



**THE
GOAT
POST**



Happy
pig. ↓

"Bek"

übermensch

one is not
BORN but becomes
a woman



Foreword

College historians can be complacent things. This one isn't. Instead, like all the best historians, it reveals an uncomfortable but exciting truth, obscured by the excesses of so-called political correctness – or worse, human decency. Behind this middle-of-the-road façade – middle class, though still rather below the average in terms of endowment – lies an odd and profoundly prejudiced man.

For Fitzwilliam was the first institution in Cambridge to reflect the need for what we now call wider access – to be “international” in its composition. And it needed someone – a reflection of Empire – to put a stop to this adulteration of our university's proud imperialist heritage. It needed some brave soul to occupy the public sphere and provide resounding confirmation that They are not welcome Here. Cambridge is (and should be) accessible only to the rich and privileged, thanks to the decades of struggle that followed an unhappy 1970s. Of how many British institutions can that be said?

Yours self-indulgently,

Davey Starkid



Editor's Note



This year marks 50 years since Fitzwilliam officially became a college and nearly 150 years (well, 147 to be exact) since the institution (Fitzwilliam House as it was then) was first established. So, this is the 'gold issue' of The Goat Post, celebrating our 50-year anniversary from the perspective of current students, with a mix of the old and the new.

The Easter term issue (as I learnt from last year's) is always tricky to make. People are busily scurrying to and from the library and the café with their heads down, deliberately turning off their Facebook notifications and avoiding their rapidly filling Hermes inboxes unless the subject line of an email has the word 'exam' in it, and cutting down on all the extra stuff they were doing throughout the year so as to fit as much studying in one day as humanly possible. I was one of them; the few pages of the magazine I had arranged at the beginning of term glared at me, neglected, until that glorious day when I finished Part 1B Classics.

Now, at long last, it's here. Feast your eyes over the next 27 pages. Smile, weep, get inspired, be informed, remain apathetic, whatever suits- but it's great that you're giving this a read!

Billy Love,

Danni x



50 YEARS

The Goat Post explores the old and new of our col



lege in images from Fitzwilliam's past and present.



THE ENTRANCE, FITZWILLIAM HOUSE

THE BEST OF OLD AND NEW

Here are some images to reflect both the past and present of Fitzwilliam College, (over the past 50 years since it became a college in 1966). I have taken images from back issues (from the 50s) of the Fitzwilliam Journal and (the now non-existent) Fitzwilliam House Magazine and placed them alongside images from the past year or so of the college and its students.

It is interesting how life at Fitz has changed over the years and in some ways, how it hasn't. See for yourself by browsing through the following pages!



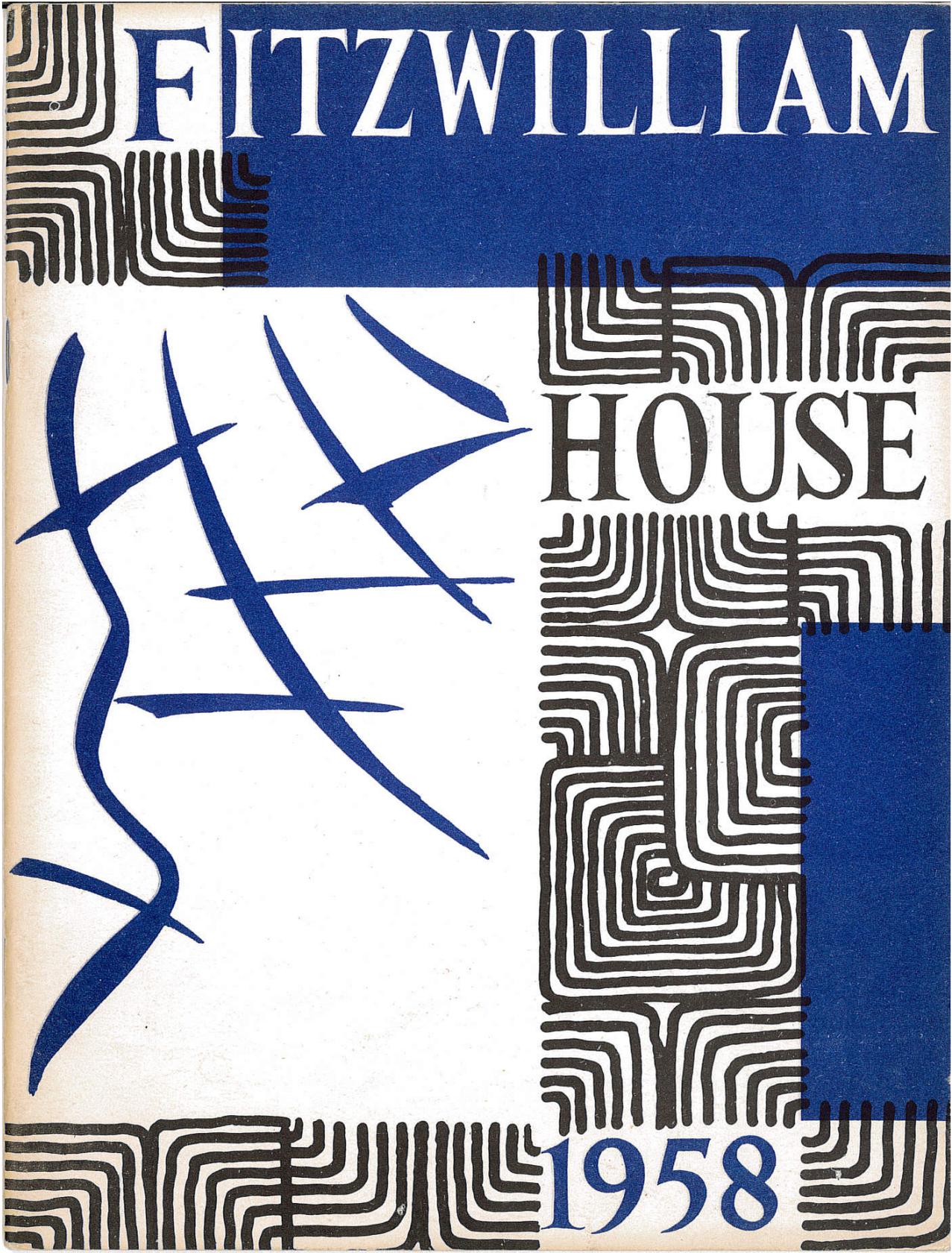
1ST XV, 1958-59



Fitz Cricket Team won coppers this year for the first time since 1972!



Hockey 1st XI



FITZWILLIAM HOUSE, POPPY DAY, 1953



Above: MARKET SQUARE MEDICOS

Left: PIPER AND PIRATE



Above: INVETERATE GAMBLERS

Right: BARREL MEN





The New Court



The new Freshers' accommodation in A block, blocks B and C are due to be fully renovated by the time the new freshers arrive in October!



Fitz W1 made it into the women's first division this May Bumps for the first time since at least 1997!



The Athletics Team



Cast of 'Two African Plays'



The Crucible: the first production performed in the Fitz auditorium by the Fitz Theatre Society (recently revived by Leona Hayhoe).



Above: THE TELEVISION ROOM.

Below: THE CHESS CLUB.

FACTFILE

5 things that you might not have known about Fitz.

1 Fitz started out in 1869 as Fitzwilliam Hall, and then Fitzwilliam House, (the building opposite the Fitz Museum- see page 8 if you still don't know what it looks like!), as an institution for students who couldn't afford the university fees.

2 The college moved to its current site in 1963, (but didn't actually become a college until 3 years later, 50 years ago). The new buildings were built around The Grove, the former house and grounds of Emma and Charles Darwin (!)

3 Women weren't introduced until 1979 and it wasn't until after then that and salads weren't served until then, so it seems! (Check Fitzwilliam: The First Fifty Years of a Cambridge College for details! If you don't want to part with £40, there's a copy in the library!)

4 Initially, Fitz had few students, (a mere eight were admitted in the institution's first year!), but now around 450 undergraduates and 300 postgraduates study at Fitz!

5 We can proudly say that we're the first students at the college to be under the guiding hand of a female master!





BACK TO T



THE FUTURE

Word from the President



With post-exam merriment, long days of punting and picnicking, and the twinkling May Ball nights becoming a distant memory, it is time to reflect on Easter term. For me I start to become emotional because this JCR team only has one term left in office.

My personal highlight of this JCR-related term would have to be the six hour CUSU Council meeting in which the infamous motion on the NUS Referendum came into force. As a University, we then voted on this motion with a 52% majority voting to remain, against a 47% leave (if only this was the Brexit result, cry). Two weeks later we ratified the CUSU budget for the year, where the TCS (The Cambridge Student) came head to head with CUSU Sabs on the cuts to their funding. These types of debates really do matter, and your input prior to them is key, so please make sure your voice is heard if you want to be properly represented!

Other than these momentous CUSU council occasions the term has, as per usual, been full of committee meetings, more CUSU meetings and organising. The JCR has been working with the Porters to develop a bike loaning scheme for anyone who needs a temporary bike for the term. We aim for it to be up and running by next term, so if you're having any bike issues do get in touch. These bikes really are only a temporary solution and there are limited numbers, so if you need a bike for the long term it would definitely be worth investing in a new one.

VP - Carl delivered the most stress-free housing ballot in undergraduate living memory! 'Bring back the old system – not enough drama' was a personal favourite from the feedback forms. He has also been working hard to keep your butterfly feedback up to date, attending thousands of

committee meetings, and he is already working to further improve the ballot system for next year. Thanks to everyone who filled in the housing ballot feedback forms, and in general helped to make the ballot process so smooth!

Treasurer – Helen wrote cheques, lots and lots of cheques, and kept the books balanced. Without her we really would be lost as she is at the centre of all JCR related activities.

Academic Affairs - Sandeepa has continued his weekly drop in sessions, distributing information on exams and the library, as well as general academic information. In particular, he made sure that everyone had somewhere to work during the busy exam period! His efforts were also instrumental in helping to advise any students who were ill before exams. If you have any academic issues at all head his way!

Ents – Our Ents team have been slightly hindered by the exam term gloom but excitingly have been busy organising the 2016 Fresher's Week schedule, which will include more events than ever before (even stuff for all of you Fitz-veterans). Viktor and Jamie, in particular, have already started planning ahead for the next FULS – stay tuned for updates. Please give the Fitz Ents Facebook page a like and follow our progress.

Access – Our target and access team have worked tirelessly to get some up to date pictures of Fitz accommodation. This will be key in helping attract new applicants to the college as well as making it easier for all of us during the housing ballot. They've also excitingly begun to prep for the second ever Fitz Shadowing Scheme, be sure to sign up for a shadow when the opportunity is advertised.

Welfare – If you somehow haven't noticed our welfare duo have been extremely busy this term helping us all get through the exam madness. They organised the return of the celebrated bouncy castle and aided in reducing some exam term stress with welfare pig package. Plus, the numerous other small-scale events they put on to help us all avoid those exam term blues. The sub-committee have all been working hard individually, so get ready for a Michaelmas term jam-packed with events!

Communications – Our fabulous communications team as per usual have been up to some exciting stuff. Danni has been busy producing another edition of the Goat Post, and getting even more members of the college involved in its making than ever before. Tom has continually updated our website and Nivi has been working hard to keep up our weekly email bulletins advertising lots of exciting opportunities to you all – do make sure to take the time to read them!

Ethical Affairs – Our ethical affairs team have helped to create a huge push for end of term recycling. In recent years there has been a considerable amount of waste due to people in college not taking all their belongings with them when leaving for the long vacation. They have been looking to target this problem in a number of ways. If you've have missed their numerous emails, then go back check them and make sure you know where your unwanted items can be left.

As always there's a lot going on in the JCR, but nothing would happen without all of you and in particular your comments, suggestions and even complaints(!). So please do not be afraid to get in touch.

THE COFFEE SHOP

ex antiquis et novissimis optima

The best coffee shop in Cambridge (in the unbiased opinion of The Goat Post) has existed as we know it since its refurbishment in 2009. As well as its fresh cakes and sandwiches, the impressive range of drinks makes it live up to the Fitz motto: “the best of the old and the new”.

There are all the delicious types of coffee you would expect, and who doesn't love a traditional English Breakfast tea? (Ok, so a couple of you might not, but be quiet and don't ruin my rhetorical question.) But if you want something new, try the award-winning Novus tea range, with several exciting and original flavours on offer. Make sure you look out for their special editions, like the Mulled Wine Tea in the run-up to Christmas last year.

There is also a fantastic selection of refreshing smoothies, from “Berry Go Round” to “Grape Escape”. Now made with frozen fruit, making them even tastier and healthier. Old drink, new and improved recipe.

The hidden gems of the coffee shop are its cold drinks, featuring some great new products. Staff particularly recommend:

Alibi- a lightly sparkling fruit juice packed with essential vitamins and minerals. Suggested as a healthier alternative to Red Bull, without any caffeine or added sugar.

Cambridge Juice Company Juices- Delicious and locally-made apple, apple and raspberry, and orange and clementine juices.

Ubuntu Cola- made with Fairtrade sugar, and with part of the profits funding development projects where the sugar is produced.

So overall, with a mixture of traditional and original drinks, we have the best of the old and the new, and a coffee shop that Fitz can be proud of.

Freshers, you've come to the right college!



THE BAR

baaaahhhh (not meehhh)

The Bar has now changed its beer supplier to (the more local) Greene King, which means bye bye Asahi (*cries*), but hello Pilsner Urquell, Old Golden Hen, Twisted Thistle IPA and many more! PLUS the brewery offered the College the chance to produce its own house draught beers and so, introducing: 'Billy Pride' and 'Fitz Lager', the two new beers Fitz Bar has had produced to celebrate 50 years of Fitz.

'Billy Pride' (cask ale; 3.7% ABV)

"Our very own Billy Pride is an English ale with hoppy, citrus undertones balanced with bitterness and a light sweetness. It has an aroma that is packed with soft fruit notes and a clean, moreish finish."

(Chris, head barman)

'Fitz Lager' (permanent draught lager; 4.0% ABV)

A classic blonde sparkling variety made of 100% Scottish barley and hops, which gives it a clean refreshing taste with a subtle biscuity malt.



If you haven't tried them yet, give them a go! The Goat Post's reliable taste testers (aka editors) give them: ★ ★ ★ ★ !



These are all comments from news sites written in the last month. Misogynists say the funniest things.

VIRI . MONSTRI . SUNT

men are monsters

Don't we all.

On "positive" discrimination:



Penn Smithe 1h ago

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If you are uncomfortable around your co-workers solely because they don't have the same anatomy as yourself then you might consider therapy.



GeraldLobOn

19 Apr 2016 8:35

I blame sex in the city

On the surprising persistence of female heterosexuality:



James Black 3d ago

Sometimes I wonder what women see in us men.



ReasonableSoul 5h ago

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Terrible casting decision to have this actress play Moneypenny. In the old Bond movies miss moneypenny was charming, flirtatious, clever and had a sense of humor. Now we get this surly upstart who thinks that its very feminist to be curt and cold.

On surly upstarts:

On the hilarity and harmfulness of feminist theory...



LePharaon 3d ago

40 ↑

"He's a very typical young man his age - finds the whole idea of feminism and gender studies boring."

As an older man I don't think I would find gender studies boring.

Comical, illogical, made up as you go along, of a low intellectual level - all these would seem more likely.

And harmful too - to both society and some of those unfortunate enough to be taken in by it.



John Manchester 3d ago

50 ↑

Because of course men are all exactly the same and thus blanket statements and sentiments about them are perfectly fine and accurate. "Yes all men" eh

On being one of the nice guys:



fraumerkel 3d ago

wot's a gender study class??!!

...or finding even its existence unfathomable.

Laying down some Truth:



impartial12 4d ago

281 ↑

why it's time we stripped fat of its negative connotations

You can't do that because being fat is bad. It's unhealthy and points to a sedentary lifestyle. It's not shaming if it's true.

On the female form:



mojo-jojo, Skellige, United Kingdom, 3 days ago

I like the female form...but come on now...its becoming the norm to show what you look like with no clothes on. Save it for a deserving partner

On national levels of lewdness:



Hungry Horse, London, Ireland, 3 days ago

I lived 4 years in Kazakhstan and banged quite a few hotties. They are not at Moroccan levels of lewdness but they are one hell of a hot ride.

Truth is beauty:



AIRrrww 8 Apr 2016 11:20

She's beautiful and her opinions matter to me.



WHY THE GOAT POST IS VOTING REMEEEEHHN

We all feel that special thing we call Billy Pride, don't we¹ ? We all feel deep down inside that we billy goats can take on the world by ourselves. We don't need the big troll that is the EU/NUS/CUSU [delete as appropriate] telling us what to do. We can cross whatever bridge we like, whether that's the bridge of Brexit or any other kind of bridge that leads us to disaffiliation from a central body of bureaucrats from whose so-called democracy we feel disenfranchised.

Indeed, as goats are clearly the best animals in the whole world – neigh² , the entire universe – surely we deserve to strike out on our own and become the most powerful species of all time, dominating the world with an iron hoof. The grass seems much greener on that side, right?

But in the end, we feel: why bother? If we work with the trolls, and not against them, they can help us back, and we can all be better for it. Perhaps global domination by goats is not actually a desirable outcome, if we can all be just as awesome together. Sometimes Pride can lead a poor Billy astray.

The tale of the Billy Goats Gruff actually originates from Norway (/The University of Birmingham/ Pembroke College [delete as appropriate])³ . Did you know that? Where would we be if not for them? There's something special about Fitz. But there's something even more special about Fitz when it works with others to achieve great things, such as the discount on the Sky subscription in the TV room thanks to CUSU⁴.

Also, the EU/NUS/CUSU [delete as appropriate] has promised a free cuddly goat toy to anyone who votes to remain. What more encouragement could you possibly need?

Meeeeeeehh.

1. NB: I'm not talking about the feeling in your stomach after drinking too much of the house ale.

2. Disclaimer: this may be a horse pun and not a goat pun.

3. One of these is actually true, according to Wikipedia.

4. We're not sure if this actually happened...

5. Disclaimer: (probably) not actually true.





“This song is about the most important relationship in your life. What is that relationship? It’s the relationship you have with yourself.” Queen B declared this with a smile that made me grin in disbelief that she was *actually there* every time it appeared on her face. As she stood on the stage in all her superhuman glory, (not even appearing to have broken a sweat or to be out of breath over halfway through her set!), she began ‘Me, Myself and I’. This time she sang alone, without all the fire, glitter confetti, giant revolving cube, conveyor belt, and all the other glorious spectacles that accompanied the majority of the performances- it felt raw, powerful and beautiful.

For me, this classic from her days with Destiny’s Child seemed to resonate with the other songs in her set list for The Formation World Tour, old and new, stressing the importance of (especially black and female) empowerment and strength of self: songs like ‘Survivor’, ‘Diva’, ‘Run the World’ and songs from her new album Lemonade, such as the incredibly powerful ‘Formation’. Clips played evocatively from this “visual” album, and along with her all-female- and nearly all-black- support troop of musicians, singers, dancers (and even acrobats!) her message was really enforced as she addressed the crowd: “women, when you were born, you were born strong.” She got me speechless.

HOW MUCH DO

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i really like curry, and fitz is like my favourite curry, its all warm and makes you feel at home.

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It's okay I guess.

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“

I think the fact that our mascot is a goat says it all - not known for being majestic, fierce or graceful; but with a certain goofiness in spirit that makes us fun to be around. Why roar when you can bleat?

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YOU love FITZ?



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Enough to consider becoming the new Matt Kellett.

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Much.

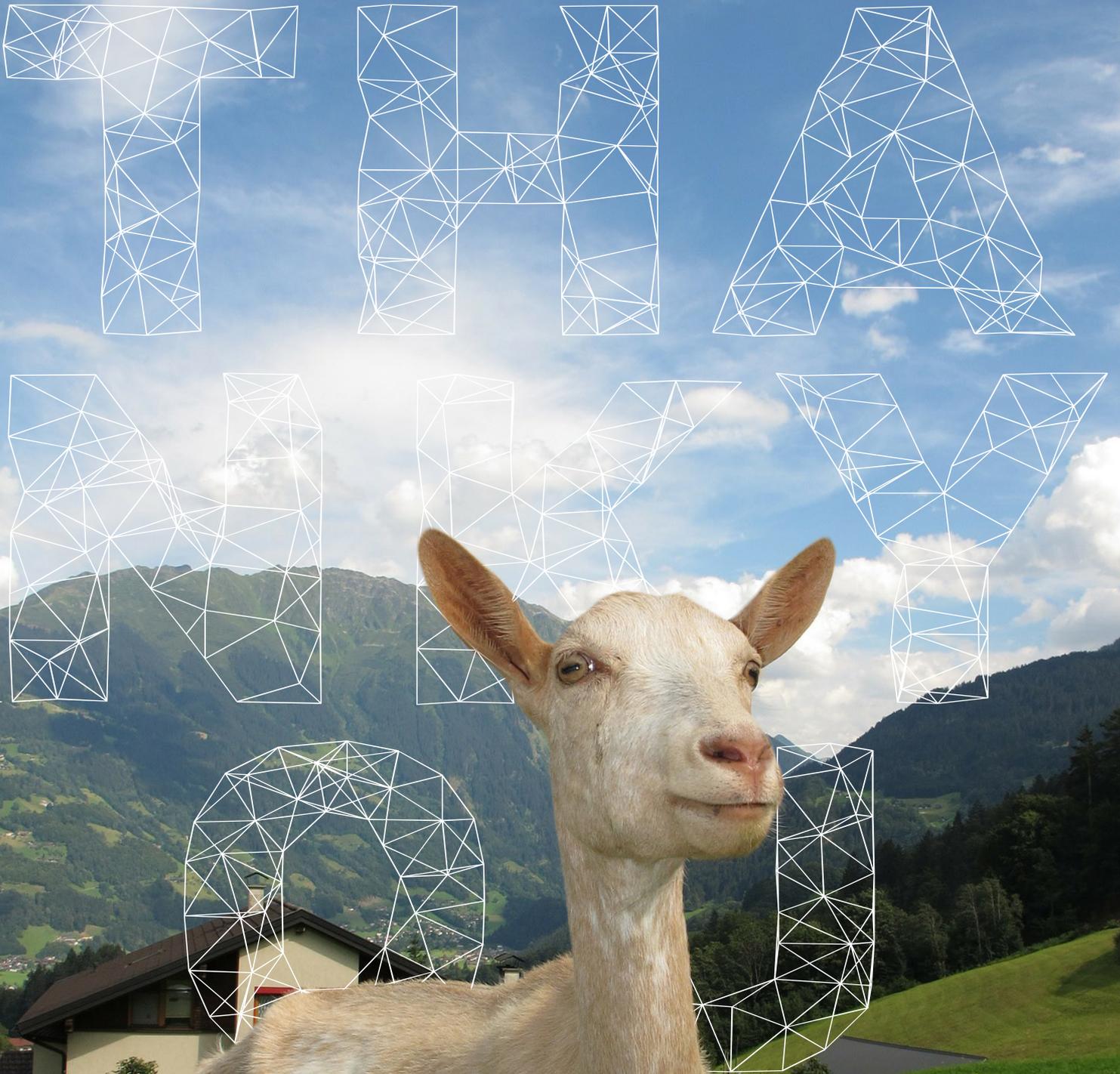
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I love Fitz more than realising my Nanna Mexico loyalty card is full so I get a free burrito. Which is a lot. Seriously, though, Fitz has been unforgettable.

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