



BRUCE 'BILL' ITIN

MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2014 – MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2014

The Five Stages You'll Go Through During Exam Time

1. Denial

What's that – it's week 13 already? Exams are starting next week? Nobody told you this! Still, one more day off can't hurt right – you know what they say, leave it to the last minute and it only takes a minute... right?

2. Panic

The blissful ignorance is over now. You realise that you're behind on lectures. A pile of textbooks adorns your desk and it occurs to you that you've barely touched any of them the whole semester. You feign feeling confident to friends – they seem pretty in control. Typical.

3. Dedication

You realise that panicking will do you no good, so you hit the books. You read one article, two articles, three articles. Notes slowly begin to accumulate, covering each week of the course. You feel satisfied with what you've achieved. Nice work there, but no time to slow down.

4. Despair

It dawns on you – you've absorbed absolutely nothing that you just spent the last day studying. The excessive consumption of caffeine and sugar over the night has served only to act as a hallucinogen: You see your lecturer shaking their head at you, your parents wondering why they're paying for college fees and your family pet, ever faithful, reminding you it's not the end of the world. You start calculating what mark you need to maintain a distinction... actually, better make that whatever mark you need to get a credit.

5. Amnesia

You walk out of the exam – that wasn't too bad after all! And what's more, you feel satisfied having gained knowledge and skills that you can call upon later in life. Well, as long as by 'life' you mean the next 48 hours, because naturally after that it's all escaped from your brain.

Disclaimer: It's possible that this article is reflective only of the author's exam experiences. It's not though, right guys? ...Guys?

Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians

In January 2012 a report from an expert panel was delivered to the Prime Minister focusing on the recognition of indigenous Australians. After extensive consultation with stakeholders from across the country the report recommended a number of constitutional changes so as to formally recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Despite the impact of this report, change has not yet occurred. The difficulties with enacting any amendment to the constitution are problematic for the campaign, but supporters remain hopeful that the change is one desired by all Australian people.

Speaking on the issue is Professor Mick Dodson, Director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at The Australian National University and Professor of law at the ANU College of Law. He completed a Bachelor of Jurisprudence and a Bachelor of Laws at Monash University. Professor Dodson also holds an honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of NSW. He worked with the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service from 1976 to 1981, when he became a barrister at the Victorian Bar.

Speaker/Host: Professor Mick Dodson AM

Venue: Finkel Lecture Theatre, John Curtin School of Medical Research (131), Garran Road, ANU

Date: Wednesday, 12 November 2014

Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

The Need to 'degrow' the Human Population

The 2014 Australian Academy of Science's Fenner Conference addressed the need for a steady state economy. We live on a finite planet after all and cannot have unending material 'throughput'. Indeed, there is a valid argument that degrowth of the economy is needed before we can achieve a steady state economy. Humanity has over-reached itself - we already require the resources of one and a half planets and yet human numbers and consumption keep growing. We have passed the limits to growth. Thus, mere stabilisation of human numbers is no longer enough. We must also 'degrow' before stabilising at a genuinely sustainable level.

Jenny Goldie is currently national president of Sustainable Population Australia, president of Climate Action Monaro, and Canberra co-ordinator of ASPO Australia. She is a former science teacher and communicator.

Speaker/Host: Jenny Goldie President, Sustainable Population Australia

Venue: ANU Emeritus Faculty, Building 1c, 24 Balmain Crescent, ANU

Date: Wednesday, 19 November 2014

Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Under New Management – From the Editor

For those who have been living under a pile of exam-time laundry, there are new faces on the block. Your humble CRC has called it a year, with Harry "Pretty Good" McLaurin giving up his lovechild, the 'Bill'itin, for adoption. But worry not! The 'Bill'itin has found a new family and will continue in style for the next two weeks before making a return in the New Year. Expect more issues chock-full of what's happening in Bruce, ANU and Canberra.

Remember that the 'Bill'itin is here to keep you all informed. If you know of, or are running an event that you think other people will want to know about, do not hesitate to let me know at crc.bruce@gmail.com. Even if you only want to rant at me, pitchfork in hand, "Where is Ask Arthy? How will I continue without her wisdom!" I'd still love to hear your feedback and suggestions toward making 2015 the best year of the 'Bill'itin to date. (Granted, it's only been running for a year).



One Day International: Australia vs. South Africa 19th November Manuka Oval Tickets on Sale Now!



Looking for a way to unwind from the stress of study? Why not give handball a try! Games are on pretty much daily down at South Quad – relive those childhood memories!



BEN AFFLECK ROSAMUND PIKE

GONE GIRL

ANU Film Group Screening: Gone Girl
7:00PM, 22nd November

The fantastic best-selling crime thriller by Gillian Flynn has been adapted into a gripping film. If you weren't one of the millions who devoured the book, here's a (very) brief outline: Nick meets Amy, the woman of his dreams, they get married and everything is hunky dory, for the most part. Then, on their fifth anniversary, Amy vanishes with very little trace. Now the search is on, Nick is the prime suspect and their entire relationship is about to be prised open by the ensuing investigation.

Remembrance Day Service November 11, 11am
Australian War Memorial
Lest We Forget



JOKE OF THE WEEK (Saxon approved)

Why can't a bicycle stand on its own?

Because it's too tired!

QUIZ

1. Are there more inorganic or organic compounds?
2. What is the name of the Australian national dodgeball team?
3. How tall was the tallest man in history? (Nearest 10cm)
4. Who is the second longest serving Australian Prime Minister?
5. In 1901, the city now known as Darwin was located in which state?
6. What is the name of Australia's largest monolith?
7. The Latin phrase *obiter dictum* means what (literally)?
8. Which sidearm has been used in service in the US army since 1911?
9. How many elements, in total, are named after countries and continents?

10. What is the US Federal Reserve commonly referred to as?
11. Who is delivering the 2014 ANU Last Lecture?
12. An ancient Roman aristocrat is referred to as what?
13. In the sitcom *Frasier*, Niles Crane is played by whom?
14. The Arctic Monkeys have released how many studio albums?
15. Who is directing the upcoming film, Star Wars: Episode VII?

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. Organic, 2. The Emus, 3. 270cm, 4. John Howard, 5. South Australia, 6. Uluru (not Mount Augustus!), 7. By the way, 8. M1911, 9. 5, 10. The Fed, 11. Dr Ioannis Zlogas, 12. A patrician, 13. David Hyde Pierce, 14. 5, 15. J. J. Abrams