. They marry their cousins and that’s sexy.

Bridie
2. It’s so beautiful.

Tom
1. I find Indian culture the most appealing.
2. I quite like short girls.

Nakita
1. Spanish culture.
2. They have very strong family links, matriarchal families, and they are all so passionate.

Q2: Why do you find it appealing?

Nakita
1. Spanish culture.
2. They have very strong family links, matriarchal families, and they are all so passionate.
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