

I Guess that's a Bit of a Gimmick.

This year I completed my undergraduate studies and graduated with a first degree in Artificial intelligence and Computer Science from the University of Edinburgh.

Due to the refurbishment, I was not able to graduate in McEwan hall. McEwan hall was closed for refurbishment, and I only got to see it during my second year Probability exam. It wasn't a very good moment to be looking at the artwork on the ceiling.

As a surrogate , we chose Usher hall, which is the venue for the majority of symphony as well as chamber music events take place in.

We were grouped with the school for Engineering due to the small size of the informatics class. As a result, we were awarded two honorary degrees speeches. I'm not sure what the engineering guy did. The Computer Science speaker got the deal to develop minecraft for the Xbox.

I suppose that's interesting.

One of the peculiarities of the University of Edinburgh is that we don't have a mortarboard cap. Instead, all students wear the same hat. The vice-chancellor taps each student on the head as they walk across the stage.

Fun-fact: Piers Sellers offered to take the hat to space. Given space-ships occasionally explode (and the hat is sort-of important) an emblem of the university was launched into space, and then sewn onto the hat.

I was booed on the head with the space-hat.

I was able to buy enough tickets for my parents and grandparents. My family had visited a few weeks before and we walked together through Ireland and the highlands.

I had one ticket left-over and Jammy had a free-morning. This meant that I was able to secure Jam-Jam, the father of polar bears, first of his name, to come along to my graduation. Mc titan launcher