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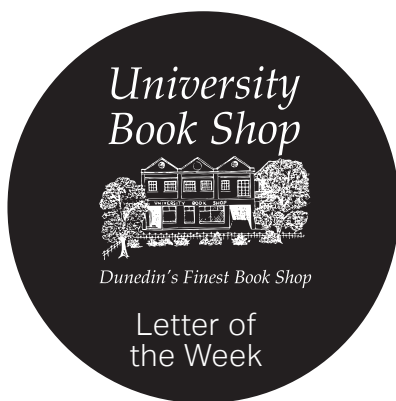
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Letter of the Week

Dear Critic,

While I appreciate that the University is getting on board with earthquake preparedness, I can't help but wonder why the higher-ups have still not done anything about the fact that a number of buildings on campus are still deemed to be unsafe in the actual event of an earthquake. Government regulations state that a building must reach at least 34% of the current New Building Standard, and the Arts Building currently sits at 29%. Stopping, dropping and holding isn't exactly going to help much if the floor you're crouching on gives way and you go from the Classics department to Burns 2 at 100x the speed of the elevator (incidentally, another hazard). According to the official university Seismic Programme page a decision was going to be made as to whether the Arts block would be repaired or demolished in 2013, but I think we can all agree that nothing has been done to that building since the late sixties. I know Humanities has been pretty low on Harlene's priority list, but if the building does turn to rubble Castle could get hit by some wayward debris, and that might upset the health scis.

Sincerely,

I Don't Want To Die

Thank you for publishing the article re boarding houses in this week's issue. Because of this I learned that I am in a boarding house and I can leave early if needed. Which is great, because where I'm moving next year is currently empty, and if the person currently paying rent agrees, I can move in earlier without penalty. And I want to

do that because I alerted the property manager to a rotten floorboard in the toilet 3 weeks ago, and it has not been fixed. (Harcourts BTW. The PMs there are useless). I've been considering a 14 day notice to repair but am worried about it reflecting on any future rentals.

Many thanks again for the article.

When opening up this week's Critic I was ecstatic to find this statement greeting me. It is a sentiment that I wholeheartedly agree with. For all other like-minded individuals, here's some food for thought: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mass_killings_of_landlords_under_Mao_Zedong

Dear Critic,

I wish to thank you and congratulate you on running the title article on the landlord from hell, Karen Brown. I wonder if she's ever even considered treating her tenants with a single micro-gram of respect? Has she ever considered the fact that if she did that then they might not be so inclined to become, in her words "RETALIATING LYING (truthful) TENANTS." Is being a decent human being really that difficult? Is treating your tenants as pinatas and (metaphorically) punching them until ever cent falls out really necessary? I will pay a decent landlord happily, but will look for every legal excuse not to pay a bad one. Being terrible to your tenants, who are in a sense your customers, is (shock horror) bad for business. (I call boycott; if you see the name Karen Brown, or company name Manooch Holdings on a tenancy agreement, RUN AND DO NOT SIGN.)

~ A former tenant victim



GUEST EDITORIAL: Don't Just Learn Māori this Week, Learn it Every Week.

By Taylor Terekia

Kia ora e te whānau (hey fam)!

It's your one and only Tumuakz or Tumuaki, not to be confused with Tumaui (iykyk) of Te Roopū Māori.

It's that one week of the year people seem to remember te reo Māori is a national language. You'll find Māori language activists reminding everyone that te reo deserves more than just a week of national acknowledgement. We cringe as businesses fall over themselves trying to out 'te reo Māori' each other and then the week after forget it ever happened.

Yes, it is Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. The Government created this initiative in 1975 to encourage New Zealanders to promote the use of the language. So essentially this week is about you. We need you to open your minds, ears and eyes to te reo Māori and how important it is to us.


I never spoke ANY Māori when I first came to uni despite it being my first language. I was afraid my Pākehā peers - probably you reading this - would judge and stereotype me. But overtime I met Pākehā who would say 'Kia ora' and 'Tēnā koe' to not just me but to anybody. I felt so embarrassed that I thought I needed to hide my identity, but hearing Māori words from my Pākehā peers gave me that extra confidence to be unapologetically Māori on a campus that screams colonial settlement.

Te reo Māori is the heart of our culture and identity as indigenous peoples of Aotearoa. Without it we wouldn't have our place names that describe the feats of our ancestors, pūrākau (stories) and mōteatea (chants) that have recorded our history for thousands of years, whakataukī (proverbs) that teach us lessons and show our in-depth knowledge of science and the natural world, haka to rouse our people who have faced great adversity, and waiata and lullabies to sing our tamariki to sleep. All of this is under threat.

Māori language week isn't about me, Auntie Pearl at the Māori Centre, my little brother at his Kura Kaupapa Māori or any other te reo speaker across the world. It is about our taonga (treasure) and about each of us making an effort to learn more about it, use it, try to pronounce it correctly, and keep our language from dying.

This week, don't just catch a glimpse of te ao Māori (the Māori world) through the window and keep walking once the week's over. Use this week to get your foot in the door, and next week and the week after keep learning and be a part of the change we need in this country.


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DCC Mayoral Forum Makes Critic Lose Faith In Democracy

By the Critic News Crew

You can now cry in Central Library until midnight rather than eleven

Critic's winners of the DCC Mayoral Forum, hosted by OUSA and the University, are Mandy Mayhem-Bullock and Aaron Hawkins, with an incredibly honourable mention to Bob Barlin. But, to be honest, hearing fourteen people talk for about five minutes each doesn't give a great idea about who to choose for mayor. It just kinda made them all seem boring as hell.

Our breakdown of how each of them went is measured by how many times they actually talked about students in their 'Why I'm Running/What's Important' answers, how many times they talked over the allocated times,

and any memorable moments. Also, when we say they were told to 'shut up' it means James Heath had to literally tell them to stop talking.

Scout Barbour-Evans:

Student orientated: Yes.

Straight off the bat Scout Barbour-Evans clapped back at Harlene's microphone instructions by saying that they knew how to turn on a microphone, after Harlene told them they weren't using it properly. BOOM ROASTED. Being an actual student meant that they talked about students and what they'd do for them, though we can't remember what their specific policies actually are. Really, Scout didn't have too many memorable answers to questions, but they get bonus points for being a student and having a high sass factor. They only had to be told to shut up once, which was far fewer than most candidates.

Malcolm Moncrief-Spittle:

Student orientated: No.

Malcolm didn't talk about students in particular except to reminisce about his own time as a student, which doesn't actually count. Memorable moments were saying that people should "keep an open mind" about climate change, not supporting weed legalisation (lame) and wanting to ban 1080 (lol). He also had to be told to shut up three times by the moderator.

Rachel Elder:

Student orientated: No.

Rachel is a kind old lady with a super positive and passionate attitude. But from the little opportunity she got to speak, it was hard to discern any depth to her policies. Which is disappointing considering she is already on the Dunedin City Council. When talking about shit flats she basically told students to 'open their windows' to fight mould

(she used to be a landlord, after all - she knows who's to blame). When asked about the biggest problem facing students she literally said... hills. She said that Dunedin was beautiful and students should go out for walks on the different tracks that exist and that this was the best way to combat stress and help with mental health. What is this, The Sound of Music? (Also I'm bitter because she uses a lot of feminist imagery and slogans in her campaign, but has no feminist or gender-based policies. When Critic asked her one-on-one why this was, she just said "everyone should be liberated" and when she admitted she has no solid feminist policies she said it "does point to a thing I need to do".) Got told to wrap up her speech twice.

Jim O'Malley:

Student orientated: Yes.

Jim has already been on the City Council and has a bit more bang to his ideas than other candidates (though he does just come across as a less charismatic Aaron Hawkins). He also knew his crowd and how to talk to students, describing how he thinks the Council and OUSA could work together. Didn't really have much of a wow factor though. Got told to wrap up his speech once.

Jules Radich

Student orientated: No.

Talked a lot about science and business stuff. Not really much to say, unfortunately. Got told to wrap up his speech once.

Richard Seagar

Student orientated: Yes

Richard identified solid issues facing students, such as fixed-term 12 month leases that should only be 9 months, but did not come across as confident as the other speakers. Bonus points for being a mature

student (coming back to uni is hard - freshers are mean). Unfortunately, anecdotes about your own shit flattening experiences does not count as policy. Got told to shut up twice.

Christine Garey

Student orientated: No.

She came in hot saying she wasn't "going to make promises I can't keep," and then opted for saying no policies instead. Again, disappointing, as she's a current city councillor. She spent so much time talking about how great her daughter was that we wish her daughter had just ran for mayor instead. Told to shut up once.

Aaron Hawkins

Student orientated: Yes.

Aaron is one of two sitting councillors running for mayor that actually had policies, so he was a very welcome breath of fresh air. He's charismatic, passionate, and kept giving Critic shoutouts, which definitely helps. When candidates were asked to talk about the biggest issue facing students, he had a list of problems almost as long as his brag list of how many student protests and campaigns he's been involved in. Fucking bless. Was told to shut up once.

Mandy Mayhem-Bullock

Student orientated: Yes.

Mandy came to the Student General Meeting the week before???? If that wasn't crazy enough, she is a former circus ringmaster AND former NZ representative in Taekwondo. Both very important skills she could bring to the mayor's seat. She is incredibly charismatic and tapped into her Waitati community, and said very passionately that she wants to campaign to get students more money from the Government. Yes please. She was told to shut up three times, but she spoke so well that no one minded she was going over.



Carmen Houlahan:

Student orientated: Yes.

She didn't introduce herself so Critic had to spend a hot minute squinting at her placard. She had an actual policy response to every single question, so that was dope, but unfortunately she got lost in-between candidates with the 'it' factor. Told to shut up twice.

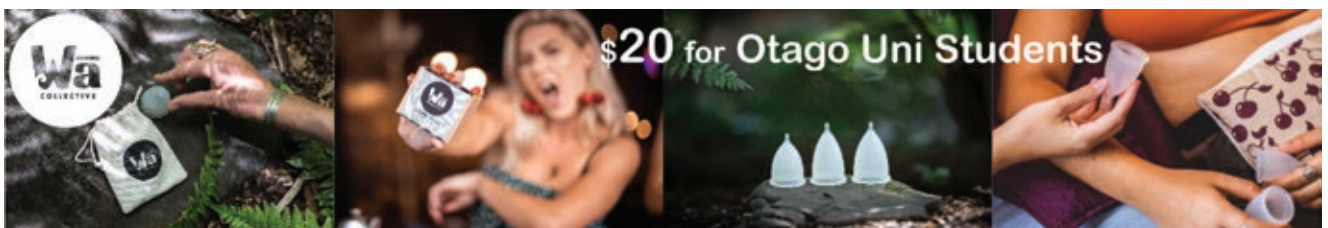
Bob Barlin:

Student orientated: No, but we forgive him.

Ok, sit down and get ready. Bob is a kind old man with a heart of gold and is currently finishing a History degree. He's a taxi driver, which means he's literally seen you at your lowest point but loves you anyway. His big thing is 'teamwork' and how everyone needs to coordinate and be cooperative if anything is going to be achieved. In his younger days



he worked in the Military, the United Nations and the Red Cross. He only had one weird moment when he said that OUSA should just "ban" students from going into shit





flats to solve the student slum problem. He made up for it when he said he will always "show people [students aren't] loud drunks running around on Saturday nights causing mayhem. I drive you and you're always very polite." Had to be told to shut up twice (don't you respect the troops, James?).

Lee Vandervis

Student orientated: No.

Who'd have thought that Daddy Vandervis wanted to ban 1080?? He also refused to raise his 'yes' or 'no' paper when the panel was asked if they believed in man-made climate

change. Because everyone gets enough of his hot takes on Dunedin News, Critic measured his performance by the following.

- Eye-rolls: 16 (mitigated by how sometimes he just stared at the ceiling for long periods of time).
- Smirks: 20.
- Fond smirks (mostly aimed at Finn Campbell): 8.

Critic estimated that Vandervis was 60% more likely to roll his eyes when Aaron or Rachel spoke. He also kept turning to the

poor student slave running the powerpoint to give her unwelcome attention/instructions. Told to wrap up his speech just once.

Finn Campbell

Student orientated: Yes.

Ah, Finn. We feel really bad because he clearly means really well, is super intelligent, and would work really hard. He was probably the second least confident speaker to Malcolm, though, and some points that were really good weren't said as clearly as they could have been. God fucking bless, though. Was told to wrap it up once.

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More CCTV rolling out on Castle

'CCTV? More like see-see-not enough'

By Sinead Gill | Chief News Reporter

A blind spot in the CCTV network in student-village has been identified, and Campus Watch are rubbing their hungry hands together in glee – more cameras are coming to Castle Street. Specifically on the corner of Castle and Duke Street, and the corner of Castle and Dundas street.

In a letter addressed to 'Castle Street Flat', presumably sent to every flat on Castle, University Proctor Dave Scott explained that this increase in coverage would be to "prevent behaviour that causes harm to others, particularly from non-students attracted to the area".

When Critic asked if there had been a recent increase in crime in that specific area to warrant a CCTV increase, over a year after the cameras were installed on Castle, a University spokesperson said that they hadn't done a report on the effectiveness of CCTV yet, but that "existing cameras are not sufficient to effectively capture activity occurring in the central area of the street".

Residents of the area have until 18 September to comment on the proposal. When asked if there is a possibility for students to lobby not to install the cameras, a spokesperson said "the University has provided a good opportunity here for feedback". So, probably not, lol.

The new cameras are expected to be installed before the end of 2019. In the

meantime, residents of the area can consider committing the following crimes on the intersection between Castle and Dundas*:

- Smoke lots of weed out of road cones.
- Big ol' orgy.
- Sick skids with your 1997 white Toyota Corolla Sedan (little bit of rust, only one rim).
- Heist the street signs.
- Commit insurance fraud.
- Hang heaps of shoes over the powerlines by their laces.
- Defame someone.

*We are aware that some of these are not crimes, just fucking sick.

The Tea So Far: 2020 OUSA Executive Candidates

TL;DR: it's a sausage fest

By Esme Hall and Sinead Gill

Critic will reserve a full judgement until the forums this week, but here is what you need to know about the returners and insiders of OUSA who are running.

All the Presidential candidates are men (gross): Will Moffett, Jack Manning, and Sam Purchas. All we could find out about Will online, from his LinkedIn, is that he's a Director at Horse of the Year Hawkes Bay Ltd. Fucking 'nay. Jack Manning (or, the poor man's James Heath) is the only presidential candidate with OUSA experience. The ultimate outsider-insider, Sam Purchas, may have more to him than a funky wardrobe, but that includes standing for ACT in the Dunedin North electorate last election. Take from that what you will.

Georgia Mischefski-Gray is running, uncontested, for Administrative Vice President, a role she took over in the by-election earlier this year after resigning from Campaigns Officer. Unless a bunch of people happen to hate her, she'll likely be elected to this position.

Josh Smythe is shooting for another hit on the Exec in the new 'Clubs and Societies Officer' role. At this point, he'll be chilling in his cushy exec job well into his 80s.

Smythe is running against Paul Gourlie, Robert Griffith and Tulsie Raman. For those who don't know, Paul Gourlie was OUSA Pres back in 1979 and 1980. He told Critic that he's running for the Exec so he can change OUSA's constitution to allow someone to serve more than two terms on the Exec. So prepare yourselves (maybe) for Paul Gourlie as President (again) in 2021.

Jessie Drake ran for Colleges last year, and is running again in the rebranded role as Residential Officer. He's running against Amodini Jayawardena, Jack Saunders and Charlotte Brewer.

Not saying any of the other candidates aren't interesting, but we need more time to get to know them xx.

This Wednesday at 12pm will be the forum for the Finance, Welfare, Education and AVP positions. Thursday 12pm will have the rest of them (with the Presidential forum happening straight after). There will also be a U-Bar Presidential debate on Thursday night.

OUSA To Lobby For Independent Investigator on Sexual Violence at Unis and Polytechs

Institutions will not keep themselves accountable, says Thursdays in Black Otago

By Esme Hall | Chief News Reporter

The OUSA Exec wants an independent body to investigate sexual violence against students and staff, rather than incidents being handled by universities and polytechnics internally.

In their meeting over the break, the OUSA Exec agreed to start lobbying the University of Otago, the New Zealand Government, the Tertiary Education Union, the NZ Union of Students' Associations, and all students' associations to establish an independent body to monitor and report on the institutional response of all New Zealand universities and polytechnics to sexual violence against students and staff.

They also agreed to keep working with Thursdays in Black (TiB) Otago, Students Against Sexual Violence, OUSA Student Support and Te Whare Tāwharau to ensure best practice, policy, and the best experiences for students.

OUSA's proposal comes after the University did not launch a formal investigation into Knox College after Critic reported claims of sexual violence and harassment dating back to 2011, instead pointing to the imminent release of their Sexual Misconduct Policy and its internal Sexual Violence Prevention Centre, Te Whare Tāwharau.

A TiB Otago representative said it's not good enough for institutions to investigate themselves on sexual misconduct. "It is not exactly in the best interests of institutions to have the statistics of sexual violence known or publicised. A standardised independent body ensures best practice in policy,

management and reporting procedures - ultimately, to ensure the best experiences for survivors."

They said they are "thrilled" that OUSA will lobby for an independent body to monitor how tertiary institutions respond to sexual violence against staff and students and are looking forward to working with OUSA.

OUSA Welfare Officer Kerrin Roberston-Scanlan said OUSA would like to see "a unified stance from the organisations included in the motion, so there is a clear path for universities and the government to take in response to these cases being covered."

In terms of the specifics, she said they "are best designed by experts in the sector, but they should be able to oversee investigations, and to hold institutions to account where these fail to meet best practice".

More Tenants Come Forward With Landlords Trying to Rent Boarding Houses on Illegal Contracts

By Erin Gourley | Staff Writer

The problem of landlords trying to rent boarding houses on fixed-term leases is widespread, with three tenants telling Critic that they realised they were living in a boarding house after reading our boarding house article last week.

One tenant told us that she lived in a boarding house in 2018 and was admitted to hospital at the end of the year. She left the tenancy, but her landlord made her continue to pay rent until she found a new tenant despite the tenancy being a boarding house. Then, because of some crumbs on the carpet, her landlord withheld the entire bond. "I didn't contest it because I was so stressed by it

and just wanted it to be over," the tenant said.

On a more positive note, another tenant has discovered that she is currently living in a boarding house and can move out whenever she wants. She plans to move to another flat soon, because her current landlord has been leaving problems such as rotten floorboards unresolved.





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Great Peanut Purge at Residential Colleges

Residential colleges going no-nut forever

By James Joblin | Reporter

Peanuts have been taken off the menu at University-managed residential colleges to protect students with severe nut allergies.

As of 2 September, residential college kitchens are no longer serving peanut products, except Toroa and Abbey colleges, which do not currently house students with peanut allergies.

The removal of peanuts from menus will bring colleges in line with Cumberland and Hayward, which have been nut-free and unthreatened by the peanut menace for some time.

According to the Senior Warden of Colleges, Jamie Gilbertson, there have been "a few reactions to peanuts in the colleges over

the years for various reasons". He said the change of peanut policy is to protect against life-threatening reactions to peanuts, including the potential reactions caused by the "inhalation of airborne particles of peanuts".

Gilbertson said the number of students who are severely allergic to peanuts is increasing. He told Critic, "eliminating peanuts seemed the simplest way to cater for those students when college kitchens produce more than two million meals a year".

College kitchens manage at least 10 allergens including lupin, crustaceans, milk and nuts, which are identified in recipes and labelled by staff. Gilbertson said about a quarter of college kitchen catering involves managing dietary requirements and allergens.

The University's food services have asked residents not to air their peanut products in main dining rooms.

Students who have peanut allergies are, as usual, expected to have their EpiPens with them as a matter of personal responsibility.

As for students who are not allergic and concerned with increased college nannying of their peanut butter and assorted nuts are still able to enjoy their food in their rooms and common rooms, depending on their individual hall's rules.

Campus outlet stores and cafes will be unaffected by the ban which is supplied by the University's central production kitchen. Toroa College is also catered by the central kitchen.

Critic is not aware of any plan to ban almond oil rubs and nut-based shampoos from residential college bathrooms.

OUSA To Solve Climate Change

It'll be all fixed by the end of the month

By Sinead Gill | Chief News Reporter

OUSA have stepped their pussies up and are not just encouraging students to ditch class, but TELLING them to not go to class and go to Union Lawn on 27 September, 11:30am, for climate change.

They're doing it as a part of the School Strike 4 Climate campaign, which sees

high schoolers from around the world get together every couple of months to demand that their governments take more action against climate change.

In a letter to Vice-Chancellor Harlene Hayne, signed by OUSA President James Heath, Tumuaiki of Te Roopū Māori Taylor Terekia, and President of the Pacific Islands Students' Association Mary-Jane Kivalu, OUSA challenged her to "dare to be wise" (which, if you didn't know, is the University's motto - BOOM ROASTED), and to "enable and

facilitate" her staff and students to attend the strike.

These three student leaders believe that climate change is the "single greatest threat" to the collective future of Otago students, "both present and future". Bold claim, but probably true.



Harlene Tells High Schoolers to Piss Off

Otago Boys' High School say uni students just as annoying

By Nina Minogue | Staff Writer

Before this year's O-Week, Vice-Chancellor Harlene Hayne sent a letter to all Dunedin secondary schools asking them to encourage their students to stay away from university parties.

The letter was a response to Campus Watch reporting an alarming rise in uninvited high school students crashing uni student parties. In the letter Hayne said that it was especially problematic in streets immediately adjacent to the main campus.

She said the University is "very concerned about under-age drinking and the safety of these young people, and others, on our campus," particular as student parties don't usually involve a lot of planning or interventions to prevent shit from hitting the fan. She said in February that it was fortunate no major harm had happened yet.

Hayne went on to say that if Campus Watch found high schoolers drinking at student

parties, that they would call the police for under-age drinking.

Critic contacted several Dunedin high schools for comment on whether they have identified any issues with their students attending uni parties. At time of print, only Otago Boys' High School responded. OBHS Rector, Richard Hall, confirmed he had received Hayne's letter and "continued with our education regarding being a good man through socially responsible behaviours".

But, Hall said that in his personal experience "as soon as we ban something then it becomes more enticing". He then clapped back at the Uni saying he would "like the same courtesy in regards to the University discouraging ex-pupils from attending sports fixtures at our school with alcohol".

He said that in the last three weekends, University students had turned up to OBHS sports games with alcohol, resulting in the school having to hire security to enforce their no-alcohol rules.

Students Critic spoke with confirmed the presence of high school students at student parties. One student who wished to go unnamed said "the last few Agnew Streets

I've seen so many high schoolers. Pretty sure my mate got with a 16-year-old."

Shannon, a fifth-year student, said she'd been at plenty of parties where high schoolers were in attendance. "Everyone's main question was 'why are you here this is not for you'. You'll be able to do this in a few years just step the fuck down and wait your turn."

A third year student and Dunedin local said "It's also really easy to go to uni parties when you grow up in Dunedin because your friends a year or two older are at uni and have flats and stuff. I remember going to a party at the Debacle flat when I was in year 13 and honestly there is no way to tell if someone is a high schooler, I just told people I was a health sci."

In an exclusive interview, Critic Editor and Dunedin local Charlie O'Mannin reflected on his experiences as a youth. He said, "I definitely crashed student parties in high school; I'm remembering real awkward experiences now. I don't wanna talk about it on the record."



How Much Are Breathas Paying For Flats? A Critic Investigation

By Sinead Gill | Chief News Reporter

Some truths are eternal when it comes to being a University of Otago student. You're going to gain 20 kilos in your first year, only old people call us Scarfies, and living in a 'notorious' flat on Castle Street is going to be expensive as fuck. But why is that? Not the 20 kilos (that's because Mum and Dad don't feed you anymore and portion control is hard) but why do we accept that student flats are shit and expensive, and that's just how it be?

Critic did a bunch of door-knocking over the mid-semester break. Of those we talked to, the average flat in Castle Street has six tenants and they pay an average of \$153 each (before bills and internet). Students living on Castle Street itself pay on average \$7 more each than other streets. All of these students are paying shit loads more than their neighbours across the gardens in North East Valley, though, at an average \$126.50 each.

Unsurprisingly, this number varies dramatically depending on how infamous your flat is. Named flats that are street-facing were all at least \$10 more expensive each than

those hidden down paths, and particularly renowned flats, such as 660 Castle Street (according to the neighbours of the tenants) can be closer to \$50 extra each a week.

These are only the prices for this year. Almost every flat we spoke to said they expected their rent to go up \$5 a week each in 2020 (one flat said their rent was going up \$26 each), but no one could tell me where this magical \$5 rule came from. Critic hit up a bunch of property management companies to find out, and to ask how they determine the market value of flats. Their response was firstly that the student demand largely determines the value, but also that they took guidance from the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment's (MBIE) 'Tenancy Services' website.

Jennifer Sykes of MBIE said that tenants can technically have their rent increased every six months, as opposed to the usual yearly rise that students expect. Importantly, though, Sykes said that tenants can actually reject rent increases. If they do, the landlord has to go to the Tenancy Tribunal to raise it, and only can if "the landlord has improved the property (not being general

or necessary repairs) or changed the tenancy agreement to benefit the tenant; or the landlord has had unforeseen expenses". Of course, it means you'd have to stay in your shit flat for more than one year, but if that's what you want to do, now you know.

MBIE confirmed that there is no limit or control over the price of renting, and no idea where the \$5 rule came from. Critic did some research into the housing market to see if rises in house values correlated to the rise in rent prices. According to the Real Estate Institute of New Zealand (REINZ), house prices in New Zealand rose by 6.28% in 2017, 13.85% in 2016 and 11.49% in 2016. However, the median price only rose by 1.5% in 2018. Which begs the question: if values can change so much from year to year, shouldn't rent increases vary too?

Unfortunately, quality and logic doesn't matter when it comes to the market, baby. The value of flats are determined by how much students are willing to pay, and so long as students keep putting up with living in shitholes just to flex on their immune system and poor friends, nothing is going to change, and your slumlords are only going to get richer.

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'Near-Misses' Provoked Walk Your Wheels Campaign, Rather than Actual Injuries

By Esme Hall | News Editor

OUSA Welfare Officer said banning mobile transport on campus is still good for disabled students

The University has said that "near-misses" provoked its ban on skateboards, bikes and scooters on campus, the "Walk Your Wheels" campaign, rather than actual injuries.

An Official Information Act request to the University of Otago revealed that there have only been two reported injuries to pedestrians on the Dunedin Campus in the last five years, both of which involved skateboarders.

But, the University said, "There have been numerous reports received from pedes-

trians involved in near-miss incidents involving skateboards, bikes and scooters on campus. In addition, reports have also been received relating to incidents of cyclists and skateboards colliding as well as skateboard accidents."

The University's statement said that it "encourages a culture of safety, however it is unlikely that all reports of injury or near-misses are reported through the formal Health and Safety channels". This is part of why it changed the Traffic and Parking Regulations and launched the "Walk Your Wheels" campaign in May.

OUSA Welfare Officer, Kerrin Robertson-Scanlon, said the ban was still valuable, despite so few collisions being reported. It was her view that "the risk of removing the policy entirely would disproportionately fall on people with disabilities".

Kerrin said, "The OIA only told us which collisions resulted in reports being filed. This doesn't give information on the near-misses which are part of being disabled on campus even with the policy, or on collisions which aren't reported – and people with disabilities are least likely to feel like we can afford to put our efforts into complaints processes instead of our studies on a given day."

"There may be value to exploring opening up specific thoroughfares on campus to bikes, skateboards etc, but this process should include marking out walkways alongside."

Second Year Law Exam Timetable Mix-Up Creates 24 Hours of Panic

To put it lightly, students freaked the fuck out

By Erin Gourley | Staff Writer

Second-year law students were shocked to find all of their exams scheduled within one week when the exam timetable was released on the Tuesday of the break.

"A lot of people lost their shit," said one second-year student. The mix-up was quickly resolved after a barrage of complaints to SOULS, the law students' association, and the Law Faculty. "It was a bit of a stitch up, but then again everyone was in the same boat," the second-year student told Critic.

The second-year law course involves four full-year papers and a lot of content. One student estimated that across the four courses, there would be "easily over 1000 pages" of compulsory readings.

Professor Jessica Palmer, the Law School Dean, noted that the four exams had always been spaced out evenly in the past, with at least four days in between each. She said that each paper has "a demanding 3-hour examination in Semester 2".

That didn't get communicated to the Examinations Office before the release of the timetable. But Palmer said "[as] soon as [she] made the Examinations Office aware of the

scheduling issue this year, they responded very quickly to correct the timetable".

SOULS posted on the second-year page the day after the timetable was released. "Second year is stressful enough without throwing in curveballs like this," they said. They also directed the students towards support through the SOULS mentor programme.

On Wednesday of last week, the Examination Office resolved the problem by providing an updated exam timetable with more spacing between the exams. SOULS told Critic that "everything has since been sorted and there is now much wider spacing between the four exams".

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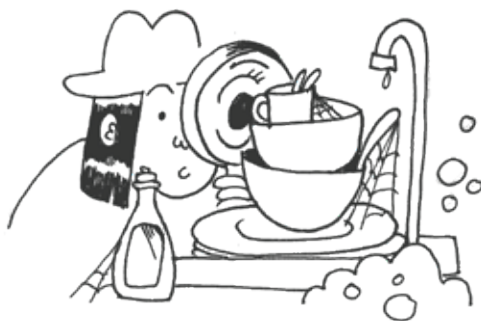
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The Critical Tribune



Study: Flatmate's Dishes Date Back to the Neolithic

In groundbreaking new research, local Archaeology student Penny Tration has successfully dated her flatmate's dishes back to the early Neolithic.

"By observing the remains of homo flatematus we can learn valuable things about their habits and lifestyle. For example, prior to this study we thought that flatematus didn't learn how to cover their

food properly in the fridge until the Bronze Age, but the amount of Glad wrap entangled with the decaying food residue would seem to indicate that they were much more technologically advanced than we've been giving them credit for."

As of print Penny's flatmate still hasn't done her fucking dishes.

Local Goth Pleased to Find They're Accidentally Supporting Thursdays in Black



"Let me get this straight," said Dunedin goth Jonathan "Blood

Dread" Brown. "All I've got to do to show my support for survivors of sexual violence is to wear black one day a week? I've been wearing black every day since I was 13 and heard Green Day for the first time." Jonathan's years of unknowing activism flew in the face of everything he thought he knew about himself.

"I'm such a good person," he said incredulously.



Clocktower Goblin Made Redundant as University Updates to Automated Bells



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Otago University's resident hunchback finds himself newly unemployed as the proctor installs an

automated striking clock system, rendering Bogdan Boguslaw's hourly bell ringing obsolete.

For the last 89 years, Bogdan has faithfully squatted behind the clock face, pulling the ropes and producing the bongs which Otago students famously enjoy. Gentrified regulator technology has now left Bogdan without a job – or a home. "Neuughgh," was Bogdan's only official statement, cowering from the daylight as Campus Watch forcefully removed him from the premises. Bogdan then hissed and scuttled away on all four legs, presumably seeking a new old clocktower in which to squat.

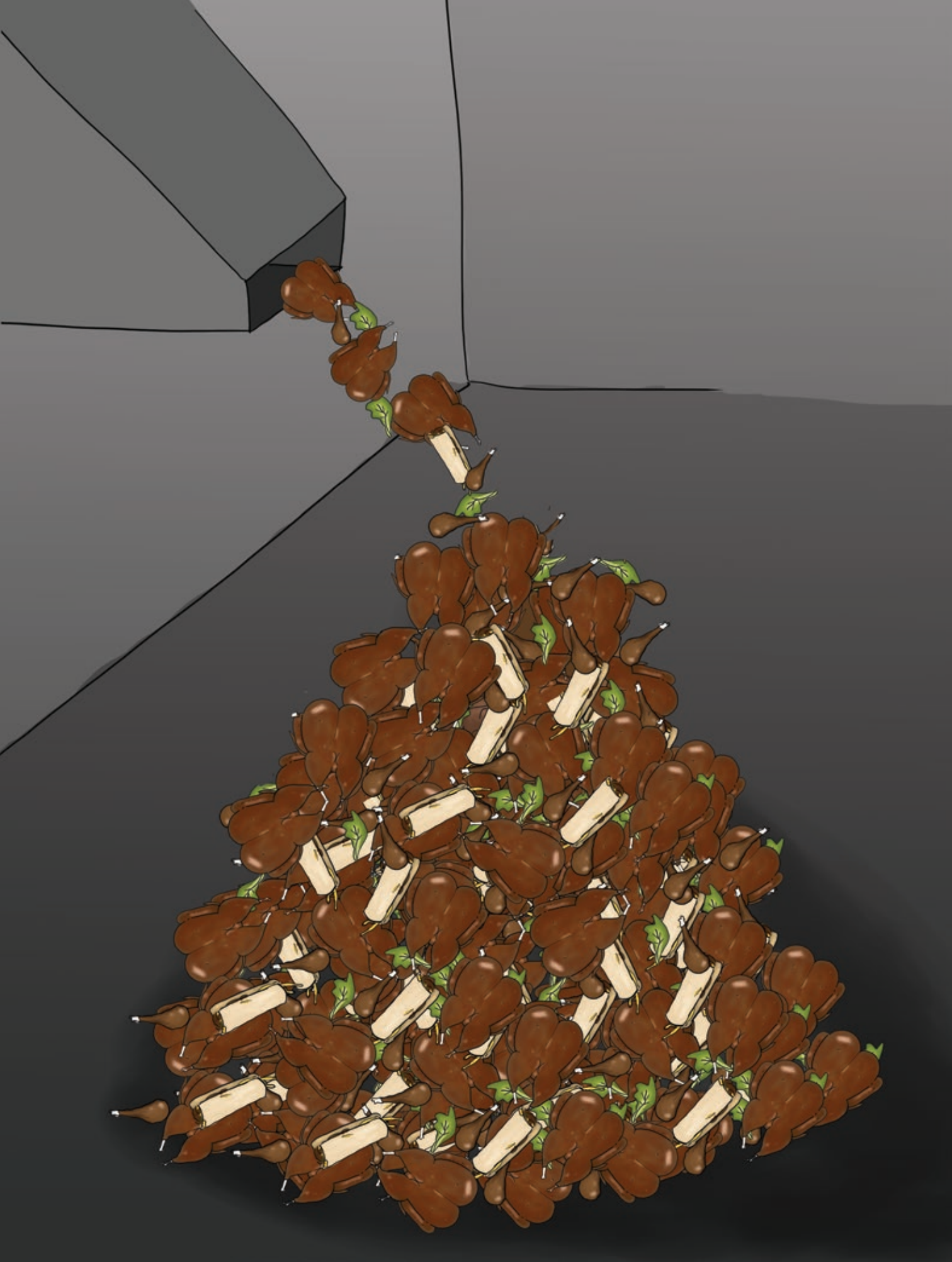
Wow! Impressive Local Boy Jumps Up and Touches Hanging Shop Sign on George Street

Crowds of women swoon and fan themselves with 'kerchiefs as local student Josh Cummings takes a running leap down George Street, reaching up to slap the Yaks n Yeti's sign as he does.

"He's so above average in height," sighed one girl, gazing after Josh as he casually brushed the tip of

the Huffer sign with his fingertips. "It's dreamy."

Josh has also been sighted nonchalantly touching the top of doorframes and higher-than-average tree branches, flocks of females not far behind.



Waste Not, Want Not: The Abysmal Food Wastage in Our Halls

— By Caroline Moratti —

A recent UoO Meaningful Confession claimed to be a kitchen worker at an unspecified college, and mourned having to throw out an outrageous amount of food: “Entire tray of rice? Bin. 15 legs of chicken? Bin. Tray of veggies, salad that has barely been touched, and oohh, that one time I had to toss like half a tray of enchiladas.” Lamenting that the food still had been “just fine that night” the employee said the ritual is their “least favourite part of the night and I feel terrible having to throw away all that perfectly good food that could go to people who really need a meal. We are given a meal at work, which helps reduce waste a little, but we aren’t allowed to take anything home for flatmates.” Always keen for a good bitch about the University, Critic decided to delve deeper.

2019 is undoubtedly the year of white girl environmentalism. Everyone wants a slice of that sweet, sweet vegan pie, most of all the University of Otago, who was quick to jump on the “no disposable cups” bandwagon in their cafes earlier this year. Never mind that this policy, while a nice token gesture, is actually just a capitalist ploy to eliminate an outgoing expense and instead push that cost onto consumers in the form of keep cups, while remaining smug and elitist about their ecological efforts. But y’know, stay woke and all that. In the face of this environmentalist circle jerk, it’s surprising to find out that our beloved institution perhaps isn’t as clean as promotional marketing might lead you to believe.

Unlike most things on the Internet these days (sexy singles in my area? Um this is Dunedin, hun) the UoO confession seemed legit. Several other kitchen hands came forward with similar stories of excessive food waste. Susan* spoke of repeatedly throwing out half to full trays of veggies and chicken “lots of stuff that would compile a perfectly good meal

for someone who needed it”. Worse still, the college doesn’t even have a compost bin, but rather everything is thrown into a normal bin, going straight to landfill. And before you shout “biodegradable!” you should know that everything that goes to landfill gets sealed into large cells that are lined with metals and elements to keep the rubbish within from oozing into the soil around it. So, biodegradable means absolutely zilch unless it goes in your garden. Robert* confirmed his college is the same, “none of it gets composted or sent to food banks,” he said.

Obviously in a conversation about food waste, it goes without saying that not everything can be saved and redistributed. Food that’s repeatedly reheated or kept warm for certain periods of time can be dangerous,

in dining rooms asking students to only take what they can eat since waste is bad. A University spokesperson told Critic: “The most wastage comes from plate waste, when our residents put more food on their plate than they can eat.” They cite that the plate waste from students weighs about 80kgs per day compared to the 20kg at the kitchen production end. Doubtless there’s definitely waste on this end, and both are bad, but just because students make food waste doesn’t mean the Uni should ignore their own.

University food waste is typically due to strict health and safety policies that prohibit food from leaving the premises, and that requires the food to “be discarded” according to University policy. In theory this makes sense, as let’s say if a worker’s flatmate ate some old

“2019 is undoubtedly the year of white girl environmentalism.”

but all the kitchen hands we interviewed are adamant that the colleges are throwing out food that “could be saved”. Pete* remarks, “the culture in the kitchen was to make far too much food. Running out of foods for students was their nightmare situation, so they almost always made way too much.” In Pete’s college, the bags they chuck out each night weighed often between 15-20 kgs, which was similar to the numbers confirmed by the University. Robert said that the University is aware of this excess, but “instead of addressing the real problems such as the kitchens making too much food, they’ve decided to place the blame on the students instead, stating that the reason there is so much wastage is because they don’t eat everything on their plate”. This is consistent with the posters typically found

Arana food and got sick, then the University could potentially be liable. However, KiwiHarvest, a non-profit which redistributes food to those in need, has worked with Carrington College and still works with Studholme College, an initiative which, according to OUSA Colleges Officer Jack Manning, gives “surplus food on whole trays to KiwiHarvest”.

Since some University-owned Colleges can clearly navigate the treacherous waters of Health and Safety and help limit food waste, it’s unclear why all University-owned colleges can’t follow suit. A University spokesperson also said, “conference and events food that can be safely used after an event, is given to Food Share,” so again the question is raised as to why this can’t occur more regularly in halls. Last year, OUSA trialled an initiative

called 'Free Food Friday' where frozen meals saved from UniCol kitchens over two weeks were redistributed to students willing to brave queuing. The trial was stopped because of environmental concerns over the amount of disposable plastic containers being used, but the existence of the trials proves that some kind of scheme like this is possible to conduct. A University spokesperson said that the trial was a "good concept however there were minimal 'suitable' meals, with most just being rice and vegetables". Firstly, rice and vegetables is a decent meal, and a hell of a lot better than most of the MSG bonanzas students are calling food. This argument also goes against what kitchen staff are saying about the substantial waste of proteins, so it's unclear where the lack of suitability comes into play.

One student lamented on the UoO Confession: "Why can't they implement a system whereby if you are an Otago student with your student ID, you can show up at any of the halls with a tupperware container during a set 15 min timeframe (eg after the students of that hall have gotten their fill) and pay a gold coin donation that goes to a charity of the hall's choosing to get a container of leftovers for dinner or next day's lunch?" This comment got 137 likes (more

2-minute noodles, a flat might be treated with a lasagne and vegetables every once in a while. Remember how scurvy is a thing again? Yeah.

Jack Manning cites food waste as an issue close to his heart because of his mother's involvement in KiwiHarvest, but also because it's kind of his job to talk to us about college shit. Jack recommended a couple of steps the University could take to reduce food waste. The first is to simply make less food. Jack said, "This requires a clear understanding of eating habits of residents, so an audit to understand where waste is occurring (i.e. unpopular meals, days of the week) could guide this process." The University has been dealing with this problem for years; it's baffling how they continue to wildly overestimate dining numbers. If you want my opinion, stop serving butter chicken; it's never an actual curry and I'm sick of this misrepresentation.

Secondly, Jack proposes to "take reheated stuff and keep it in the system and reusing it in different ways (i.e. turning mashed potatoes into hash browns)". This second step is already taken in small ways, such as recycling dinner leftovers into lunches, but there're clearly gaps in the kitchen processes. Pete remembers one night "chucking out about 5kg of vegetables, which a chef admitted they could have incor-

supervisor would often tell the workers to just "guess the weight" and, if the waste on the heavier side, to "make it lighter" in the records. At times he was told to chuck out trays of food without adding it to the food weight total. When the Uni got wind of the fact that Critic was looking into food waste, they "alerted all head chefs/executive chefs at the halls about it" and staff were "told not to talk to anyone about food wastage," according to one kitchen hand. It's all a little bit shift.

Obviously no one wants food waste - it benefits fuck all. I shudder at thinking the cost to the University of sending all that food to landfill. I can barely afford to buy a DCC rubbish bag (the rats are coming, please send help - unless they're cute like the one from Flushed Away). Within the next two months, the University is set to trial a composting machine that will "break the food waste down using microbes, turning it into a usable compost slurry" that will then be used by the University garden maintenance team. This is a really good start, but one that deals mostly with the consequences of waste, not the creation. When asked what other plans the University has in the near future to help with kitchen food waste, we were told that "education to our residents on taking only the amount of food they can consume, is ongoing. We are improving our education posters, highlighting the ideal portion size, and the food pyramid." So, I guess you're going to be seeing a lot more posters kids. Have fun with that. Hope it helps and all.

It's clear that programmes like KiwiHarvest can work in halls of residence, but think of how much good it can do to stretch that programme to 10 halls rather than just one. Or hell, just let employees take some food home to their flatmates. Or feed it to students; it's not my job to figure out the logistics, it's just my job to whine. Food waste is a problem, but it's a preventable problem that requires more focus from the University. Oh, and if the residential colleges accidentally make too much of that scrumptious tan slice, they know where to find me.

*Names have been changed because no one wants to get fired :)

"Plate waste from students weighs about 80kgs per day..."

than my last profile picture fml). This solution may not be the answer, but it's an answer to a lingering problem of waste that has continued to go unsolved by the University.

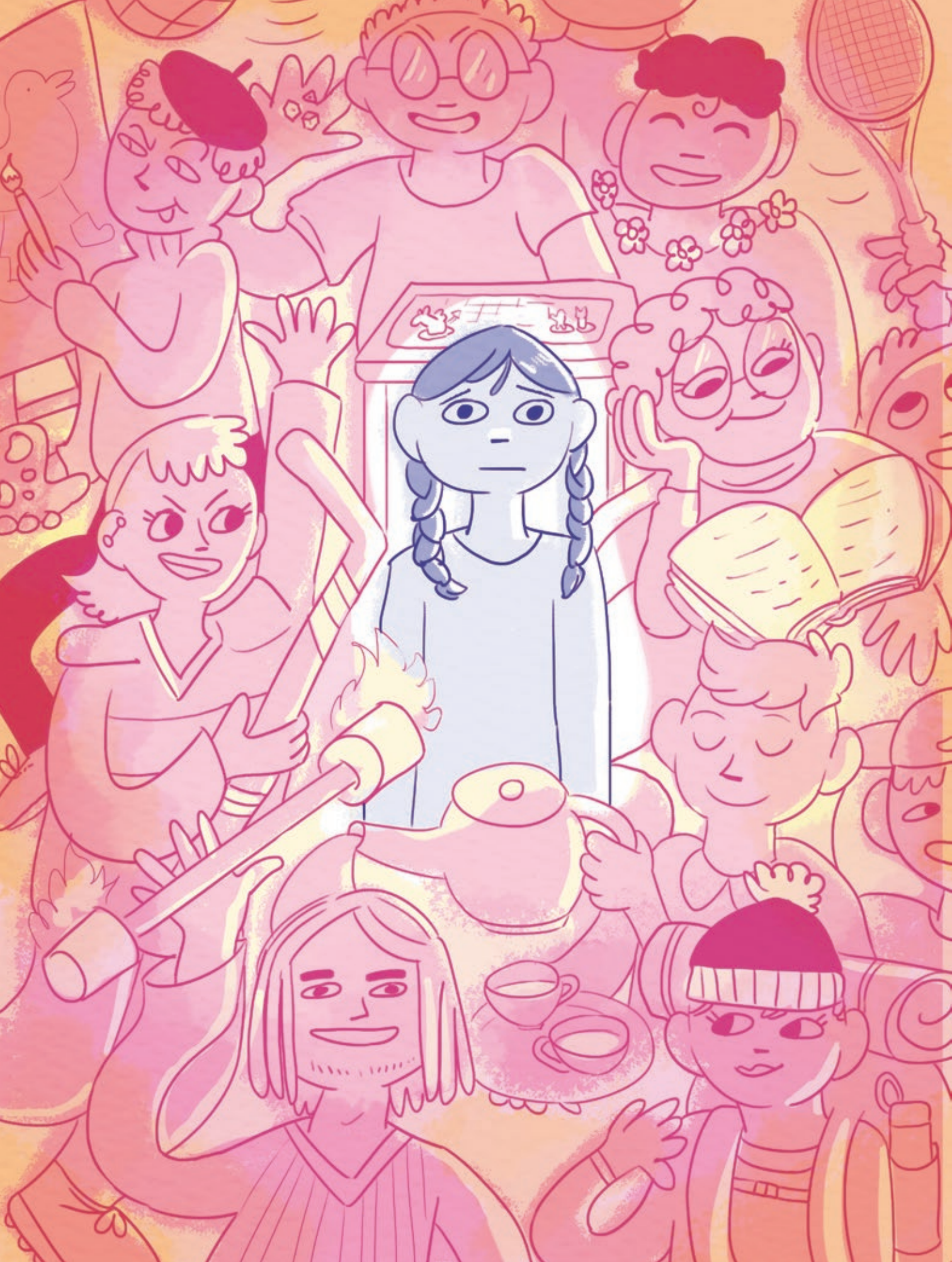
A lot of hall employees are disgruntled about being unable to take this food home to their flatmates. This wasn't always the case. Pete spoke of a former employee that worked at the college halls about eight years ago, where they were "allowed to take the trays of leftover food home and he used to feed his flat for the weekend with this". Imagine a world where, instead of the standard student fare of

porated into that night's meal, but it was too much work". That's not in any way to blame kitchen staff, but rather the University "structures [that] made sure no one really wanted to deal with food waste".

Finally, where appropriate, donate surplus food to agencies like KiwiHarvest. Food waste is bad enough for the environment, but it's even worse that it's occurring in the face of widespread New Zealand poverty.

Pete said in 2018 his hall decided to bring in a system of weighing food waste, which would then go to a pig farm. Yet he said a





Sexual Assault in OUSA Clubs: Creating a Safe Space For All?

Content warning: sexual violence, suicidal thoughts

By Sinead Gill

We all know that university is more than just a classroom. It's about the skills you learn, the opportunities you take, and how much you get baked. For many students, OUSA clubs are where they make lifelong connections. But what if the space where you make friends, gain opportunities and learn skills, is the same place you meet you're abused

In 2017, three people in the same OUSA affiliated club were sexually assaulted by a fellow club member. Two of them spoke with Critic about how their club responded and how their club should do better.

Jessica

Jessica* was sexually assaulted by a fellow club member while at a tournament. Weeks later, facing another tournament with her alleged perpetrator, she finally told two club leaders. They promised to arrange a mediation that same week, which she said never happened.

Jessica's club leaders "kept saying 'it's really hard, but we'll find a way to do it'". One of these leaders was David*. Jessica says that "at no point did [David] say I should go through the University at home or to the equity team

at that [tournament] [for support]."

Although to Jessica, their efforts "did feel like [...] good faith", over time it "felt like excuse-making. Especially the way it got dropped after the tournament. It felt like saying yes to me was a part of being nice to everyone."

During the tournament, Jessica felt isolated and unsafe, and considered ending her own life. "I couldn't afford to just fly home," she said. "It was horrific and [David] knew that. He saw the state I was in. I believed him when he said they'd find a way to have a conversation about this."

For the next few months, both executive members allegedly continued to try to make a mediation happen, but the alleged perpetrator was too busy or did not find the time. Eventually, Jessica stopped asking.

At the end of that year, despite the club executive knowing the accusation, the alleged perpetrator won an award for his social contributions to the club - an award Jessica had previously received. She asked for her name to be removed from the list of former recipients.

In 2019, David is still a leader of the club. When Critic requested comment, the club that said no current executive member "was ever

aware of the specific nature of the concern," however from the details of Critic's request, could "infer [...] who the person is [and] against whom the allegation is made."

After requesting comment from the club, Critic received an anonymous message from a member which said that Jessica had been suspended from the club, that there may be bad blood against David, and there is "a real risk that accusations printed may be false". However, two more club members have since come forward to Critic saying they also had been assaulted by a fellow club member. One of them shared their story with us.

Lucy

Lucy* was also sexually assaulted in 2017. Although she never formally complained to the exec, several of her friends were executive members, so "knew, but no one really did anything". Although she said she doesn't blame them, she did think there is "a culture of [sexual misconduct]" in her club.

"It's such a close-knit club," she said, "you still [compete with them in tournaments] and get seated next to them at BYOs, so you don't

"No matter how much people pretended to be friends, it felt like they just wanted me to shut up and go away."

get much of a break unless you actually leave the club."

Lucy wished that her club had more "hard and fast rules" about removing members from the club, because "they don't". "The exec hates kicking people out [...] so it never comes to that."

Another reason why she did not ask for any action to be taken against her alleged perpetrator is because she considered the equity process "pointless" in the case of sexual assault. "It's just mediation and there's not much you can say [...] so a lot of people chose not to do anything about it, simply because of lack of options."

Since then, the club told Critic they "formalised an existing equity policy designed to maintain [the club] as a safe and welcoming environment".

Lucy showed Critic the internal policy that states the club will, where possible, mediate a conversation between the survivor and alleged perpetrator - just like the mediation Jessica asked for.

Who is responsible?

In both cases, neither student wanted to escalate outside of the club. The consensus from OUSA student support, the clubs development officer, and a spokeswoman from Te Whare Tāwharau, the University's Sexual Violence Prevention Centre, is that club leaders who don't have any expertise or experience in dealing with sexual violence should not be taking this on alone.

According to Sarah Taylor (the go-to person for all OUSA affiliated clubs), OUSA expects club leaders to offer support to the

best of their abilities and reach out to appropriate support services. Hahna Briggs of OUSA Student Support suggests that club leaders seek professional development opportunities ranging from supporting survivors of sexual violence, to queer awareness and suicide prevention training. Briggs believes that all clubs should have discussions about how to deal with complaints of this nature, and perhaps constitutionalise this process. She suggests first letting survivors know that the club will seek anonymous advice, and then do so from services such as Te Whare Tāwharau, Rape Crisis Dunedin and OUSA Student Support.

Melanie Beres of Te Whare Tāwharau told Critic that they are a confidential service, and that reporting sexual violence to them is not the same as reporting to the University. They understand that survivors often do not wish to take formal action, but for those who do want to go further, Te Whare Tāwharau can help.

Confronting sexual violence on campus in 2019:

The aftermath of #metoo and recent coverage of sexual violence at halls of residences has made others begin to question the status quo of spaces in which they expect to feel safe. Neither Jessica nor Lucy wanted to escalate their experiences outside their clubs for fear of being disruptive and dramatic, or being excluded from their tight-knit group.

Jessica felt that ever since she spoke out, she has been treated differently. "I felt like my opportunities dried up. I felt like I was being

punished," she said. "No matter how much people pretended to be friends, it felt like they just wanted me to shut up and go away."

Years later, the club are now seeking help from OUSA and Te Whare Tāwharau to construct policies surrounding issues like these, and recommend other societies to do the same.

Kayli Taylor and Tanya Findlater of Thursdays in Black Otago also hope to see all clubs and societies create these policies. They said that while clubs may not shoulder the same duty of care to students as the University and OUSA, being leaders that students look up to means fronting up when you are in over your head, and asking for help. "Just like there is a responsibility at a wine and cheese, or when taking students on a trip away, there should be a code of conduct that gets followed."

Club leaders don't need to be professionals in responding to sexual violence. But when it comes to handling sexual violence between club members - between friends - it isn't black and white. Tanya said, "we need each other to get people to the experts. We know that people don't just seek support on their own."

Lucy agrees. Although club leaders are often young volunteers, they have stepped up to become leaders, and there is some responsibility that comes along with that. She said, "If the club doesn't deal with it, no one will. [Survivors] aren't going to the police or the University, no one wants to go through that. You probably are going to take it to that club of which both of you will be members of."

Realistically, this could be happening in any club on any campus. Chances are, even if it doesn't happen to your club exec this year, it could happen in the future. We should all be ready to look out for our mates.





The Funny Bone of the Nation:

A Chance Encounter With
Comedian Tom Sainsbury

—By Chelle Fitzgerald—

Unless you've been living in one of New Zealand's proudest backwards communities (Gloriavale or Balclutha), you've probably enjoyed a good chortle courtesy of the country's premier comedian du jour, Tom Sainsbury - Comedian and Snapchat Dude. Tom is an entertainment powerhouse. He recently scooped Grand National Best Director for his 48 Hour Film entry, *Like Nobody's Watching*, which also won runner up Grand National Champion. Tom is a playwright, a Shortland Street star, and a standup comedian.

Tom's characters are varied and yet strikingly familiar. We've all grown up with our mum's friend Cath who worked for twenty years in the same retail job. Smoke from her Winfield Red would gracefully curl through her fingers as she'd suck down a drag, before starting her gossipy bullshit with a wheezy "Look. I probably shouldn't be saying this, but ..." And didn't every single one of us at some time or other accidentally find ourselves in a short relationship with Jimbo the road worker, before realising that his presence was making us dumber by the second? If you're too high-falutin' to recognize these personalities, then you will at least have heard of Paula Bennett, whose parody of made Tom a raging success online.

Upon seeing "Duncan from Dunedin" (legit every fucking student slumlord/landlord ever) discussing Baldwin Street while **FILMING ON LOCATION**, I nearly wept with joy. Tom Sainsbury, here, in our very own Shit Town of New Zealand™. Naturally, I did what any crazed stalker would do and drunkenly slid into his DMs at 2.35am, using my "job" as an excuse to ask him to hang out. I woke up to find that he had promptly replied at 8.16am, available to meet that very day. This was possibly the biggest day of my "journalism" career so far.

At 5pm, like a slinky, incredible cat, Tom arrived in the doorway of Critic. Although I was dying to hug him and perhaps soak up some of his magic, I shook his hand because I'm an awkward human equivalent of a wet dressing gown sleeve. We made him do weird things like posing for photos, which he graciously did, and then we sat down to live, laugh and love, like totally normal people.

Although Tom is a kind, seemingly sweet person, he will never hold back on his satire of politicians. "I think everyone should be fair game," he told me, before admitting that he

would ditch Snapchat and Facebook forever to be Prime Minister rather than be granted three wishes but have chainsaws for hands. "I'd love to be Prime Minister," he confided (with actually a little bit of a secret gleam in his eye).

Tom is already well on his way to becoming PM, after his character Fiona (rich as fuck, speaks with St. Cuthbert's dialect and loves a good wine) got a bit munted on the "bubbles" one night and decided to run for Auckland Mayor. I looked it up, and Tom Sainsbury is indeed listed as an independent runner. "I'm gonna be campaigning as hard as I can, so I'm technically Fiona's campaign manager [...] But people are inviting me to all these events to meet the candidates and I'm like, oh my God I've got so much work to do."

Enough of this politics talk. I wanted to know the real Tom. I wanted the cold hard facts, and informed him that he was going to have to answer the following shoot/shag/marry from the following characters of his: Cath from the pharmacy, Gladys, or FitBit Darren.

He looked quite delighted at this prospect. "I have to shoot Cath because I find her the most annoying. Oh god. It's a tough one." He paused, thinking very seriously for a minute. "Fitbit Darren - shag. "I know this is crazy, but marry Gladys. Out of all of them, she'd stink so badly but I would choose her because I think she'd be the most fun."

Has he been asked to roleplay any of his characters in bed? "Yep. I have. I haven't done it, but I've been asked [to be] Paula [Bennett]. There was just this stage when I was on the dating scene a couple of years ago, and it'd just be stoners, all these stoner guys would be messaging me, like that's my target audience - middle aged mums, and stoner guys."

I asked which of his characters Tom relates to the most, and if he is jealous of any of them. "I like the ones that are really confident," he said. "Any of the ones that are confident I wanna be, even the ones that are assholes." As for the ones that he relates to the most? "I did this one woman who was always like, 'oh I've got a headache, is it brain cancer, or anaemia or whatever, what is it?'" Laughing, he said, "the ones that I relate to the most are the ones with various problems".

If he had to become one of his characters for an entire year, Tom would choose to become "this gay guy who worked at Just

Jeans and he was very full of himself". Almost wistfully, he added, "I feel like he would have a good life. He's not too inward-looking, so if I could be that kind of non inward-looking, I reckon it would be fun to be him for a while."

Now we were onto the real reason I asked Tom to visit. Fixing him with a steely gaze, I asked in a hushed tone, "Have you ever seen a UFO?" Tom's answer is going to be given as a full quote.

"No. But. So many people I know have, and I can't imagine them making it up. I'm a real skeptic. And the people I'm living with at the moment, there's apparently a hotspot for it between here and Invercargill, and they were driving along, and then the car just turned off so they kind of pulled off to the side of the road. It was pitch black and they didn't know if they could keep driving, and they tried it again and it came back on. But there was a red light following them. If you're into UFOs, I'm sure there is a place here that everyone knows about. It's great. I'll find out where the strip is and I'll send it to you." Tom if you're reading this, I'm still eagerly waiting for this location.

Tom is also into conspiracies and mysteries. See, celebrities are just like us! We could even be best friends, if he would move to Dunedin and flat with me (haha, just kidding ... Unless?) I halfheartedly apologised for asking about UFOs and conspiracies instead of career-related stuff, even though I wasn't sorry at all.

"No - this is so much better. I spend so much time online, on pages like Unsolved Mysteries and things. Like Jack the Ripper I just spent YEARS on him and it's so depressing that we'll never know."

"I'm not doing it so much now, but you go down wormholes of unexplained things on camera, so they just have YouTube montages of strange people in the distance just hovering and things like that." I played footage of Barack Obama's reptilian bodyguards for him, which he audibly gasped at. "Oh my god. WHAT!!! That's crazy. I love it."

He left shortly after, presumably to go look up more government reptilian footage on YouTube. On the way out, he initiated a hug, erasing my earlier awkwardness. We were mates now; hugs were expected. I remained there for some time, basking in the glow of having just had a chat with the funniest person in New Zealand.



Sending Out an SOS:

Understanding Basic Science is Mandatory if You Insist on Making Decisions that Affect the Environment

— By Grace Cowley —

I don't go out of my way to chat to climate change deniers. As a Marine Science student and environmentalist, little frustrates me more than the blatant disregard for decades of peer-reviewed scientific evidence (which speaks volumes about how much fun I am at parties).

But the last place I expected to find climate change denial was at an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hearing about multinational oil company OMV's gas and oil drilling off the coast of Dunedin, which occurred earlier this year.

The panel, which was ruling on the decision to allow OMV to drill in Dunedin, frequently reminded submitters against OMV not to mention climate change, as it "was not relevant to this case". In what world is climate change not relevant to oil drilling?

At first I thought that the last interaction the EPA had with science was in primary school. However, I learnt that there was a specific clause in a piece of policy (found in Economic Exclusive Zone and Continental Shelf Act, section 59(5) (b)) stating that the EPA do not have to take climate change into account when making decisions about gas and oil drilling in our marine environment.

I cut the EPA some slack after learning about the fundamentally idiotic policy regulating important decisions about our moana taonga. Policy is determined by the Government, and I was in no way surprised to learn that the minister who rolled in this fucking stupid legislation, David Parker, studied a BCom.

However, when it came to Adam Currie's turn for submission on behalf of Greenpeace, I began to despair. Currie had submitted Professor Linn Hoffman, a marine botanist, as an expert witness on the effects of ocean acidification on the marine environment.

For those of you studying a BCom who might go on to become the next Climate Change Minister, ocean acidification is caused by the reaction of carbon dioxide with water to form carbonic acid. Manmade carbon emissions have caused ocean acidification to reach levels that are no longer tolerable for some marine organisms, including corals. It has caused the death of a third of the Great Barrier Reef, as well as a third of my optimism for the future of humanity. Ocean acidification is caused by carbon dioxide, but is not a direct result of climate change, which the EPA had to have clarified for them several times by Professor Hoffman. The EPA would have had a better understanding of ocean acidification if they'd listened to her presentation, but instead they decided that ocean acidification had no relevance to the hearing about OMV's drilling activities either. Again, I had to question the EPA's basic understanding of science and the marine system.

OMV is one of the 100 companies responsible for 70% of the world's carbon emissions since 1988, so their contribution to ocean acidification is nearly as large as Harlene Hayne's salary. Professor Hoffman was told to sit down and Currie was commended for his enthusiasm for the subject like a ten-year-old at a science fair. The hearing proceeded. I questioned what the point of doing a Marine Science degree was when the people determining the fate of New Zealand's marine environment don't even understand basic acid-base reactions, which is something even bloody Health Scis can do.

I also noted the utter lack of mana whenua in the room. With Ihumātao on my mind, I was appalled by the lack of input from iwi and hapū, and wondered what they would have thought about the conversations happening in this room.

Writing down my notes on my phone, I was ordered to put it away, despite being surrounded by laptops. A red badge security officer glared at me, and I felt incredibly unwelcome. This was a public hearing, yet both the media and I were forbidden from recording the submissions or the EPA's replies. The media table was placed at the back of the room, and told they were only allowed to photograph the submitters, not the EPA themselves. The level of opaqueness in the proceedings made for an eerily hostile and undemocratic public hearing.

When an ecologist presented his evidence against OMV, with graphs measuring sea level rise and climate change, one of the EPA panel members queried a plateau present in the measurements, asking if the ecologist could explain his evidence for climate change. At this point I left the room.

The overwhelming ignorance from people determining the fate of the marine environment I have grown to love during my study had me more upset than an episode of Our Planet. I was naive to think that just because thousands of Kiwis marched up and down the country for climate change that our work was done.

The censorship of climate change at a public hearing on oil drilling speaks volumes for the miles New Zealand has to go to keep up its international reputation as a leader in conservation.

If reading this makes you angry or upset, make sure to do something with that rage and email David Clark to ask him to amend the policy that doesn't allow us to bring up climate change david@davidclark.org.nz. I'll see the rest of you BComs in the climate change cabinet. David Parker, @ me on twitter @notabcom

Te Reo For Breathas

Tauira
Student

Rehekō
(Lessgo)

Inumia
To drink

Kāinga rua
Second home

Kāri whero
Red card

Tapawaru
Octagon

Wiki-O
O-Week

Mahi mārō
Hard work

Pīwari
Beautiful

Maniori

Höhā

Kutarere raima

Shut up

Makitānara
Maccas

Whaiāipo
Lover

Kotakota Rīwai
Potato chips

Ehara I te tī!
YOLO

boring/
annoying

Kakiroa
Giraffe

Pākatio
Fridge

Hoake
let's go

Hauata
Don't worry
about it

lime scooter

Heketua
Toilet

Kā
Lit

Paia!
Yeeyah!

Para
Trash



Critic Reviews North Dunedin's Milkshakes

and Only Throws Up Once

By Charlie O'Mannin

All the milkshakes will be Spearmint because get the fuck off my back, Spearmint's great. Your life has been exclusively missionary sex and Chocolate milkshakes, with Strawberry on special occasions. Branch out, give some meaning to your pointless bland existence; fuck doggy and drink Spearmint.

I discounted every cafe and restaurant on the grounds that any milkshake presented in something not resembling a Longest Drink in Town cup is not a true milkshake. Also, Critic's not made of fucking money.

I was also going to review exclusively milkshakes, as a good leveler, and leave the thickshake alone, but that fell apart pretty quickly.



George Street Dairy

\$3.90 "Thick Milk Shake"

First off the bat, every single dairy in this review is on George Street. What gives the George Street Dairy the right to claim the name? Seems presumptuous to me.

Interestingly, the George Street Dairy didn't have the usual thickshake/milkshake option, offering exclusively a "Thick Milk Shake". I'm pretty sure this is just a thickshake, but was prepared to ignore it for the purposes of the review.

Initial tasting notes were positive; adequate foam, a good nose, and creamy mouthfeel. But as I swilled the thickness around my gums, I couldn't detect the clean hit of Spearmint I craved; the shake just tasted like sad French Vanilla ice cream. Either they forgot to put the flavouring

in, or they put in so little as to be overpowered by fucking French Vanilla, the flavour equivalent of low-alcohol beer.

Apart from the fact that I was drinking vanilla ice cream and milk someone put in a blender, it wasn't a bad time. However I did drink it too fast and felt a little sick, a portent of things to come.

George Street: 4/10



Night 'n Day Octagon

\$5.50 "Thickshake"

My next stop was Night 'n Day Octagon, the staple of the first drunken post-club feed (the second being the other Night 'n Day).

I immediately ran into problems. I asked for a milkshake but the person behind the counter asked if I wanted ice cream. My automatic response when anyone asks me "Do you want ice cream with that" is a simple and enthusiastic "yes". Unfortunately, I hadn't remembered that a milkshake with ice cream in it is something else entirely - a thickshake.

I had planned on reviewing exclusively milkshakes, so my scientific integrity had already fallen apart. But you know what, this isn't the Year 6 Science Fair. The scientific method caused climate change, invented the atomic bomb, and pretty much created Tik Tok. Fuck the scientific method.

The best thing about the Night 'n Day shake was the powerful, tangible taste of Spearmint, combined with a chilling temperature that gave me brain freeze.

But the ice cream might have been a mistake for my already milky tum. They'd used soft serve instead of actual ice cream, meaning that the consistency was fucking thick - so thick that my puny little lips had to work to succ the viscous ooze through the straw.

All in all, a solid shake for the working man.

George Street: : 8/10



New World

"Sublime Lime" Primo
shaken a bunch
\$3.69 (nice)



Having just downed two milkshakes in the space of twenty minutes, I thought I might as well hit rock bottom, so I went to New World, bought a "Sublime Lime" Primo, shook it up a bunch and then went into the carpark and skulled it.

At first, I thought that instead of drinking it, I had actually just vommed my first two shakes back into the bottle. But no, liquid was indeed going into my mouth not out of it.

The only good point was that it did taste strongly of "Green", which was the colour of the bottle. Commendable.

I then crawled back to the Critic office, my pores leaking green milk, on the verge of lactating emerald cream. An angry calf grown strong on bovine tittie liquid was trying to birth its big soft head out through my oesophagus and was honestly doing a pretty good job. I went and had a tactical vom in the bathroom.

The Primo was actually much nicer on the way up than on the way down.

Regurgitated "Sublime Lime"
Primo: 3/10

"Sublime Lime" Primo: 2/10



Rob Roy

\$3.80 Small Milkshake

I lay in a lactose coma for the next few hours and daydreamed about going vegan and freeing the cows from their slavery.

Rob Roy was my next target. I'd originally planned on doing them first, but it was a nice day and the line was longer than Pint Night. So like a Ted Bundy wannabe, I came back after dark, when it had gotten cold again and surely no one would care about frozen snacks. Even then, I still had to wait for twenty minutes.

Blessed be, they had a small option, which was exactly what I needed.

It was just really fucking good. Even though it didn't have the ice

cream of a thick shake, it was still the perfect consistency and didn't feel like flavoured milk. The Spearmint was perfect balanced, feeling neither overpowering nor underwhelming.

This milkshake was a delight to drink.

Rob Roy: 10/10



Willowbank

\$3.80 Milkshake

My last stop, Willowbank, felt like crossing a mighty ridge triumphant. All the milkshake I had still to drink lay before me in my hand. I was powerful, I could do this.

I can't really remember how it tasted. I just remember slurping the whole thing up really quick. Maybe it was a bit too milky? Honestly, who cares. I didn't throw up again, and I'm counting that as a win.

Willowbank: ?/10





Photography: Aiman Amerul Muner

Te Hau Ariki Gardiner-Toi and Karamea Pewhairangi

Students to watch

For Te Hau and Karamea, every week is Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. As far as any officially themed week goes, though, Māori language week is this week, and you'll see a bunch of institutions making an effort to include te reo in their social media posts and the likes.

But on top of living te reo, these Students to Watch teach it to others, too. Te Hau tutors 100-level papers, meaning that his students are

often shy and "scared" to give things a go until they've had more practice. This is big contrast to Karamea, who couldn't really relate at 200-level. While there are always quiet students, most of them are friends, and Te Hau's envy was palpable when Karamea said her students automatically know what to do each tutorial. "I tell them, don't make me tell you what to do, just do it," she said. Te Hau is super proud of his work, though. He's been tutoring for three years now,

“If you live in New Zealand, you’re going to go to places with names in te reo and you need to be able to pronounce them”

By Sinead Gill

and finds it’s “a great way to express my knowledge” while learning more himself.

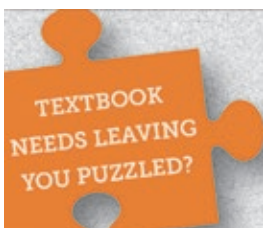
In terms of a work-life-study balance, both of them find their tutoring gigs pretty convenient, though the assignment-marking crunch can get crazy. Karamea said it’s easy to get used to if you’re studying at the same time. “It’s like doing another assignment,” she said. Te Hau is relieved that tutoring isn’t like hospitality, though, where they had to work 10 straight hour shifts – though he also teaches 60 students some semesters, so who’s really winning?

They agreed that the biggest misconception when it comes to teaching te reo is that students assume that they know everything. This is especially true when you learnt your te reo growing up from whānau and hapū and not ‘by the book’. Karamea said, “a lot of my kids spoke te reo at home and come straight into 200-level,” and that it can be a struggle to keep up with the books. Te Hau said that sometimes when people ask him why things are said a certain way “just because”. He suggested for others to think about their own native language, and said, “can you explain what a passive sentence is?”

Neither Te Hau nor Karamea were sold on the idea of mandatory te reo in schools, but mostly because of the lack of resources. Plus, Karamea doesn’t think everyone needs to know the full 300-level course of te reo. “Pronunciation is important, though,” she said, “if you live in New Zealand, you’re going to go to places with names in te reo and you need to be able to pronounce them properly.”

It did make them think about how much of a turnaround te reo has had in New Zealand. “Our grandparents’ generation were forced to give up the language. So can you force people to take it on?” pondered Te Hau. Karamea added, “you can literally see it in my family tree. [Te reo] literally skipped a generation.” Te Hau said it’s great seeing how many people value te reo in their generation.

Shockingly, these tutors have lives when they are done studying, teaching, and marking assignments. Te Hau flexed hard af saying he goes to the gym in his free time, while Karamea prefers to just chill with her girlfriend and mates.



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Te Huinga Tauira

Whakatau mai rā e te huinga tauira, e te huinga tāngata ki tōku whare wānanga e! Nau mai rā e ngā mana, e ngā waka ki te tumu herenga waka, ki Te Tumu ki Ōtākou.

Nō mātou o Te Roopū Māori te maringanui ki te whakahaere i Te Huinga Tauira ki Ōtepoti 2019. I tae mai te tini me te mano ki tō mātou whare wānanga i te Rāpare te 29 o Akuhata, ā, i pōhiritia ngā waewae tapu ki tō mātou kāinga rua. I ia te rā, i ia te pō i tū ngā kaupapa whakahirahira ki te whakakotahi i a tātou anō. Ko te kapa haka, ko ngā momo hākinakina, ko te tautohetohe, me te ngāhau i te pō.

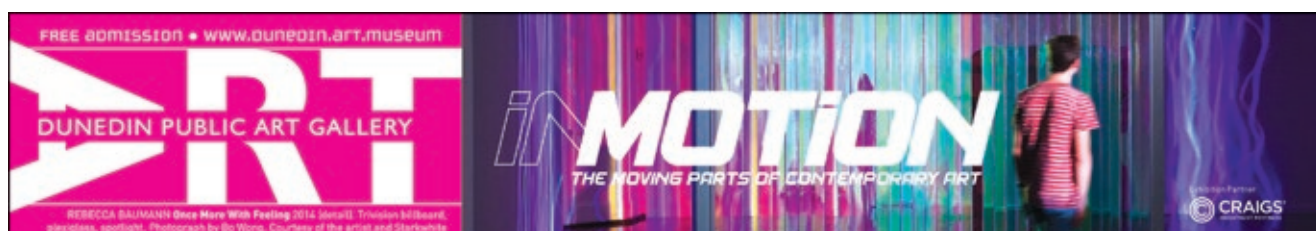
Ko te kaupapa o Te Huinga Tauira; 'whakamaui te hoe onamata, kia kauria ngā wai anamata'. Ko te angaanga matua o te kōrero nei he mātua tuku i te reo whakatītina, whakakipakipa ki te makiu tāngata kia tahuri mai ki te ao māhorahora e nohia nei e tātou. Pūpūritia ngā taonga tuku iho i waiho mai e taua mā, e poua mā hei āta para i te ara whakamua mō tātou, ā, mō ngā uri e haere ake nei.

Ngā mihi maioha ki ngā apataki katoa, nā koutou tēnei kaupapa i puāwai ai.

It was our privilege as Te Roopū Māori to host the 2019 National Māori Tertiary Students conference here in Dunedin. The masses arrived on our campus on August the 29th and we welcomed them into our second home. Each day and each night was packed with events to embrace the rare opportunity of 250 Māori students coming together in Dunedin. Some of these events included Kapa Haka, sports, debating and social nights.

The theme of our conference was 'take hold of the paddle of our past, to navigate the waters to our future'. The essence of this theme is to encourage and inspire the masses to reflect critically upon the world we live in. Hold firm to the prized knowledge and traditions our ancestors have left us, and use these to pave the way forward for not only us, but also our descendants to come.

A massive thank you goes to the volunteers and supporters, without whom this event would not have flourished.







In order to heal We do it together.

*I let you thread the stitches into my skin
A perfect weave of earth and wind,
We bathe each other several times a week,
Then plant our antibiotics deep
And gently bandage our backs with dirt,
We wash our wounds, expel some hurt.
Apply antiseptic poetry readings
And research pre colonial bleedings,
Invite our moko to brave emergence,
Tautoko tikanga and reo resurgence,
Sit with the whenua, hear what it says,
Protect Ihumātao the rest of our days.
Listen to Koro, but do what is right,
It's not the end yet so we still have to fight,
For the tamariki of ā tōna wā,
Connect with tīpuna, help structure the Pā,
The fires of the past and the present still
burn,
Ahi kā, our ora, our mana, our turn.*

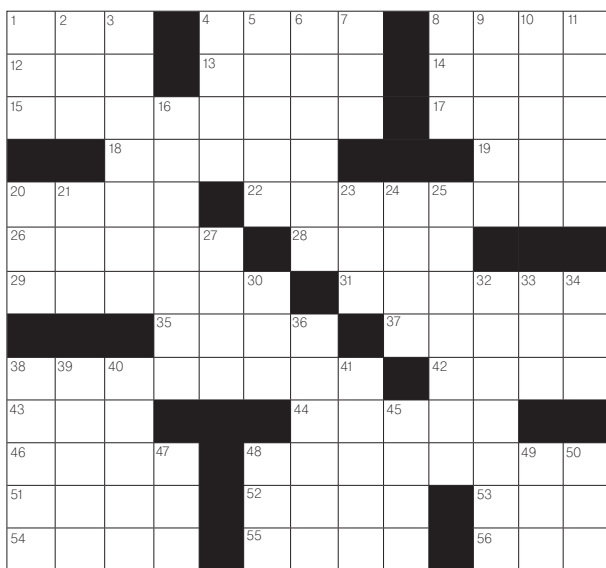
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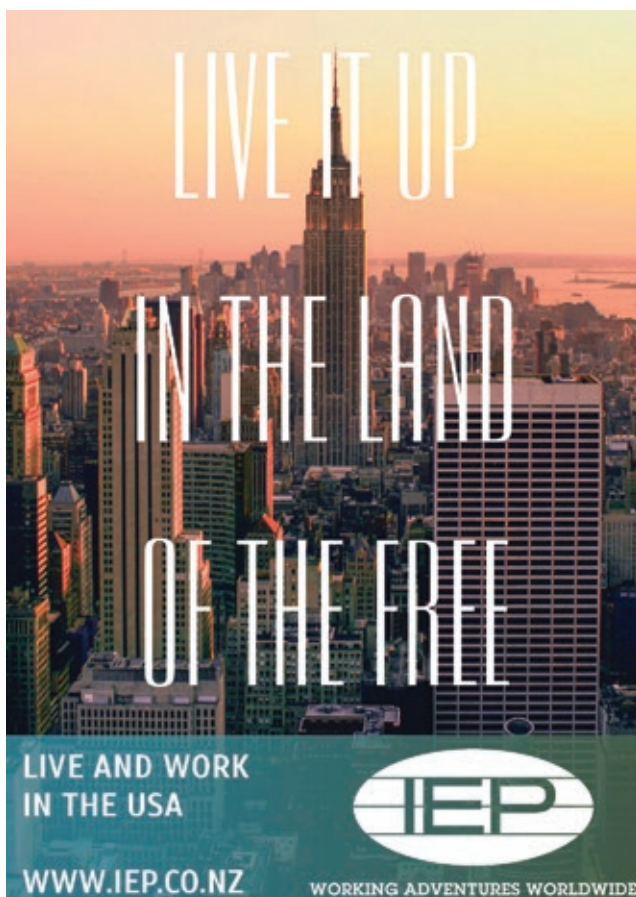
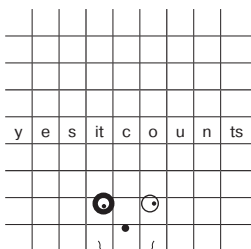
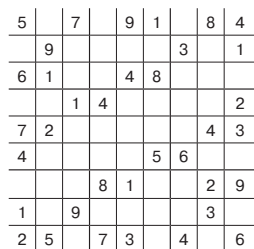
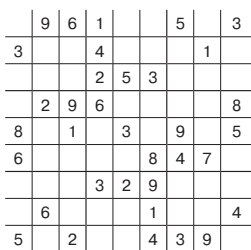
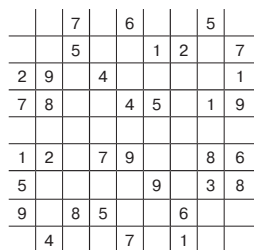
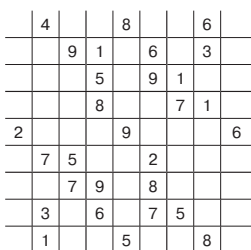
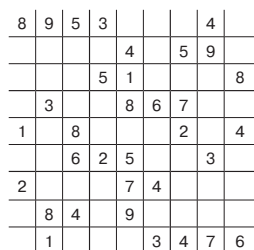


Across

1. Born
4. Terminals (abbr.)
8. Fail to mention
12. Strike caller
13. Apiece
14. Talk wildly
15. Obnoxious one
17. Beam
18. Scorch
19. Bad grade
20. Object of adoration
22. Pessimist's opposite
26. Goes by taxi
28. Vocalist _____ Turner
29. Brokers
31. Tempt
35. Peruvian home
37. Singer Paul _____
38. Predict
42. Air pollution
43. French friend

Down

1. Cloistered one
2. Australian bird
3. Incident
4. Actor _____ Connery
5. Argentine dance
6. Recieve willingly
7. That gal
8. Association (abbr.)
9. _____ Gras (Fat Tuesday)
10. Climbing plants
11. Principle
16. "The _____ of the Lambs"
20. Nest egg letters
21. Unearth
23. Gift for Dad
24. Lodges
25. Artist Henri _____
27. Right now!
30. Opposite of NNW
32. Enormous
33. Dove's sound
34. School subject (abbr.)
36. Assert
38. Untrue
39. Nebraska city
40. More mature
41. Malicious looks
45. Imitates
47. Plant juice
48. Seducer _____ Juan
49. Slippery fish
50. French preposition





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Top 10 Māori Songs You Will 238% Hear At Māori Parties

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2. Ka Mānu – Bella Kalolo, Maisey Rika, Majic, Ria Hall, Rob Ruha, Seth Haapu, Troy Kingi, The Witch Dr.

3. Whangai Aroha (DWFI – Māori) – Tomorrow People

4. Whakahonohono Mai – 1814

5. He Rangi Ataahua – Te Reotakiwa Dunn

6. Aotearoa (Māori Language Week 2014) – Stan Walker, Ria Hall, Troy Kingi, and Maisey Rika

7. Paremata Mēne – Rob Ruha

8. He Pō Nui Te Whai – Manea

9. Raumati – Pere Wihongi, NZBF11800005

10. Kawea – Maimoa



Comics by **Sarah Walton**

Booze Reviews

Great White Shark

By Sinkpiss Plath

I'm not sure if making a non-sweet RTD is an incredible idea, doomed to fail or both. Great White Sharks tastes like liquidised celery, which is not something I ever particularly wanted to try, but then again I've sucked your dad's dick. Guess which one is more sticky when it pours its contents on the floor. If you're concerned about your sugar intake, this might be the drink for you. Also apparently it's the drink of choice of every whiny art hoe boy that dares to put their Doc Marten-ed footed toe in the waters of a Facebook comment section.

I hate to be "that woke bitch" but I'm also not convinced Part

Time Rangers actually do much for the environment. Hear me out - they're meant to donate 10% of profits right? But they're a small company, with a loan from BNZ for \$50,000 to start up, and the word 'profit' can mean whatever the fuck they want it to mean. I've been scouring the Internet for any mention of actual money they've given to these causes and I can't find a figure. Plus, in the instance of Great White Sharks, they're giving the money to a scientist who pretty much just films sharks for documentaries. The tag line 'literally save the life of a shark, one beverage at a time' is a fucking cop out. The scientist guy has saved ONE SHARK. BY



ACCIDENT. I'm not saying they're a bad company by any means, but for fucks sake stop having a superiority complex. You're not Jane Goodall, calm down.

Overall Great White Sharks are good, but they're by no means life changing. It's a meh drink that's been fortunate to have its toes sucked by the sad saps of the New Zealand media. Good publicity can only get you

so far, but it won't get you far with this reviewer. Drink it if you want, but you're still a shit cunt no matter what. No amount of shark documentaries can change your personality, trust me, I've tried. Still. A. Shit. Cunt.
Taste Rating: 5/10
Froth Level: Dolphins
Pairs well with: A shitty attitude, bleached highlights
Tasting notes: Hamilton tap water



Congratulations to the winners of The Edge My Flat Rules, Team Purple!

A special thanks go to the other flats who were involved, Kaan's Catering for supplying the food for the first two challenges, and the street food trucks - Churro's and Salchicha who supported the Scarfie Street Food Challenge

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Aquarius

Jan 20 – Feb 18

Don't forget to wash your bits.

This week's URL to masturbate to: <https://www.furaffinity.net/view/10401685/>



Pisces

Feb 19 – Mar 20

Mum always told you that you'd find the person you'd marry at uni, but it's getting on and you might need to take matters into your own hands. Compile a folder of all the people in your classes and start narrowing them down. Eventually you'll have a short-list you can start targeting systematically.

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Aries

Mar 21 – Apr 19

This week you metaphorically spilled thick pumpkin soup all over your chest.

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Taurus

Apr 20 – May 20

Your new look this Spring is just a crop top and nothing else, Winnie the Pooh style.

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Gemini

May 21 – Jun 20

If you keep layering them up, you can put a normal size condom over top and preserve your masculinity.

This week's URL to masturbate to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3Be0tpYbAw>



Cancer

Jun 21 – July 22

Get one of those knee-jerk hammers and start practising to raise your autonomic response time. The doctor is going to be so impressed.

This week's URL to masturbate to: <https://giphy.com/gifs/food-food-porn-porn-ew969xjl4HeWk>



Leo

July 23 – Aug 22

"OOooH I'm LeO, I'M COmFOrTaBle In My OwN SKiN."

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Virgo

Aug 23 – Sept 22

Invest in stocks.

This week's URL to masturbate to: <https://www.critic.co.nz/features/article/21/how-to-fuck-a-moose>



Libra

Sept 23 – Oct 22

You will make love to one of your flatmates this week. It will be sensual, sticky and subtropical. Make sure not to do all of your dishes; it'll be a good conversation starter after they fuck you in the ass.

This week's URL to masturbate to: <https://drawception.com/game/n23qHwXYpW/trouble-muf-fin-looks-at-sexy-grapes/>



Scorpio

Oct 23 – Nov 21

You'll fail a paper but your department never uploads the mark to Evision. You live in blissful ignorance for the rest of yonder.

This week's URL to masturbate to: <https://www.trademe.co.nz/pottery-glass/porcelain-pottery/other/other/listing-2301691296.htm?rsqid=e9dec6da7cd-b48e4a1d980887e064ade-006>



Sagittarius

Nov 22 – Dec 21

Macaroni necklaces are cute. Too bad you're a cunt.

This week's URL to masturbate to: <https://www.deviantart.com/dragon-lover-333/favourites/62236237/Sexy-planes>



Capricorn

Dec 22 – Jan 19

What if... we... did our astrology charts... together... haha just kidding unless?

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MILD? MEDIUM? HOT?!

**THE BLIND DATE SETUP
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If you're looking for love and want to give the Blind Date a go, email blinddate@critic.co.nz*

SHARON

Running late from dying my hair blue and my hands looking like I'd just fingered a Smurf, I came into Mamacita fizzing for a frozen marg, free kai and good company. With nerves high and blood alcohol levels even higher, it was a relief to find my date was cute, blond and strangely familiar. We'd previously met in O-week during the OUSSC Tour de Goon (where he'd manu'd a BBQ three times before my very eyes, with the word SEND emblazoned across his face in black vivid), so I knew then we would get along juuuust fine.

Mutual interests included ReBurger, doing dumb shit and frothing over the white stuff, so I was surprised to learn that he was "sober" following a particularly traumatizing Agnew St. Stoked for a margarita jug all to myself, my cooked ass was absolutely gutted when the waitress informed us that there would be no bevvies tonight as the duty manager was away. I even busted out my best law school negotiation skills to no avail. But while the sparkling blackcurrant was a poor substitute for a marg jug, the food was mean, the chat was easy and the fanny was a-flutter.

We got kicked out around 9.30pm, which coincidentally was when my second date (strictly business) was scheduled for the evening. Nothing says romance like dragging your blind date out to the backseat of a shitty Corolla to pay a stranger for a g. Transaction complete, we continued at DSC where a couply drinks later ("sober", my ass), we were on the dance floor. Cue the slow dancing and white ppl bangers until he held me hostage on a Lime and we scooted back to his. Clothes came off, lights stayed on and it was full send from there. What followed was a somewhat strange sexual awakening, consisting of generous amounts of belt-whipping, celery and a priest, but as far as kinks go, could be a lot worse, so thanks to my date and cheers Critic for the juice and feed.

OZZY

This date started like any other with some manscaping into a porno strip because you know this man isn't here to fuck spiders. When she walked through the doors, it just so happened to be a cutie that I'd seen around. After much talking and a stern conversation with the Mamacita staff about the lack of a duty manager, we decide to gap. This led us to an ATM because little did I know that this bird was about to buy a gram which proceeded to be the most obvious drug deal in history.

We then decided to hit DSC because clearly the night wasn't going to end at a measly 9:30. We drank some brews which led us to the dance floor, of course. This is where the moves would be set, one banger after another I proceeded to get closer and when James Blunt's 'You're Beautiful' came on it was my time to shine. We danced and sang, locking eye contact I grabbed her hands to bring her closer. As the moment got more heated, the bamboo began to rise. She lifted her head and I lowered mine and just as you thought we would kiss I pulled away, teasing her on what could have been (just to keep her interested). We proceeded to tandem Lime back to mine where I finally secured the kiss. Shit got heated quick. After seeing her sexy lace undies underneath her tights I knew I'd scored myself one fine bird. She told me she was on the rags but had a cup in and I followed in Bear Grills' footsteps (a real man loves his women every day of the month). Halfway through going down on me, she tried to carry on the conversation which comes out as a muffled sound (but hey it felt pretty good tbh) which she likened to when the dentist has a fist in your mouth. I said 'oh my dentist doesn't do that, it's mostly my priest' which may have been the wittiest/dumbest move because after that, every 30 seconds she came up and said 'hahaha priest'. We didn't end up getting to sleep until roughly 4am which speaks for itself. Was a great night all in all had so much fun! Cheers Critic!

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*Had a sexual encounter that was unusual, scandalous, or spicy?
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On the way home from one of my frequent trips to Indonesia, my friends were travelling on to a different country and I had about 8 hours to kill between hotel checkout and my flight, so I headed to a beachfront club, paid to stash my gear and decided to kill some time by having a few drinks in the sun. After a while, my mind wandered and I started feeling quite randy. Jumping on Tinder, I matched almost immediately with a girl who happened to be at a hotel a few doors down. Leaving my stuff stored at the club, I headed to her hotel and was greeted by a fucking sexy British brunette named Rachael. We had a couple of drinks, chatted various travel stories etc, and then she asked if I wanted to have a swim in the pool

(she had one of those rooms with a balcony that has steps leading down into the pool). I borrowed a bikini from her, and we jumped in. She swam over to me and started kissing me, running her hands all over my tits, down to my waist, and grabbing my ass. Her skin was a soft combination of sunblock and chlorine and she was an amazing kisser. We took it back inside where she pinned me down and started licking my nipples, her hand sliding up my thigh before teasing my pussy lightly. She started kissing me and as she straddled me, I slid two fingers into her so that she could ride my hand like it was a cock. She was about to cum so she turned around and positioned her slit right above my mouth before licking my clit hard and fast,

alternating clitplay with finger fucking. Before I knew it, I was coming like a banshee, shrieking and desperately hoping nobody would come in to suss out the potential murder spree going down. I could feel her thighs trembling as I pushed my tongue deeper into her slit and rubbed her clit with a fingertip coated in pussy juice. She came all over my face, and I finally understood the difference between "gushing" and "squirting". Thankfully I was able to shower before heading back to the beach club and flying home, because a flight home with a pussy juice tang on my face would have been somewhat awkward.

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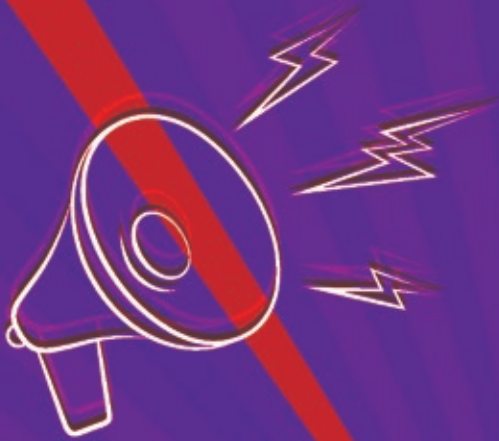
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9PM - 12AM

THUR: **SLIM & RIG**
8PM - 12AM

FRI: **LEFT OR RIGHT**
8PM - 12AM

SAT: **BASS 101: SHOCKONE**
8PM - 1AM

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Vote Purchas for President.



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Georgia Mischefski-Gray

OUSA is a part of the Otago culture, providing Hyde, O-week, clubs/Asocieties, support, advocacy and so much more. That's why I want to continue working as the AVP. Next year, I will continue working closely with executive members towards their projects and goals. I want to keep on pushing sustainability and to implement an accountability policy for all executive members. As AVP, I will make sure our culture remains and us, the students, get the best deal we can.



Josh Meikle

Kia ora!

My goal is to ensure OUSA initiatives and OUSA affiliated clubs are well-supported and can best enrich our student experience. This is the business end of what your compulsory student services fees and university money achieves so it is important that this money is managed responsibly and put where it will make the most impact on our experience as students.

Having been treasurer for Debating Society and president of UN Youth Otago this year I have the experience to, and will, advocate and work towards what you want.

Emily Coyle

Hi! I'm Emily and I want to be your 2020 Academic Representative.

Otago is an amazing university with a unique social culture - what brings us together at University is our education, working towards a degree (or more than one!) We're seeing a lot of changes here at Otago and I believe students must be informed, involved and consulted. I will ensure this by being a strong, vocal voice for students. I will continue working on increasing availability of lecture recordings, improving the class representative network and promoting student engagement for the 2020 general election.



Cedric Qi

Academic Representative

Cedric did not get a blurb to Critic by the deadline



Kia Ora

In my 18 months on campus, I have been actively engaged with on-campus groups including TRM, Thursdays in Black and UniQ. As the Welfare and Equity representative, I would use my existing connections to ensure all voices are heard and represented at the executive level.



Hey Fam!

I want to use the welfare position to amplify all voices on campus, whatever you give a damn about so do !! I plan to push for mental health and wellbeing, to advocate for all groups on campus, and prove that OUSA is for all STUDENTS and we should all give a damn.



Kia ora e te whānau!

Student life is hard. We know how easy it is to feel isolated and helpless as a student. I want to help students take advantage of the diverse support networks on offer on campus and remind students that they always have a team cheering them on.

As a queer Māori-Fijian woman, I'm also standing to strengthen the minority voice on campus. If I am elected, I want to make Suicide Prevention Day an official university event, make sure there are free tampons for everyone, and get fireworks over the clocktower for Matariki.

Ngā mihi x



Kia ora everyone, I'm Hanna and I am a fifth year student studying a Masters in the Department of Medicine. Being in my second year of postgraduate study I am well versed in the particular challenges facing our ancient student population. Anybody who has done a degree and stuck around for more study knows how certain things change as soon as you cross that stage. Postgraduate wellbeing, broadening our social connections, and creating more opportunities for financial support are all areas that I will target during my time as your postgraduate representative.



I'm Arina, and I'm committed to representing your voice as the International Students' Representative!

We should ALL have a great International experience at Otago - from introducing follow up student support appointments for new international students, additional education on the "hard" stuff (VISA, work-place, tenancy acts), and continuing on the work of past ISOs on International fees.

I have a lot of experience with International Students rights as Kiwi Ambassador of Education NZ and, through attending the NZ International Education Conference and the ISANA NZ National Conference. I also made networks with the Ministry of Education, Otago International, and past ISOs.



I am running for OUSA Recreation Officer to make the most of the incredible hub that is Clubs and Societies! The perfect space for hospitality and shared experiences, a place of welcome and inclusion, Clubs and Societies is a vibrant part of our student community. I aim to support and extend our commitment to clubs. With 20,000 students, we have the potential to make things happen. Together we could make Otago the first fully zero-fees campus, or solve student poverty, or be THE global leader in student recreation. You decide what we do and together we'll make it happen!



Kia ora, I am a third year student passionate about our University, and I think it's about damn time we took our student politics seriously. I am running for Political rep because Politics is my passion, and Clubs-Socs rep because more can be done for clubs!!! In the words of Eminem;

I'm not afraid, to take a stand.

It's been a ride, I guess I had to go to that place, to get to this one.

Now some of you, might still be in that place.

If you're tryin' to get out, just {vote for} me.

I'll get you there.



Kia ora and Namaste, I'm Tulsi!

Activities beyond lecture theatre and library play an integral part of a students' wellbeing. The University of Otago offers these AMAZING opportunities with clubs and societies.

I am Vice President of the Indian Students' Association and it is a club like this that essentially gave me a family away from home. I hope to further support and encourage these associations if I am elected. I hope that not only I can help new students adapt to student life, but also encourage others to make lifelong friendships.

Vote Tulsi for Clubs & Socs!





You we back again for round three! In office I will continue to be a visible and engaging presence right at the heart of Dunedin student culture. Flinging flames and radical good vibes, teaching free yoga and fire spinning lessons, dropping into flats for chats, supporting Clubs & Societies, standing up for student rights, bringing the buzz to parties and gigs across the city, repping the majority of pint nights throughout the year; yall know what I'm about x.

As always, honoured by all the support and chances to represent the frothiest community in the nation.

Robert Griffith

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Francesca Dykes

Kia ora!

I'm Francesca – I'd like to be your Political Representative for 2019.

Whilst on the Youth Action Committee, I experienced first-hand the difficulties of government bureaucracy and how key student issues can fall through the cracks. My experience as a Policy Intern for the DCC, alongside my background in Law and Politics, provides the perfect skill base to create a positive voice for OUSA going into the General Election.

Liam Wairepo

Kia ora fam!

My goal as your Political Rep is to convey the views of students to Parliament, Council, and the Uni! Students are already under-represented at the decision-making table, and coming up to the 2020 General Election, this is the most important time to be politically aware! I'm ready to hit the ground running with getting MPs on campus, organising debates, submitting on bills, and most of all making sure students get out to vote.

I will be a booming advocate for students
at the political table.

Vote Liam for Political Rep 2020



Charlotte Brewer

Residential Representative

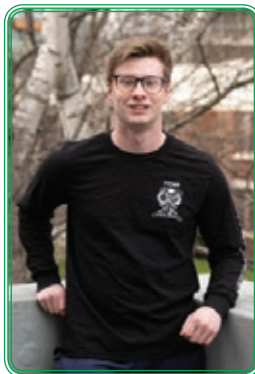
Hello!

I'm Charlotte and I'm running for Residential Representative! My core aim is to protect the uniqueness of Otago's vibrant residential experience: where a college is more than a building with food, and flatting is more than accommodation. As they're one-of-a-kind, producing awesome people during such a transformative stage of life.

My policies include:

1. Engaging University residents with sustainable practices in line with Dunedin's climate emergency.
2. Promoting residential mental and sexual health services, by working closely with local organisations.
3. Safeguarding Otago's unparalleled residential experience for all students.

For policy break-downs head over to my campaign Facebook page!



Jesse Drake

Residential Representative

As an RA of 2 years, member of the Colleges Committee and someone who can cook a nutritious meal for the flatties, I'm standing to be your 2020 Residential Representative.

I will provide a friendly point of contact for any concerns and queries that students may have about residential life here in Dunners, from colleges to flatting in the wider community. It is my goal to ensure students are informed on their rights when it comes to signing and living in flats, and are aware of the fantastic services OUSA offers in regard to residential life at Otago.



Amodini Jayawardena

Academic Representative

Hey!

My name is Amodini Jayawardena and I am running for Residential Representative. I had the opportunity of being the Student President and an RA for Caroline Freeman College. I have also been flatting for 2 years. All my experiences in these different environments has helped me understand the highs and lows of living away from home. If I was given the opportunity to be your Residential Representative for 2020 my focus will be on ensuring that students are provided with sexual safety and harassment awareness resources. I would also hope to strengthen all of the student support services. Vote for me!



Jack Saunders

Residential Representative

I'm Jack and I'd love to be your Residential Representative in 2020. I plan on tackling those tough issues like mental health and sexual misconduct headfirst by increasing transparency around the protocols currently in place and making sure that everyone has a voice; everyone goes through some tough times and I don't want anyone living at the uni to feel unsafe or unsupported where they live. I also want to explore ways to reduce food wastage in halls, make sure that RA's are getting the treatment they deserve, and discuss the residential experience with committees in order to optimise it.

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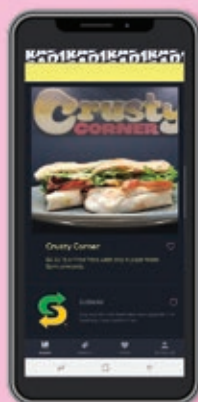
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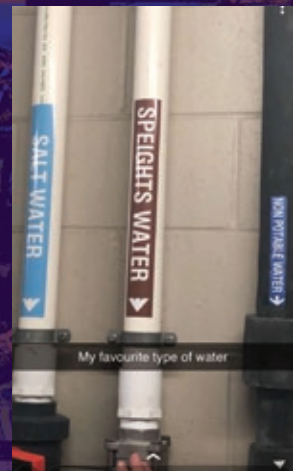
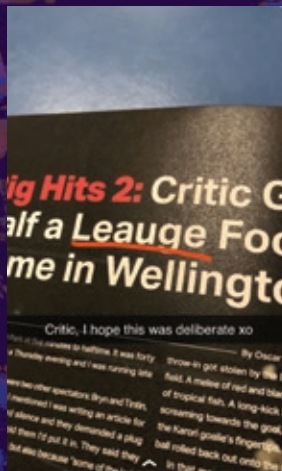
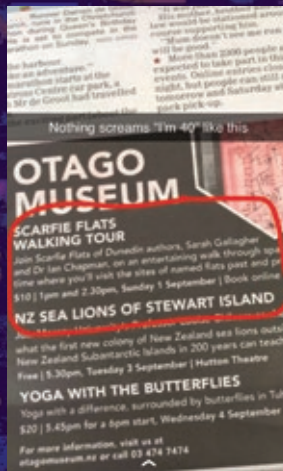
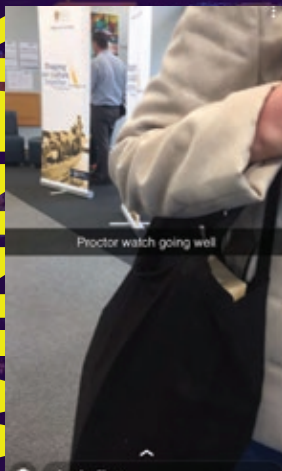
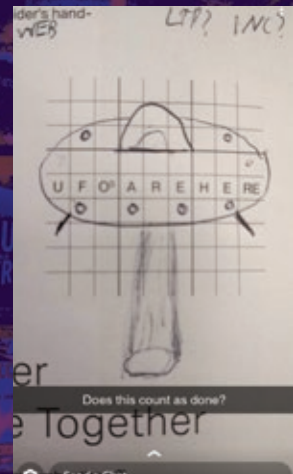
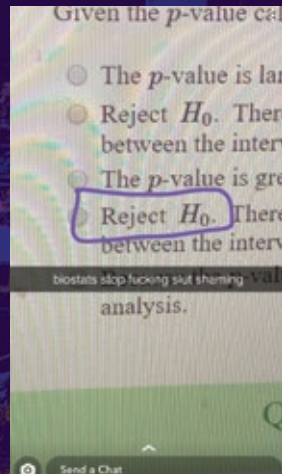
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