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Is the devil you know better than the devil you don't?



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Howitt's Night of Nights: Gaudy



Black & White Ball: Gaudy 2008

The annual Howitt Hall ball, to be held on Thursday 11th September, is fast approaching with only 7 weeks to go! The night involves nibbles and drinks in the GFCR from 6:30pm, the annual Howitt Hall photo, three course meal, drinks and entertainment from 7:30pm in the MRS function room.

There are limited tickets available so get in fast to avoid disappointment! Tickets cost \$40 residents, \$30 non-drinking residents, \$55 non-residents. Tickets will be on sale Sunday to Wednesday from the 17th August to 3rd September. You won't want to miss out!



Howitt A-Z

A is for Awkward: the feeling you get when you're the only person eating breakfast and the cleaner comes in for the morning shift and cleans around you. Whats worst is when you're sitting down and they wipe the table around you

B is for buses: don't count on them ever being on time

C is for Camel: The Howitt mascot of course! He definitely has the coolest threads on campus

D is for D-Day: Last party before exams and the beginning of the year's study for most students.

E is for Elevator: I suggest you don't ever have a party in here, as it can end very badly

F is for Fire Escape Stairs: they make fire drills much more fun

G is for Gaudy: It's the biggest Howitt ball, and it's not too far away!

H is for Howitt: yes, the building that you are living in, if you didn't know that by now, I suggest you leave

I is for Incest: which can occur within floors

J is for Jaffa: no really significance to Howitt, however they are rather delicious

K is for Knocking: helps avoids awkward situations

L is for Lift etiquette: Basically, just don't press a floor that is one below one that is already pressed

M is for Music: can be heard coming from many a room, however make sure you turn it down at 11pm, or you may have Eddie after you. Rumour has it that he can run pretty damn fast

N is for Nott: that is all you need to know

O is for Oweek: it was so long ago

P is for Parties: we just love them

Q is for Quintuplets: we're never had any in Howitt, but it would be hella fun if we did

R is for Rowdy: the crazy cat owned by Tracey. He does back flips! You will find him hanging out in the car park, often sitting behind your car

S is for Schmankle: just because the word ankle is too boring

T is for Time Capsule: located in every room above the heater. Unscrew it to find buried treasure. Or a note from the wanker who lived in your room last year and left a photo of himself

U is for Under the Sink: the places where dishes go to die

V is for Vegemite Toasties: great snack in between study or after a big night

W is for Walls: that often feel like they're closing in... they're pretty close in the 19 room

X is for Xenophobia: fear of people from other places. Like Melbourne Uni. Those people are crazy. And they smell funny

Y is for YOU: it's YOU that makes all your decisions. YOU are Howitt. YOU can be the best that you can be

Z is for Zzzzzz: what we all should be doing Friday mornings. Unless you have an 8am. Sucks to be you!

Back to School Party

The Back to School party was definitely a highlight of Re-Oweek. Some old-school, ugly uniform wearing fun was to be had by all involved. It was an excitement-filled night of pizza, punch and everyone's all time favourite, male cross-dressing. Congratulations to Howitt Hall Society for such a great event.



Imagination Land



Yes D-Day was a while ago, however here are a few photos from the night. As the year seems to be steamrolling ahead, before you know it, it will be time for D-Day of semester two. Like always it is sure to be a great night.

Horoscopes

Aries

The moon is set to eclipse Pluto this month but you won't notice this because Pluto is not visible in the sky even if you squint a lot. Even so, this will play havoc on any of your transport plans and indicates considerable difficulty driving, flying and walking. Take extra precautions when walking around corners on the 6th.

Taurus

Your tag wrestling partner has been scheming behind your back in an attempt to undermine you in your area wrestling federation. Nothing good can come of this, and theatrical flying through the air violence could be the only option. Resist the temptation to slap anyone across the chest or pick them up by grabbing between their legs because this will only encourage them to come back for more.

Gemini

Scratched paint is set to make this month 'zing' with disappointment... Uranus is determined to put a visible dent in your car, and with both Pluto and The Moon in alliance, expect paint scratches to appear on your car when you least expect it.

Cancer

Your relationship with French people is set to be tested this month in a complicated mix-up involving a baguette in a supermarket. This month you will learn how to do that foreign both cheeks kissing thing that you have often considered over familiar. To your surprise your double cheek kisses are very good and word will soon pass throughout foreign lands of your expertise.

Leo

Royalty is well starred this month, either the definitively monarchic or those who walk like they have both a rod down the back of their shirt and a small skunk floating under their nose. Learn how to bow or curtsy correctly to avoid royalty controversy which is mostly time consuming rather than dangerous.

Virgo

An ointment you have been applying diligently for the past month is set to stop working all of a sudden after Saturn and Neptune have a violent falling out. Ignore the protestations of your doctor, pharmacist or other health professionals, preferring the health advice from unqualified mystics and star gazers such as ourselves.

Horoscopes

Libra

Librans and technology are set to enter a rocky phase, as Neptune starts to openly bork technology, especially Microsoft Windows in any of its forms. There isn't much you will be able to do this month, although, looking on the bright side, if you can see this page now not all is lost.

Scorpio

Your aim at doing 'high fives' is set to introduce a random element to your street greeting rituals this month as your misses out number your hits by a margin of 5 to 1. In fact your 'high five' aim will be so bad at times that there is the very real possibility that you could inflict severe bodily damage.

Sagittarius

Mashed potatoes are set to influence a culinary filled month in more ways than one, if Mercury has its way.

Peanut Oil tops the Sagittarius frying oils chart this month, although special care should be taken that all people who eat your food do not have a peanut allergy (planetary legal disclaimer).

Capricorn

The outer shells of pistachio nuts are set to prove an insurmountable problem this month if Mars and Venus get their way. An interplanetary battle is raging which will affect piles of pistachio nut shells around the globe from 10th well into dusk on the 28th for all Capricorns.

Aquarius

A small yappy type dog and a medium to small cat are set to fight outside your window around the 17th of the month. Keep a bucket of water on hand to throw at them. This month your destiny wears the trousers of an attractive male pianist of the 1970's.

Pisces

Remember that your reaction can help defuse a potentially aggravating situation (as long as Jupiter wants the situation to be diffused, of course). Was it Gandhi who said 'be the change you want to see in the world'? It was either him or some other Jupiter inspired bald philosopher with glasses.

Re-Oweek Wrap Up

So Re-Oweek at Howitt is over and you are probably thinking that it is about time to hit the books, or at least open them. However week one was definitely one to remember. The wine and cheese night was a success as it was a platform for which the RST and Howitt Hall society could become acquainted with the new residents for semester two.

Although the Wheeler's Hill Hotel seemed unimpressed with the influx of at least 50 Howittians, they managed to have us all fed and ready for a night of roller skating and roller blading at the Caribbean Rollerama. Although not all from the hotel attended the Rollerama, there were positive reports from those who attended the rink.

We were in for a treat on Tuesday night, as it was our first dine in for the semester. With a theme as colourful as "Christmas in July" we were sure to have a jolly good time. Santa Clause even managed to make an appearance. Clearly he has become more health conscious as he was looking a lot slimmer than usual.

Wednesday night we remembered the days of the old school yard, with a good old fashioned back to school party in the common room. With claims of having one of Melbourne's leading DJs, the crowd felt this claim was met when the sweet tune of "Everybody (Backstreet's Back)" by the Backstreet Boys was blasted through the speakers.

Thursday followed with a delicious chicken and salad dinner, held by the RST. For those who were up for some visual stimulation, attended The Dark Knight at Village Cinemas. There were some mixed reviews, however the consensus was that it was \$5 well spent.

Friday night was full of mystery and intrigue, Howitt Society saw to it that everyone was kept happy with the option of a spy movie marathon A visit to Chinatown for Saturday night's dinner was the wrap up to an eventful Re-Oweek. A big thank you must go out to the Howitt RST and Society for putting on such an array of activities throughout the week. I hope everyone got a lot out of the events.