



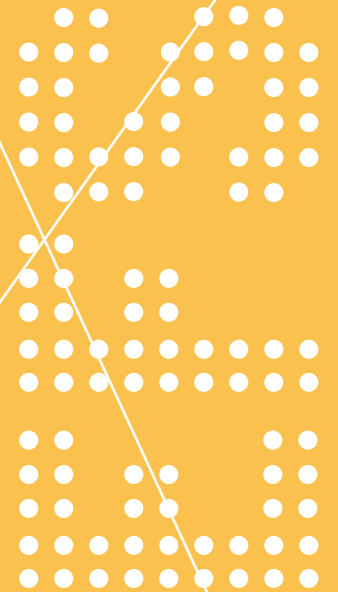
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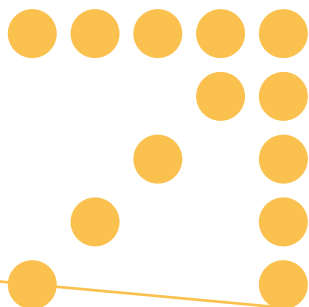
AUSTRALIA'S INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY



APEC

CALLING

DURING THE APEC SUMMIT OVER 500 STUDENT VOLUNTEERS FROM SYDNEY-BASED UNIS WORKED IN ROLES INCLUDING MEDIA / COMMUNICATIONS, HOSPITALITY, ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT.



With helicopters over the CBD and 5kms of fencing in the exclusion zones Sydney's security was bumped up to its highest level ever. So when the AFP need Sydney's finest to look after world leaders who you gonna call? Yes Macquarie Uni's very own James Zhao and Priscilla Chang.

Priscilla, what was your role?

Customer Service Officer in accommodation.

Why did you volunteer?

It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be part of an event which was as big as the Sydney Olympics. I also wanted to work with people from different backgrounds and see how such a big event is run.

What free stuff did you get?

APEC backpack, bum-bag, driza-bone with APEC logo, nice uniform and lots of free food!!

What did you really think of APEC?

The APEC Summit broadened my awareness of issues such as climate change, different political views, on both side in politics, on a more global scale. But when I look back at it I'll remember

the Chaser's prank.....breaching the security zone in a fake motorcade.

What about The Chaser's stunt?

It was very daring and very embarrassing for the security forces. It made me question whether the security was doing their job and the "Chaser 11" actions were appropriate. You have to laugh about it, don't you?

Did you get to meet any important people?

Yes, if you call a 15 second glimpse of the President of Chile and the NZ Prime Minister, a highlight.

So James, what was your role?

Load Zone Officer, standing outside the venue to welcome the motorcades. If there was a car bomb, I would have been granted special consideration for my finals. Alas...

Why did you volunteer?

Because it was free.

Why did you REALLY volunteer?

Because of the free stuff.

What free stuff did you get?

Everyone was given 2 APEC shirts, pants, driza-bone, hat, bum-bag, backpack, and pin. My manager also gave us an APEC key ring, and a leather note pad with a metal APEC pen that was left over from the trade meetings. Oh and some office furniture from the meeting rooms. You can find all my merchandise on Ebay. I give you best price.

What did you really think of APEC?

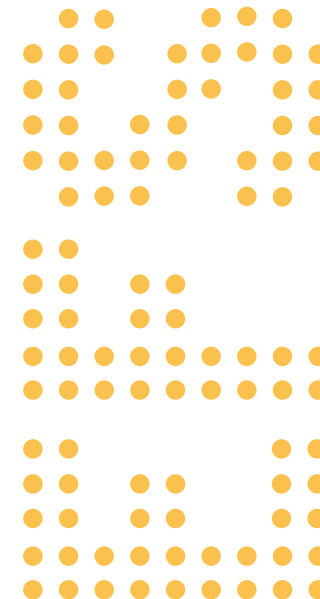
It would have been even better if they gave volunteers more free stuff.

What about The Chaser's stunt?

Everyday I was hoping to see them.

Did you get to meet any important people?

I almost walked into Condoleezza Rice in the hallway. Condi smiled and nodded as I got tackled by the Secret Service. And ex-Premier Peter Beattie was invited to a cruise lunch and I accidentally gave him the wrong street directions. He resigned the next day...



ASES MACQUARIE REPRESENTS AUSTRALIA @ NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY



Business and entrepreneurial students from ASES chapters around the world gathered at the ASES (Asia-Pacific Student Entrepreneurship Society) Taiwan Summit in Taipei between 29 August and 3 September 2007 for a week-long discussion on emerging markets, technologies, and entrepreneurship. Bhavik Jeena and Janice Tong represented the Australian Chapter of ASES at the summit, which brought together over 70 delegates from places like Hong Kong, Toronto, India, Philippines, USA and Beijing. Guest speakers included CEOs and Managing Directors of various successful organisations, discussing topics such as start-up failures, bio-tech entrepreneurship, start-ups in the web era, and how innovation can create commercial and social opportunities in virtually all aspects of life. There were also company visits to ASUS and Eslite, which own one of Taiwan's largest bookstore, as well as many networking opportunities.

"It was an amazing experience that provided us with an insight into various aspects of entrepreneurship and innovation across the globe. We made great friendships and still had time to tour Taiwan's beautiful country", said Bhavik. Janice added, "We shared ideas with aspiring entrepreneurs from around the world and were inspired by fellow delegates who had already started their own companies".

More info: W: www.asesmq.org,
E: asesmq@gmail.com or send a message via the ASES-MQ facebook group.

POSTCARD FROM RASHNA

FROM: AARHUS, DENMARK

GOD MORGEN. JEG HEDDER RASHNA SHROFF. HVORDAN HAR DE DET?



I have been on exchange for two months now, living in a small country with a strange language. Have met students from over 30 countries (yes, I've been counting!) including buddies from Iceland and Greenland. It is astounding how quickly you can make friends and settle into life in another country. This is now my 'home' and it's great to be around like-minded people who want to expand their minds and experience this exchange like I am.

My typical day...

I don't get to bed before 3am on most nights. Tuesday night is International Student Night, Wednesday night is poker night, Thursday night is the famous 'Thursday bar' and Friday and Saturday are spent in various pubs / clubs drinking world renowned Danish beer!

Every night there seems to be something on!

What's different....

Two stand out:

> Living on my own

OK, some of you already do, but for those of you who are used to living with your parents, it can be quite a shock! Cleaning, although not fun, is something that must be done! I know it's time when the floor is too dirty to walk on from the shower to my bedroom!

Another thing is managing my cash flow. Before you spend all your money on beers, coffees or late night kebabs, you have to remember that you do have rent and grocery bills to pay. Budgeting is a must!

Having said these things though, it really is an amazing experience living on your own. Coming and going as you please, having friends over whenever you want, thinking about what to cook next.....could get used to it.

Hint 1 – just don't lose your keys!

> The cooking factor...so you don't end up having pasta every night!

The worst part is having to think of what to make for dinner every night This takes both time and brain power. I miss the great service levels I used to have. Another thing is having enough food in your house on hand. More often than not you will have to run out to the shops to buy something.....and then you find yourself buying things you truly don't need!

Hint 2 – Make sure you have enough vegetables. Frozen vegies have been my saviour!

Cooking can be and often is a very fun part of the exchange experience. Trying food that is made by people from all over the world is great and cooking with your friends is pretty good. So far I've had a Spanish paella night, an Indian curry night, a German schnitzel night and this week I'm going to be trying some traditional Hungarian fish soup!

Just do it

It really is a mind-blowing experience. Find out about exchanges at Macquarie International, Building E3A, level 1 or T:9850 6320, E: iso@io.mq.edu.au

LEARNING A BIT OF DANISH! (A FUNNY LITTLE LANGUAGE)

HVAD HEDDER DU? – WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

JEG HEDDER... – MY NAME IS....

GOD MORGEN – GOOD MORNING

HVORDAN HAR DE DET? – HOW ARE YOU?

TAK – THANK YOU

UNSKYLD – SORRY/EXCUSE ME

SKOL! – CHEERS!

More info:

<http://www.speakdanish.dk/index.html>



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: SERIOUS STUFF

What's up?

Where can I get my exam timetable?

What if I have a clash?

What to do

www.timetables.mq.edu.au/exam/

Advise the Academic Program Section (APS) in writing by no later than **Friday, 5 October 2007**.

You can do this by completing a clashing examination form available at the Student Enquiry Service (Lincoln Building) or by emailing apsinfo@mq.edu.au

What can I do if my exam is unavoidably disrupted?

www.efs.mq.edu.au

- > Student Support
- > Important Processes
- > Apply for Special Consideration

You must submit the form to the APS (Level 4, Lincoln Building) **within 5 working days of doing your exam or by Friday November 30 2007**, whichever comes first.

How can I appeal against my final grade or view my exam script?

www.efs.mq.edu.au

- > Student Support
- > Important Processes
- > Ask for my final grade to be reviewed

You must submit the form to ERIC by **5pm Friday 21 December 2007**. Late applications will NOT be accepted.

How do you transfer to another Macquarie degree?

<http://www.reg.mq.edu.au/undergrad>

- > Current Students
- > Course Transfer

Applications for internal transfer for first semester 2008 will open after final results are released.

Where can I get some info about Summer School?

www.coe.mq.edu.au/summer.html

Applications close on **Friday 30 November 2007**.

What's the deal with coversheets in ERIC?

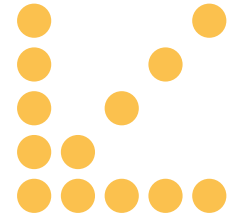
ERIC will NOT be providing students with coversheets any more. But... you can get them from our website:

www.efs.mq.edu.au

- > Student Support
- > ERIC

The cool thing about using the online version is that you can type your details right into the coversheet so it looks perfect. How neat is that!

EFSS CLUBS & SOCS: YEAR IN REVIEW



ASES (Asia-Pacific Students' Entrepreneurial Society)

Semester one: ASES hosted events, networking activities and competitions such as the Global Innovation Challenge, a distinguished speaker series event with Gordon Bell, advisor to Bill Gates;

Semester two: networking lunch and a Business Investment Evaluation Competition. Our events are affiliated with entrepreneurship societies in other unis – Young Entrepreneurs Society (YES) @ USYD;

Look out for these upcoming events: an entrepreneurship workshop to develop skills for your own enterprises or to show off to future employers; and an informal 'pitching' competition (over pizza and beer, of course) to practice skills in attracting investment for business ideas from venture capitalists and other investors.

More info: www.asesmq.org or email asesmq@gmail.com. We are also on Facebook: as the group "ASES-MQ".

SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise)

Innovative Youth Challenge (IYC) for 52 students from 13 high schools in March; After a one day conference in which they learnt how to set up and run their own enterprise, three schools went on to establish their own businesses.

These ranged from selling drinks to publishing a magazine where advertising space was sold to local businesses;

FEWS: The Future Entrepreneurs of the World Summit, held in July with 40 delegates from around the world coming to Macquarie University for a five -day conference. Speakers including Tim Pethick, founder of Nudie Juice, shared their entrepreneurial experience, and delegates participated in FEWSion workshops to develop their ideas;

At the National Championships, SIFE Macquarie was awarded joint runner up in the NSW league, and Kunal Lakhani won the Spirit of SIFE award, as the most meritorious student leader;

Next year we'll be running both projects again, as well as new initiatives.

More info: W: www.sifemacquarie.org, E: info@sifemacquarie.org

ASSOC (Actuarial Students' Society)

Even before semester two started, ASSOC was in action at the Macquarie Uni Sports Field first ever Tennis Competition;

At our Macfest stall during O Week we signed up new members;

Week 4 was a 'Careers Week' with the popular 'Meet the Professionals Night' and the Trowbridge Deloitte Problem Solving Competition; MPN was about mingling with actuarial speakers and their guests; PSC showcased students' presentation and communication skills, and also tested logic and the ability to think with major cash prizes for the winners;

Semester functions included two fundraiser BBQs (\$\$ going towards ASSOC Annual Ball at Watersedge).

ECFS (Economics, Commerce and Finance Society)

ECFS has had a really busy year with multiple careers events, competitions, THE harbour cruise etc. Missed out? Don't worry, the ECFS Ball is going to be at the very fancy 'Establishment', with an after party to boot.

More info: tiniyana@ecfs.com.au/
www.efs.mq.edu.au

THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKIN' 'BOUT...



DOO LEE

Degree: Bachelor of Commerce – Accounting

Who are you?

Doo Lee, I'm doing a B Com – Accg degree and this is hopefully my last semester

Why that degree?

When I was at James Cook Uni (up in Cairns) I was doing business management. I did some Accg subjects. To my great shock I found that I liked it! So when I switched to Mac Uni (Cairns was too boring) I transferred into accounting.

Best thing about studying at Macquarie?

It has to be the green. It's soooo green compared to other un-named unis in Sydney. Plus the atmosphere. Its sooo chillaxed!

When I'm not at uni I....

Am working at a local accounting firm mostly on tax and book keeping. After that usually drinking with good friends or if time permits...studying.

Most embarrassing moment?

Pfft! I'm too cool to be embarrassed!

Where are the best bathrooms at uni?

E4A level 6 or 7.

Tip for surviving uni?

Go to your tutes....sober. But seriously, participate in class. It doesn't matter if you don't have the correct answer. The tutors don't expect you to know everything right away (otherwise there wouldn't be a need for tutes!). Even if your English isn't that great still talk, the tutors will guide you to a better answer.



HEMANG MEHTA

Degree: Bachelor of Commerce – Actuarial Studies

Who are you?

Hemang Mehta, B.Com in Actuarial Studies with Bachelor of Applied Finance

Why that degree?

As one actuary said, it's the only career that pays you to do maths. Plus there were rumours that actuarial studies had exceptionally high fail rates so I wanted to test these rumours out.

Best thing about studying at Macquarie?

Open campus, friendly people, good lecturers and Mac Uni knows how to throw a party!!

When I'm not at uni I....

Play sport, work, relax and practice burn-outs in the Mac Uni car park.

Your most embarrassing moment?

Quite a few – In fact everytime I am with Rohit Mangar.

Where are the best bathrooms at uni?

That's an odd question, depends what you need the bathroom for. If you wanted to study in the bathroom you wouldn't wanna use C5C – too busy.

Tip for surviving uni?

Standard stuff: discipline, commitment and a solid routine. The not-so-standard tip: stay ahead of your course and you will never fall behind.



KENNY

Degree: E-Business

Who are you?

My name is Kenny and I am currently in my fifth and final year of uni studying e-business. OK I'm in my fifth year of a three year degree, haha, but I have been doing it part-time You sort of realise how long you have been at uni when half the computing department staff know your name haha.

Why that degree?

I was looking to do music at Sydney Uni at first or human movement studies at UTS, not really knowing what I wanted to do, if I didn't get into my e-business degree. I guess I chose e-business because of what it offered in terms of its range of subjects and skills. At the time e-business was also gaining importance in the corporate world so I thought this would provide me with more opportunities.

Best thing about studying at Macquarie?

It's close to where I live :)

When I'm not at uni I....

Hang out with my girlfriend, playing my guitar or saxophone, go to the gym, play baseball for Mac Uni. I used to do breakdancing until I kept getting injured (it's a painful dance haha), going to church/youth group at West Pennant Hills (those in the area, come along!), watching top gear or fifth gear on my pc, or eating haha, I eat about 6-7 meals a day so I'm eating a lot, gotta eat to grow! :).



LYNETTE AGNES PATHY

Degree: Bachelor of Commerce – Marketing

Your most embarrassing moment?

Can't think of any.

Where are the best bathrooms at uni?

Level 2 at the Computer Labs (near all the networking prac rooms). Clean and empty as not many students go there.

Tip for surviving uni?

Don't be afraid of asking for help from your lecturer, tutor or prac supervisor. They write your exams, assignments and mark them so why not get help from the source? Lecturers are people too, get to know them! Other than that, just work hard!

Who are you?

Lynette Agnes Pathy, doing a B. Com – Marketing degree, graduating in 2009.

Why that degree?

I took marketing as I like to talk a lot and this is a great field for me to do that.

Best thing about studying at Macquarie?

The relaxed campus and great people

When I'm not at uni I....

Work and chill with friends!

Your most embarrassing moment?

Geez... where do I start?

Where are the best bathrooms at uni?

EFS building.

Tip for surviving uni? Drink up!

ASK LEROY THE ERIC WONDER DOG



Hi! This is Leroy the ERIC Wonder Dog, reporting for the last time in 2007. I'm sorry to say, I'm feeling a bit stressed and cranky at this time of year, so watch out – I may bite! Like you, I'm so looking forward to the

summer when I can laze around, being fed and entertained and not having to worry about uni!

Until then, there's still a bit of work to do and the small matter of exams and assignments to finish.

Here are some pet hates (ha, ha), things that are stressing me out:

1. All the people still coming in to ERIC and asking for coversheets – don't even THINK about it any more – you have to print your own now so go to www.efs.mq.edu.au – Student Support – ERIC; just type your details straight onto the sheet so it's all neat and tidy;
2. Students who don't know their lecturer or tutors' names. What's all that about? When your assignments are sorted into tutorial groups, and you don't know your tutor's name it can take for ever to find! Learn their names, people, or I WILL bite you!!
3. Don't blame me if your assignment is late. That old line about the dog eating your homework won't work. I don't even like the taste of homework! (Unless you smear it with peanut butter, of course, and you can hardly blame me in that case...)



NEWBIE IN ERIC:

Meet Martin Carroll. He is the Information Support and Process Coordinator. Boy – that sounds seriously important, and Marty is! He is in charge of collecting all the important info that ERIC Peer Advisers and EFS students need and making sure it gets to them. Marty was a student and staff member at UNE, and is completing a degree in IT. He's also Manager of Dog Biscuits and Other Treats, almost indispensable! Make sure you say hello to him next time you're in ERIC.

DON'T FORGET: ERIC will be open the usual hours (9am – 7.30pm Monday to Thursday, 9am – 5pm Friday) until the end of the exam period (Friday 30 November) THEN 9am – 5pm, Monday to Friday over the summer break.

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR EXAMS! HAVE A FANTASTIC SUMMER. SEE YOU IN 2008.
Leroy, the ERIC Wonder Dog



WANTED

> WANT TO WORK IN ERIC?

Are you:

- In a leadership role on campus?
- An effective communicator?
- Organised?
- Proactive?

Application form from ERIC.

Applications close Tuesday 16th October 2007 (7.30pm)

> HOW ABOUT JOINING OUR STUDENT NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL BOARD?

Must be confident, great at communicating and meeting deadlines.

Contact Julie in ERIC.