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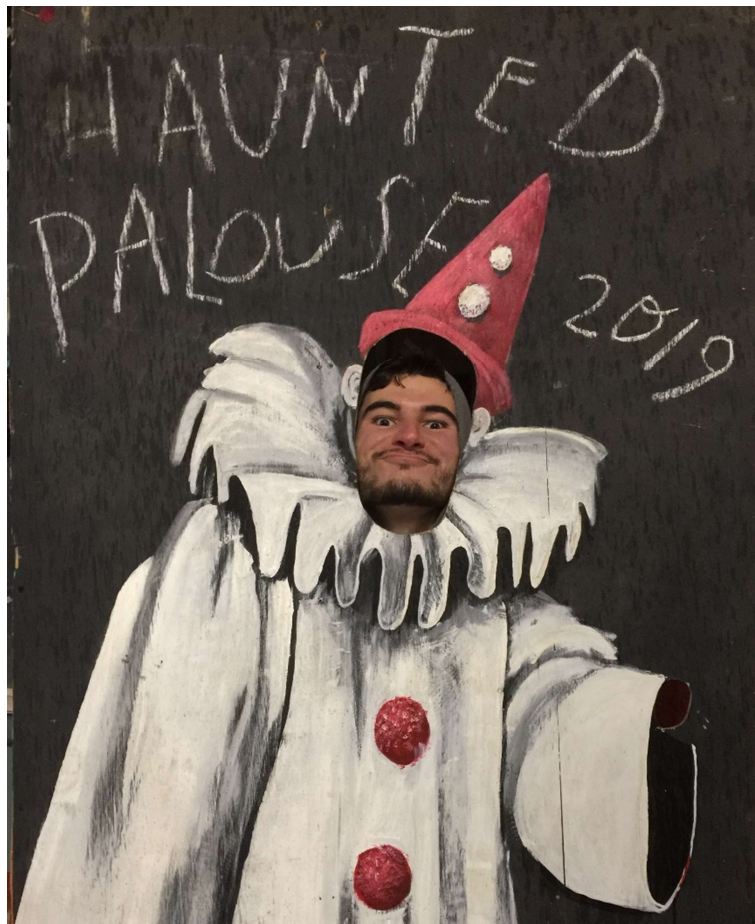
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STATS 419

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Hello Friend (01\_writeup.txt)



*Figure 1 Here is me being a goof at the Haunted Palouse last year.*

Hi Professor Shaffer, my name is Connor StarrHurst. I am a Data Analytics major, in the Data Visualization track, from Richland Washington. I chose Washington State University because it is a well-known college and has a degree that I wanted to pursue. WSU was also more financially beneficial due to its relatively lower cost and in-state tuition. I chose Stats 419 because I enjoy statistics and because it's part of my major. My goal for this course is to simply learn more about statistics and gain more experience with the field, so I can use it later in a professional setting. My best skill in data analytics is probably my ability to create and criticize visual illustrations of data. I will graduate at the end of this year, as this is my 4<sup>th</sup> year in college. My first ideal job would be with a medium or smaller company that needs data cleaned, organized, or displayed. I believe I already have most of the skills needed in Python, R, Excel, and ethics to land a job like that. I think my last year of classes will fill in any gaps of knowledge in statistics or programming. I could also be underestimating the quality of job I could obtain. In which case I could potentially gain a position with a larger company.

<b>Job Demand</b>	<b>My Preferences</b>
Excel	Data Visualization
Database Management	Excel
Python	R
Big Data	Data Analyst
R	Big Data

Surprisingly, the market demands of lot knowledge about specific programs or languages like Excel, Python, and R. Also, three of the top five items involve management of data. My preferences are not too far off, as my ideals and the job market's ideals both contain "Excel", "R", and "Big Data". Due to this much similarity, I would say my ideals are appropriately aligned.