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Weekend

Check Out Josh Pyke

Best Foundation Day

Friday



Foundation

A Tale of Road-Trips, Pranks, This every, Charity and

Foundation Day is the most important day on the UNSW Calendar. Officially it's a celebration of the university's birthday. Unofficially, it's a time when students skip class, flock to the Quad Lawn, get drunk and celebrate being students.

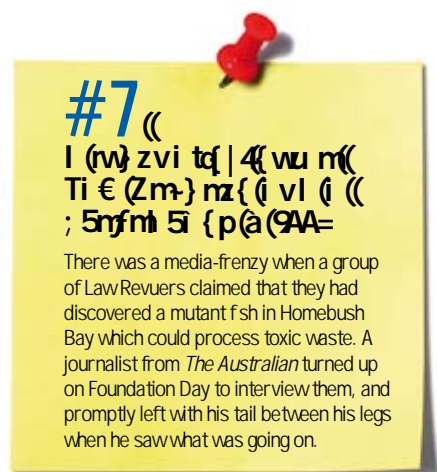
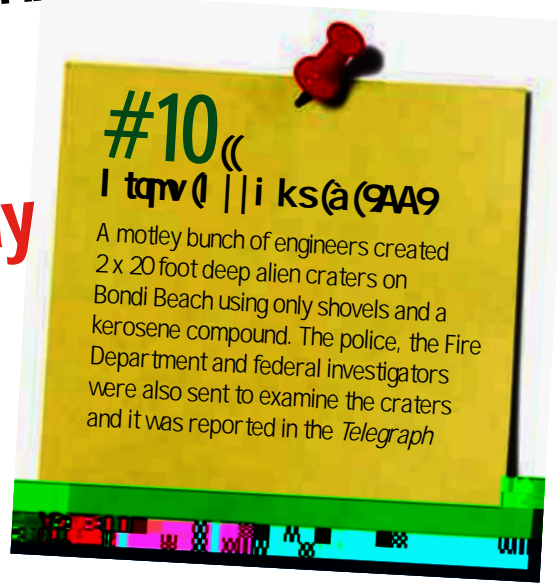
A former *Tharunka* editor, Kathryn Small, said "It's the centre of campus activity. It doesn't matter what you do on campus for the rest of the year, *Foundation Day* is the one massive event that brings everyone together." A select few students however, manage to stretch *Foundation Day* into weeks, if not months, of hilarity and occasional illegal acts. These people form teams that compete in the three parts of the *Foundation Day* competition.

There's the Scavenger Hunt, which involves teams finding as many items on the Scavenger hunt list, written by a *Foundation Day* Committee, as possible. In 2004, the City-rail Announcer, around 100 still-blinking roadwork lights and Colonel Sanders all appeared onstage. Unfortunately none of the teams were able to locate a Flight Centre statue, an articulated bus, an Anglican primate or a Mr Whippy van. Kathryn Small said that, "Joe [The other 2004 *Tharunka* editor] and I composed the 2004 scavenger hunt list as a list of what we wanted people to steal for us. We ended up with an office full of stolen stuff, mainly from other universities. The best one was the NRMA 'lock it or lose it' anti-theft sign."

The next part of the competition is the Road Trip, which was only added to the line-up in 2002. This section of the competition is usually responsible for most of the debauchery that *Foundation Day* teams have become infamous for. Paul Verhoeven, from a 2005 team known as *The Panda Death Club* remembers, "...having a riotously hungover day at *Movie World*, consisting of committing faux gay-porn on the Scooby Doo ride, forming a human pyramid and almost all suffering hypothermia."

The most prestigious part of the competition however is 'The Stunt'. The stunt epitomises everything UNSW students pride themselves on: courage, hard work, teamwork and fun. Much like the House of Gryffindor really. The stunt is judged according to a set of 5 criteria: novelty/co-mic value, degree of difficulty, public outcry, media coverage and ministerial condemnation. The first thing I remember ever reading about UNSW was a stunt called "Gnome-Henge", where a Law Revue team super glued gnomes to the steps of Martin Place at 4am and it made all of the Sydney newspapers, along with a few interstate ones. UNSW has a long and (mostly) proud history of stunts, dating all the way back to 1960 when *Foundation Day* began.

The Best Foundation Day Pranks Ever



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One of the most elaborate pranks ever pulled involved construction workers digging up Parramatta Rd being told that a group of students, disguised as police, would be attempting to make them cease work. At the same time, the police were contacted and told that a group of students, disguised as construction workers, were disrupting traffic flow and causing damage to the road. When the police trucks met the police tried to stop

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Quad Stage

- 12.00pm DJ
- 12.30pm Unsweetened Co-ordinators
- 12.45pm Cheerleading Squad '80's revival'
- 1.00pm DJ
- 1.30pm Comedians
Charlie Pickering & Justin Hamilton
- 2.30pm Scavenger Hunt Ceremony
- 3.00pm Greek Society Dance
- 3.15pm S.A.L.S.A Dance Show
- 3.30pm Jelly Wrestling
- 4.00pm Party On: to the Roundhouse!

Roundhouse

- Club Bar
- 80's DJ!
- Main Room
- Melanie Horsenell
- Peregrine (Solo)
- Josh Pyke
- DJ
- Midnight: Close*

UNSW STUDENT LIFE

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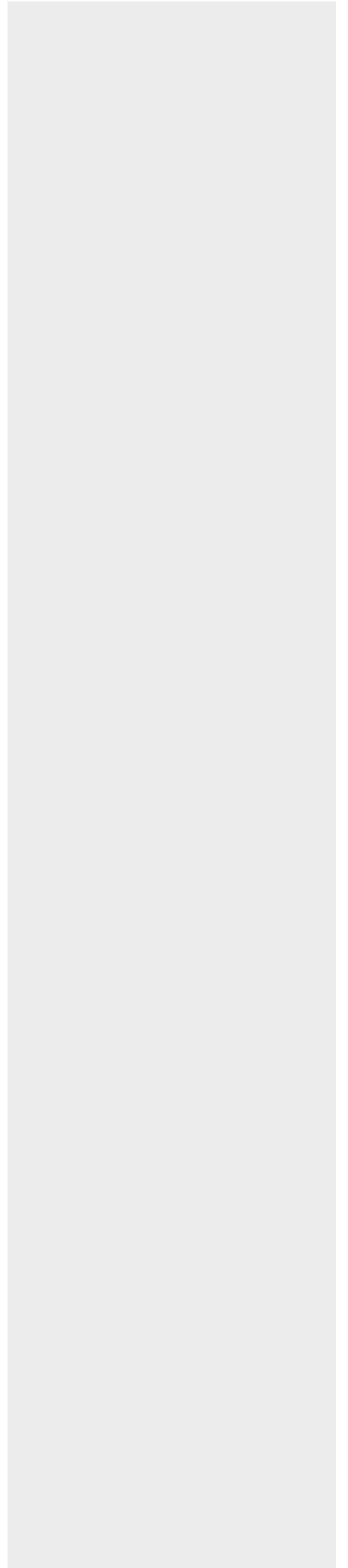
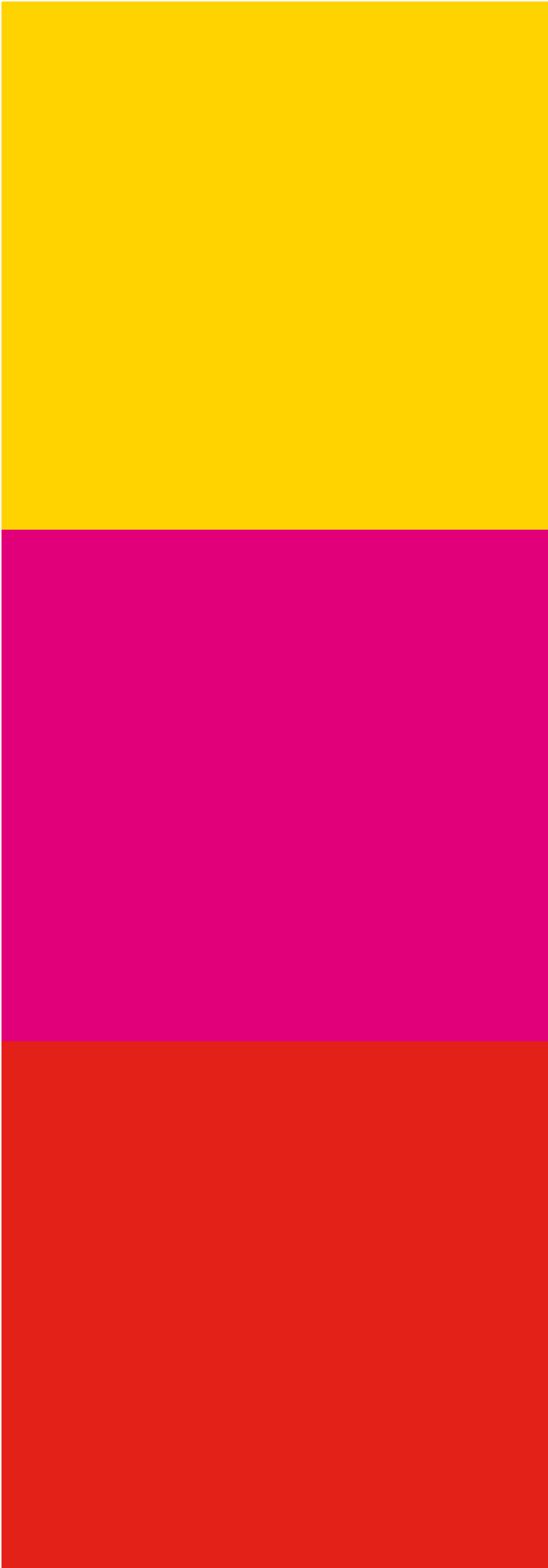
Our Mission

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Our Values

- Integrity and honesty
- Respect for all
- Inclusivity and diversity
- Innovation and creativity
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Accountability and responsibility
- Transparency and communication
- Safety and security
- Sustainability and environmental stewardship

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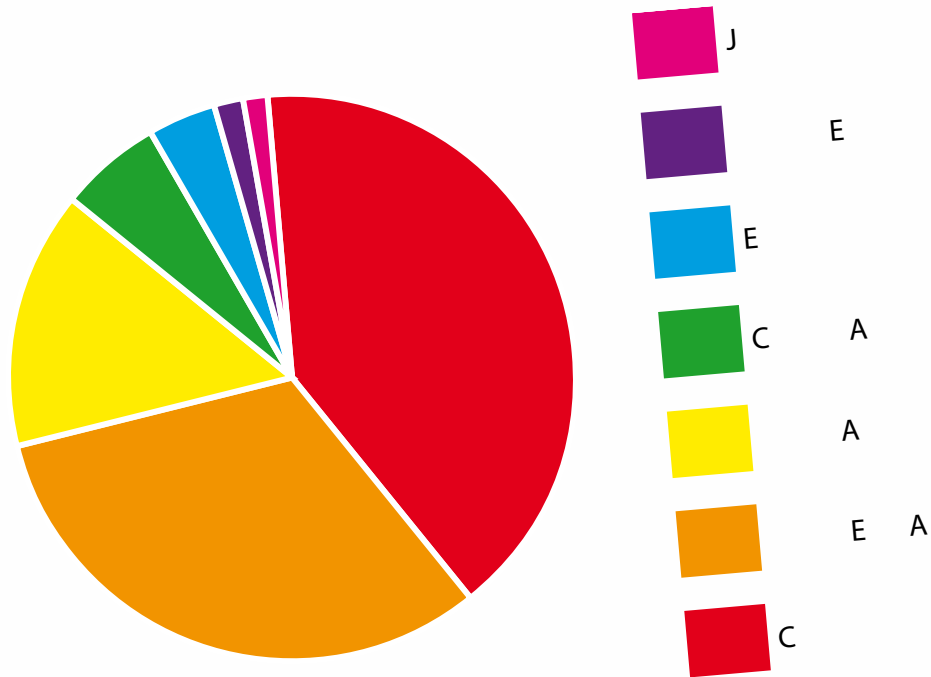
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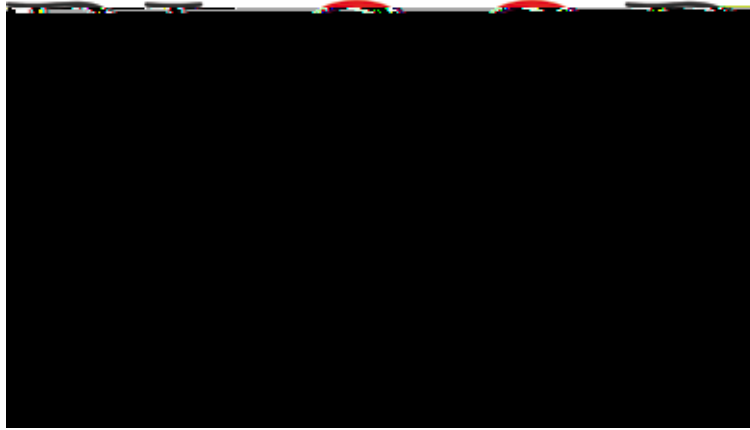
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