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EDITORIAL

By Charlie O'Mannin

Christchurch took a long time to sink in. When I first heard the news I didn't react at all, I just went about my normal day; I hung out on my back deck, I listened to a podcast, I walked down to the Critic office.

It was only as I was walking that it hit me and I started to cry.

Everyone deals with grief and trauma differently, and as a community we are in trauma. While we start on what comes next, be it gun reform or just generally trying to be a less racist society, we also need to remember to look after ourselves and those around us. We need to remember to be tolerant of how other people are expressing grief and mindful that it might not be in the same way we are. We need to be there for each other.

Our photographer, Aiman Muner, was in Christchurch on Saturday. The photos he took while he was there are over the page. They speak for themselves.

Most of this issue is filled with things to help you in this heavy time. We have puzzles, quizzes, flowcharts, mysteries, and a definitive ranking of every bird in the Garden's aviary based on their resemblance to Mariah Carey. I even brought the horoscopes back after saying I wouldn't.

There are also a list of support numbers in the inside back cover. Don't hesitate to reach out for help.

Look after yourselves out there.

A LETTER FROM THE MUSLIM UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MUSA Committee Member Adibah Khan

Today, we went to the mosque to pray for all our brothers and sisters affected by the tragic massacre of Muslims in Christchurch.

Today, we went to the mosque and we saw hundreds of flowers outside the main gate. We saw hundreds of people from all walks of life who came to support our community at this time of need.

Today, we saw the part of New Zealand that made us proud to be New Zealand Muslims. Allah swt has blessed our country as can be seen by the outpouring amount of love and care.

If it takes fifty deaths to unite people of all races and creed in Aotearoa, then we say to those who are living, let us take heed and strengthen our bonds of love and care, celebrate the diversity of Kiwis, and most of all learn from each other so as to share the common humanity. This is what the Quran teaches us.

At times like this, our faith has taught us three crucial ways forward:

Firstly, have forbearance in the face of hatred. Be patient (have sabr). Life isn't always easy but through sabr we can reflect, plan and act.

Secondly, the importance of seeking knowledge of other cultures and creeds. Ignorance engenders prejudice and distrust and this breeds hatred, and it leads to tragedies like last Friday. To live in a caring society, we have to care to learn from each other and not just live under a cloak of ignorance and rhetoric of hatemongers.

Thirdly, Islam teaches us not to look at humanity through our differences, but rather our similarities. Allah swt has given us diversity so we can celebrate the differences and not condemn those who don't share our views and way of life.

The support that has been given to our community is unbelievable. It was scary at first, but all of you helped to make us feel safe. We don't think "a thank you" is enough to show our gratitude. But we will say this...you have created a new New Zealand. We thank you for this, all our Muslim brothers and sisters thank you for this. The next generation of Muslims of NZ also thank you in advance . . . you have left a historic legacy of kindness and care which will be the umbilical cord of unity for the next generation.

For us Aotearoa is not just the land of the long white cloud, but also the land of long-lasting love.



On March 15, New Zealand was rocked by a terrorist attack on two mosques in Christchurch which claimed 50 lives and left dozens more injured. Worshippers at the Al Noor Mosque and Linwood Mosque were attacked by a gunman during Friday prayers. The day after, the city of 400,000 was left in collective mourning. Critic photographer Aiman Amerul Muner was at the scene of the Christchurch attacks the day after the shooting, as well as the Dunedin memorials.









السلام عليكم

Writing an article this week was the last thing on my mind - and what a week it has been.

As we all know it started with tragedy - a deep, gut wrenching, and awful tragedy that flipped our worlds, and the worlds of our Muslim brothers and sisters, upside down and inside out.

But regardless of how it started, most importantly, it ended with unity.

The pure, raw, and beautiful love that has been shown - vigils, gatherings, powhiri, prayer, flowers, bake sales, scarfs, and to hear the Muslim "call to prayer" echo through our campus - make me so proud to be a member of this community.

I only ask, do not let our response to what has happened start and end in a week.

The aroha sparked from tragedy cannot be snuffed out by complacency. Words right now are meaningful but if we do not follow them with action over the coming weeks, months, and years then they are meaningless.

Members of our community, no matter their ethnicity, religion, or walk of life, should always feel like members of our community. Jokes, snide comments, and pretending that "this is not

us" - you are blind to the damage you can do and betray the love that our community is showing right now. Let this be a time to remind ourselves to give nothing to racism and everything we can to inclusion, acceptance, and a sense of community.

It is also important at this time to briefly touch on mental health. No matter who you are, this can be tough time and it is okay to be not okay. We are here for everyone in our community - it has been said before, it will be said again, and it could never be said enough.

I want to end by acknowledging the leadership shown by our Muslim brothers and sisters - such as the likes of Hamzeh Obeidat and Naser Tamimi - the President and Vice-President of the Muslim University Student Association. Thank you for letting me turn to you for advice over the last week and to all the brothers and sisters, students and non-students, who have provided us with guidance. You have allowed this momentum to be directed in as right of a place as we can find.

I only hope what we have done, and will continue to do, was and will be what is needed and more.

Ngā mihi,
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A MUSLIM PERSPECTIVE

By Ala Ghandour

I have many words, but at the same time I have none that can truly convey the hurt in my heart.

Yesterday, I was shocked. I was confused and lost and could not wrap my head around any of it. "How did this happen here? This isn't something that would happen in NZ," I kept saying.

Today, I reflect.

Today, hindsight has been confronting.

I look back today, and I see the 'telltale signs' that New Zealand is not and has never been the 'safe haven' we pride ourselves in being.

I look back and I remember the hate speech my mum has received in the street on several occasions for wearing the hijab.

I remember the "Go back to your country!"s that the former refugee community I am so heavily involved with receive, far too often.

I remember the endless times I have been hushed after saying

"Allahu Akbar" or other religious phrases in a public place, in fear of being feared.

I remember the "Haha lighten up! Take a joke! Don't be so PC!"s I've received over my life.

I think of our tangata whenua and their life experience. Their disproportionate representation in our prisons and their disproportionate health statistics.

I think of all of the media that uses microaggressive language towards minority groups in their reporting.

I think of all of the times I felt ashamed or embarrassed to say that I am a Muslim, especially growing up.

I think of the fact that this attack was premeditated and planned for a period of 2 years (allegedly) and it was not detected because the focus of central intelligence was elsewhere.

This is not to say that there is no hope or that New Zealand is a bad place or even that racist views are the majority. That is

simply not the case. It is to say that we cannot heal if we do not diagnose. It is to say that in order to all feel safe again, we have to stop sweeping things like this under the rug, or 'not sweating the little stuff' and we need to make some changes. Even if that means being 'too PC'.

The past two days, our country has been flooded with love. We have been unified all over and we have not felt afraid to be vulnerable. It is this that we need to focus on from this point on. Be loving. Be kind. Be inclusive.

I feel truly grateful and honoured to have received as many communications as I have, firstly to convey love and support and secondly to offer support and help. This is my New Zealand.

Arohanui to my Muslim brothers and sisters. Arohanui to my Christian, Jewish, Atheist, Buddhist, Hindu and members of any other religion (or lack thereof) brothers and sisters.

THE MOST POINTLESS PHRASEBOOK YOU'LL EVER READ

BY ERIN COURLEY

None of these phrases will help you find a train station. But at least you'll learn some Arabic slang, a few Cherokee phrases, and a selection of Japanese inspirational quotes.

GERMAN

Er ist dumm wie Bohnenstroh.

Pronunciation: Ur ist dumm vee Bor-nen-straw.

He is as dumb as a bean straw.

Da steppt der Bär!

Pronunciation: Da stept dear bear!

The bear dances there! (It will be a good party!)

Kein Schwein war da.

Pronunciation: Kyne shvyne vah da.

There weren't any pigs there. (It was a shit party.)

Ist es klar wie Kloßbrühe?

Pronunciation: Ist es klah vee kloz-brew-yeh?

Is it as clear as dumpling broth? (Do you understand?)

CHEROKEE

Galiheli tsidenalv.

Pronunciation: Gah-lee-hay-lee jee-day-nalv.

Nice to meet you.

Osda nadvneha.

Pronunciation: O-sta nah-duh-nay-ha.

You're doing well!

Agigage ogana jigotiha.

Pronunciation: Ah-gee-gah-gay o-gah-nah jee-go-tee-ha.

I see a red groundhog.

Kowisg tsaduliha?

Pronunciation: Ko-weesk ja-doo-lee-ha.

Do you want a coffee?

SPANISH

Es como echar agua al mar.

Pronunciation: Ess koh-moh eh-char ah-gwa al mar.

It's like throwing water in the sea. (It's pointless.)

Tu eres mi media naranja.

Pronunciation: Two ear-es me may-dee-ah nah-rahn-ha.

You are my half orange. (You are my other half.)

Estoy temblando como un flan.

Pronunciation: Es-toy tem-blán-doh koh-moh oon flahn.

I am shaky like a flan pudding. (I am nervous.)

Necesitamos dar la vuelta a la tortilla.

Pronunciation: Ne-ce-see-tar-mohs darr lah vwelt-ah ah lah tort-eeya.

We need to flip the omelette. (We need to turn the situation around.)



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ARABIC

أيام البصل وبخس الريح، أيام بخس

Pronunciation: El donya badal, yom asal we yom basal.

Some days honey, some days onion. (You win some, you lose some.)

الجزمة

Pronunciation: Ya gazma!

You shoe! (An insult.)

خير آل صباح

Pronunciation: Sabah al Kheir.

Good morning. (Sarcastic, the equivalent of duh/wake up.)

ما كل شيء

Pronunciation: Shaku maku?

What is everything and nothing? (Not an existential riddle, actually just means 'What's up?' in Iraqi slang.)

JAPANESE

石の上にも三年

Pronunciation: Ishi no ue nimo san nen.

Sit on a rock for three years and eventually it will warm up. (Hard times will soon be over.)

がんばって

Pronunciation: Ganbatte.

Do your best. (Good luck!)

鯛も一人はうまからず

Pronunciation: Tai mo hitter ha umakarazu.

Eaten alone, even sea bream loses its flavour. (Stick together.)

猿も木から落ちる

Pronunciation: Saru mo ki kara ochiru.

Even monkeys fall from trees. (Everybody makes mistakes.)

十人十色。

Pronunciation: Jyunin toh iro.

Ten people, ten colours. (Respect our differences.)

MĀORI

Maramara keke.

Piece of cake.

Ka pai hoki koe!

Good on ya!

Tune tō pane ki te kōhua.

Cook your head in the pot. (An insult.)

Kāore te kumara e kōrero ana mo tōna ake reka.

The kumara doesn't brag about its sweetness. (Stay humble.)

FRENCH

Je m'en moque comme de ma première chemise.

Pronunciation: Je mon mock comm der mah promi-ere che-mee-sa.

I care about this like I care about my very first shirt. (I don't care.)

Va te faire cuire un œuf!

Pronunciation: Va tu fay-ir queer oon oh-iff.

Go and cook an egg! (Leave me alone!)

Ça n'a rien à voir avec la choucroute.

Pronunciation: Sah nah ree-en ah vwahr ah-veck lah shook-root.

That has nothing to do with sauerkraut. (That's totally out of the blue.)

Autant pisser dans un violon!

Pronunciation: Ooh-tont pee-sear dons oon vee-oh-lon.

Pissing in a violin! (This is so pointless!)



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THE INSIDE JOB

THE SECRET OF THE MISSING \$5 PIZZA

A Critic Mystery by Owen Clarke

The following tale details the events of a casual Sunday afternoon. You, the reader, have just returned from a relaxing cricket game with a delicious pizza when suddenly.... it goes missing. You must carefully utilize the clues given to deduce the suspect. Happy sleuthing.

It's 6:00 p.m. on a Sunday, and you've just returned from Domino's with a delicious \$5 pizza. It's your favorite type of pizza, and you can almost taste that deliciously processed cheese and cardboard crust on the air wafting up from the box. You enter your two-story flat, The Shithole, where you live with four flatmates, Angelika, Slade, Isaac, and Igor. You set your pizza box on the counter and say hello to Igor, who is cooking something foul-smelling in a frying pan on the stove. Igor is always cooking something foul-smelling.

"Big I, whassup?" you say, slapping fives with him.

"Hello (insert your name here)," says Igor. He eyes the pizza box in your hand. "What is in this box you are in possession of?"

A few months ago, you might have been shaken by Igor's strange, robotic style of talking, but you're used to it by now. "Ahh, it's some pizza homie. Pizza," you say, grinning.

"I enjoy eating pizza," says Igor.

He goes back to cooking. You leave your pizza on the counter and head to your room, where you drop off your cricket bag. On the way, you see Angelika, who is practicing yoga in the hall.

"Do I smell pizza?" she says.

"Yep!" you respond. "It's (insert favorite type of pizza here)!"

"Whoa, my favorite," she says. "It's pizza night in the Shithole everybody!"

"Hey hey hey, keep it down!" you hiss. "This is a \$5 pizza. Personal size. Only for moi."

Angelika throws up her hands. "Hey no worries, no worries. I was only kidding." She winks.

Your pizza is probably getting cold, but you want to really enjoy the experience of eating it, and you're sweaty from cricket practice earlier, so you decide to shower.

You head back downstairs and bump into the shaven-headed Slade coming out of the bathroom, a towel wrapped around his waist. He's carrying his rugby duffel.

"Hola," he says.

"Done in there?" you ask.

"Yeah mate, was in there for a good while. A steaming hot shower is the only thing that relaxes me after a match." He flexes his bicep. It is considerably larger than yours.

Slade is a douche.

You nod and push past him into the bathroom. You check out your handsome reflection in the mirror, flashing yourself a pair of finger guns before hopping in. Damn, you look good.

A quick shower's nice, but pizza is calling, and it's been 5 minutes now so you need to get munching. You get out and head to your room to get dressed. Isaac is standing outside your door.

"Heard you had some pizza?" he says. "\$5 pizza."

"Yeah... but who told you?" you whisper.

Something is wrong.

"Angelika," he says. "Just in passing. General flat news, you know?"

No, Isaac, I don't "know," you think. Why does

everyone know about this pizza? What is going on?

Isaac grins. You are unsure if it's a friendly grin or not.

Something is off. The pizza has been compromised. You're sure of it. You rush to the kitchen.

The box stands open. Empty.

"NOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!" You sink to your knees, letting out a cry of anguish.

Igor walks into the kitchen, ramrod straight.

"What is the matter?" he asks.

"Igor, you fuck!" you shriek. "Where were you just now? You were the only person in the kitchen! Where is my pizza?! Where have you been?"

Igor shrugs. "I have been defecating for the previous three minutes and forty seconds," he says. "My meal was harsh."

You breathe heavily. You need to think. The room is spinning. The pizza is gone. The pizza is gone. The pizza is gone.

"Calm down. Calmmmm down big (boy/girl/other)," you mutter, rubbing your growling stomach. "We're gonna find the bastard that did this, and we're gonna make them pay."

All the flatmates are gathered in the kitchen now, summoned by your screaming. Angelika, still wearing her yoga tights and carrying her yoga mat, appears bored and uninterested. Igor, as usual, displays no emotion. Slade has dressed, and is scowling.

"I should be pregaming by now, cunt," he says.

Isaac appears nervous. A few reddish stains mar the front of his white t-shirt. Were they there when he was outside your door? You can't remember. Fuck.

"Alright," you say, clapping your hands. "You probably all know why I summoned you in here today."

"Yea, we all heard you screaming like a psy-

chopath," mutters Angelika.
You glare at her.

"Someone ate my pizza," you say. "It was one of you. Will anyone own up to it?"
Silence.

"Fine," you say. You pace back and forth, waving your arms around. "Then I want to hear where each of you were just now. Just now... and like... for the last 15 minutes. While I was showering and changing and shit."

Angelika sighs loudly, throwing up her hands. "This is insane."

"I was cooking. Then I was eating. Then I was defecating," says Igor promptly.
"Okay," you say. "Can anyone else corroborate his story?"

"Yeah, I saw him eating his shit food in here," says Slade. "It smells like ass."
Slade isn't wrong.

Igor shrugs. "I was cooking, eating, defecating."

"Ok, Slade, where were you?" you ask.

"I was showering, dickweed," he scoffs. "You saw me come out."

"Yeah.... but.... your hair wasn't wet!" you snap.

"I'm bald," he says.

"Ohhh. Yeah," you respond. You scratch your head. This is tougher than you thought it would be.

"Angelika, where were you?"

"Doing yoga in the hallway," she says.

"Yeah, but like, not after that..." says Isaac. "I totally saw you come into the kitchen when (insert your name here) was in the shower."
"For like five seconds!!!" Angelika shrieks. "I was getting some water. The box was empty when I saw it, I swear. I thought you'd already eaten it!"

You tap your chin. Things are getting complicated. "Isaac. Where were you?"

"Well, I was playing Super Smash Bros in

my room," he begins. "Then Angelika came in and said you had a pizza." So I went and waited outside your room while you were in the shower. That's when I saw her go into the kitchen."

"You waited outside my room for 10 minutes?" you ask. "For a slice of \$5 pizza? Don't you have a life?"

Isaac shrugs. "It's (insert your favorite type of pizza here). It's my favorite. But I didn't take it, I swear!"

"My room's upstairs," you point out. "You said you saw Angelika go into the kitchen when you were outside my room. How is that possible? The kitchen is downstairs."

"It was, like... before... before I went upstairs!" Issac stammers. "She already admitted she went in there anyway, I'm not lying!"

You point to the stain on his shirt. "What's that, then? Looks a lot like tomato sauce."

"It's paint," he says. "I was painting my Dungeons and Dragons figurines today."
Hmmm.

"Welp, I've got better things to do than to sit here listening to Sherlock Jr.," Angelika snaps. She stands up. Everyone else follows suit, except for Igor, who is already standing for some reason.

"Wait," you say. "Hold it right there, everybody."

Everyone freezes. The air is thick with tension. You think back.

This has been a tricky case. There are a lot of clues, a lot of suspects. Any of them could have eaten the pizza.

But only one is definitely lying. You know who the pizza eater is. And they are about to owe you \$6.

(\$5 for the pizza, \$1 for the inconvenience... It's only fair)

Who ate the pizza?

Turn to page 41 to find the answer

THE CRITIC GUIDE TO RELAXING AROUND CAMPUS

By *Wyatt Ryder*

The life of a student is a life of stress. Countless classes, assignments and exams will all get the better of us sooner or later. Things are hard sometimes. That's why you deserve to take a minute to sit with your friends

and kick back. There are lots of places around Uni that can help you chill out for a while.

Here's a guide to some of the best and worst locations around campus to just sit and relax.

Whoever designed East Lane seemed to have thought of it as a hip and happening spot for the youth to hang out and drink coffee. In reality this strange hallway serves only as a slightly faster route to escape campus.

East Lane features a number of comfortable couches and a rather jazzy coffee stall. The couches are cosy, but unfortunately they're bright red. This means that every strand of hair or drop of coffee that

falls upon the cushions is incredibly visible. It's not awful, but it ruins the mood a little.

The coffee stall does bring the vibe up with its delightful aroma. However, the mood is brought crashing back down every time somebody actually orders a coffee and the machine screams as it pours liquid out.

Is this a relaxing spot? It's not great, but can be a great haven on a rainy day.

These trees are a hotspot for smokers who like to disobey No Smoking signs, and students waiting to meet their friends. The bench is comfortable, and not a bad place to sit for a while. The trees and flower gardens breathe a bit of fresh air into an otherwise grey spot.

The downside to this area is the nearby road. The sound of constant cars and occasional buses pollutes

this otherwise calm area. A loading bay across the footpath also creates some occasional noise, as do the many students coming to park their motorcycles and mopeds.

Is this a relaxing spot? If you can get past the constant road noise, then yes. This is a fairly chilled out place for a quick break.





The Stairs by the Leith

Just outside St Dave's is a wonderful wide area that's ideal for taking some time out. Food can be easily accessed from the café or vending machines inside St Dave's. The many stairs and ledges provide plenty of seating; even on the busiest days you'll be able to find some privacy here.

However, the main attraction of this space is the Leith itself. The river provides two wonderful ingredients that mix together into a relaxation fix unlike any other on campus.

The first key feature is the sound. The soothing sound of the current

drones out all of the foot traffic or conversation coming from the path above, making it a calm escape from the masses.

The second feature is the ducks. Most people can agree that ducks are very cool. The Leith ducks are very friendly, and don't mind taking a cute wee nap just a few feet away from you. Some of them will fly about the area looking for food, while others will dive under the water to try and catch themselves a tasty morsel. Either way these handsome birds will provide you and your friends with plenty of talking points as you sit and take

in the sun. The only downside to this spot is occasionally a gang of seagulls will come and skulk about.

Is this a relaxing spot? Yes (unless you hate birds).



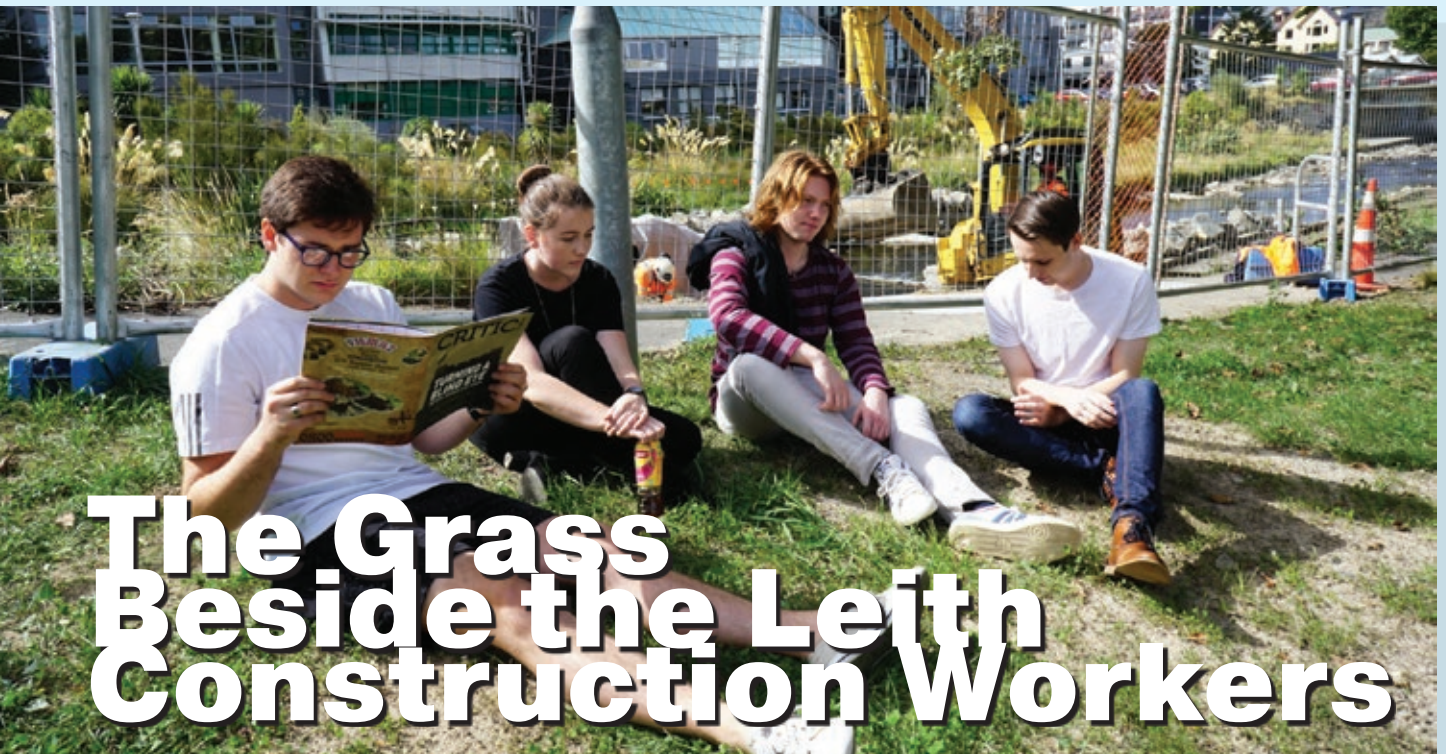


Outside the Museum

As one of the largest areas of uninterrupted grass near central campus, this is an ideal location for those on a relaxing lunch break. Large trees provide ample protection from the sun, and a place to lean our backs.

With Re:Burger and Rob Roy dairy just across the intersection, and a churros cart frequenting the area, this the default space for those looking for a peaceful place to enjoy some unhealthy feel-good food. The only things bringing the mood down here are the roads on three sides of the area, making for a rather busy orchestra of background noise.

Is this spot relaxing? Yes.



The Grass Beside the Leith Construction Workers

This area is a prime example of unused potential. Downriver from Burns is a quaint little patch of grass next to a parking lot. It has a small fence that makes for a nice seat. It looks like a classic wholesome hangout area for a small group of friends.

Unfortunately, there's a goddamned digger working throughout the day

right beside it. Large temporary construction fences block the view into the Leith, and to top it all off, a children's playground sits adjacent to this area. If you're not listening to the sound of a digger clearing away rock, then you'll be hearing either young children screaming, or burly men shouting.

I asked a passing student his

opinion on the area, to which he replied "This area's pretty shit. It might look nice once it's done, but I'll probably graduate before that happens".

Is this a relaxing spot? No. Maybe in a few years.



This is everybody's favourite spot to enjoy a good dumpling. What's remarkable about this spot in particular is the amount of seating diversity in one area. You have the more sociable concrete ledges, you have the cluster of trees blocking out the sunlight, and you have the memorial bench all the way at the back.

The concrete is a fine place for a quick pit stop. Sit with your mates

and enjoy some Chinese crepes straight after class. You'll have a good time. The grass is maintained regularly, making it a hospitable place to sit and enjoy some shade. The bench down the back is the ultimate convenient escape. It's almost always free in mornings and afternoons and it's so far away from the foot traffic that it's no longer an issue. This location has it all, ranging from social eating place to

impenetrable zen fortress.

Is this spot relaxing? Absolutely. Take a minute to sit next time you go past.

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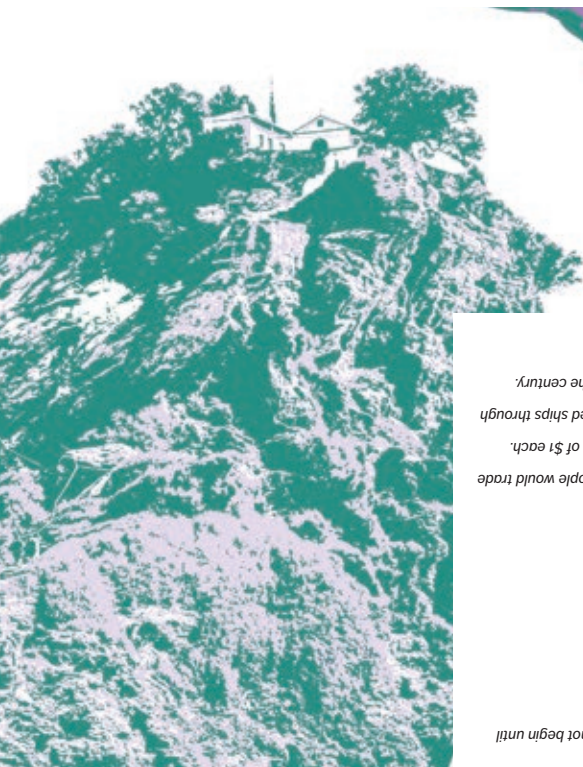
1. After the cheetah, what is the second fastest land animal?
2. Which medieval pope once authored an erotic book?
3. What is the capital of Turkmenistan?
4. In which New Zealand region is Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapik-imaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu, the hill with the longest place name in the world?
5. Which Shakespeare play opens with the line "Boatswain!"?
6. A cauldron is the collective noun for what animal?
7. Who invented the butter knife in 1637 and why?
8. Each month in the 1980s, Pablo Escobar's Medellín drug cartel spent approximately how much on rubber bands for their cash?
9. Who was Captain Morgan?
10. Which book resulted after Bennett Cerf told Dr. Seuss to use no more than 50 different words?
11. What is a pangram?
12. Which Roman Emperor appointed his horse as a priest?
13. The Anglo-Zanzibar War is the shortest war on record. For how long did it last?
14. Which country has the most Scottish pipe bands per capita?
15. On a classic UK Monopoly board, what is the price of Mayfair?
16. How were Torvill and Dean allowed to perform an ice dance that went twenty-eight seconds over the time limit at the 1984 Winter Olympics?

Trivia Quiz

17. Lord Byron, the poet, kept what animal in his room at Trinity College as a protest against a rule forbidding pet dogs?
18. Arabic numerals were invented by mathematicians from where?
19. What is the third largest country in terms of land mass?
20. In what sport might one use the phrase "Soop her up"?
21. The pet parrot of which US President had to be removed from his funeral due to incessant swearing?
22. Other than Mamma Mia!, what musical did Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus compose?
23. Why is a dollar also called a buck?
24. Who was Pelorus Jack?
25. Where did the first McDonald's open in New Zealand?

Answers

1. The pronghorn antelope (max speed 98kph).
2. Pope Pius II (his book was titled The Tale of his table.
3. Ashgabat.
4. Howke's Boy.
5. The Tempest.
6. Bats.
7. Cardinal Richelieu, because he was sick of dinner guests stabbing their daggers into
8. \$2500 USD (adjusted for inflation: about \$8500 NZD).
9. Sir Henry Morgan, a 17th century Welsh pirate who went on to become the Lieutenant Governor of Jamaica.
10. Green Eggs and Ham.
11. A sentence that uses every letter in the English language.
12. Colligula.
13. Thirty-eight minutes.
14. New Zealand.
15. \$400.
16. They started the routine on their knees, knowing that the timer would not begin until
17. A (tame) bear.
18. India.
19. China.
20. Curling.
21. President Andrew Jackson.
22. Chess.
23. In 17th century America, people would trade deerskins (bucks) for the value of \$1 each.
24. A friendly dolphin that guided ships through the Cook Strait at the turn of the century.
25. Portua.



The Birds in the Garden's Aviary Rated on Their Resemblance to Mariah Carey

By **Phillip Plant**

Illustrations also by **Phillip Plant**

Have you ever wanted to be an ornithologist, are you a keen bird watcher, or do you just want to catch the avian flu? Then the aviary at the botanical gardens is the place for you (disclaimer: there's probably no avian flu at the botans, that was just a joke).

"But I've never been there," you say. Well let me put your mind at ease. I've created an amazing and in depth bird rating system: the Mariah Careyological system, also known as the MC scale. This is an intelligent and scientific scale that critically analyses a bird's similarities to the elusive chanteuse Mariah Carey.

There are five areas of critique: costume, voice, movement, diva attitude, and charisma. The bird is either given a yes or a no in each category. Yes

is one point, no is a zero. These points are added up and the result marks their place on the MC scale:

5. Elusive
4. Butterfly Era
3. That time she was in "Don't Mess with the Zohan"
2. I don't know her
1. How 'bout you G.T.F.O
0. Delusive

I've also included some scientific sketches of the birds for you to peruse. I don't know if most ornithologists use Faber-Castell, but I'm sure they're incredibly accurate.



Crimson Winged Parrot

4/5 - Butterfly Era.

The vocals grabbed me, kind of like the security guard at Suburbia. However, unlike the 'security guard' this bird displayed amazing aerial skills. Almost made me think I was watching Pink instead of Mariah.

Blue and Gold Macaw

4/5 - Butterfly Era

Stunning! As a massive supporter of the Highlanders I can't help but agree that blue and gold is a killer colour combination, and boy this bird knew how to show it off. However, also like some of the Highlanders, this macaw was a bit ... dense.



Bourke's Parrot

1/5 - How 'bout you G.T.F.O

... bless...

There were far too many in the aviary and I found it hard to be interested enough in any of them. As the saying goes 'birds of a feather flop together'.



Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoo

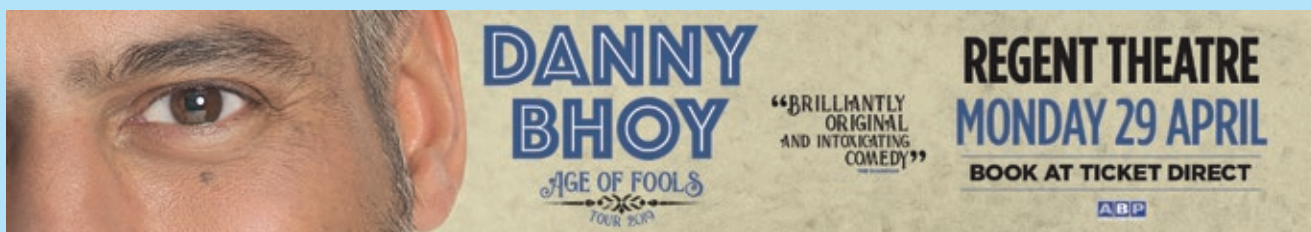
5/5 - Elusive

Pretty in black with a bold yellow statement. Such an elegant combination, it's all the buzz in the best fashion hexagons. Honey, you are stunning! This Cockatoo was a total ice queen, constantly preening and wouldn't even give me the time of day. Now this is a bitch who knows how to live deliciously.

Scarlet Macaw

3/5 - That time she was in "Don't Mess with the Zohan"

Refused to sing and dance for me, just like the real Mariah Carey. Then again, this is clearly a bird who knows how to get that 'me time'. As a staunch supporter of taking it easy, I can't argue with that. Germane to something, this Macaw had an amazingly red plumage, very festive.



Diamond Dove

3/5 - That time she was in "Don't Mess with the Zohan"

Amazing vocals. That's all I need to say. Incredibly soothing yet also mystifying and immense. The outfit was a tame yet pleasant enough mild dappled white, and the personality was a bit wooden. But with a voice like that, who needs to be interesting?!



Blue and Yellow Macaw

2/5 - I don't know her.

Lovely plumage. Once again blue and ... er, yellow, what a combo! It's a shame this bird was a bit aloof, I couldn't help but wonder 'Who does she think she is?' Truth be told I'm not quite sure how this one is different to the blue and gold. The yellow macaw is to the gold macaw as Ariana is to Mariah; the internet seems to think they're the same thing, but I can tell the difference.

Red and Black Tailed Cockatoo

4/5 Butterfly Era

Seems like I've got a thing for a Cockatoo, what would my parents say? Black and red has been, and always will be, a great colour combo. Despite a complete lack of vocals, the aerial skills more than made up for it. She followed me around as I examined her, putting on a show while clinging to the aviary walls and hopping from chain to chain. However it did get a bit weird, and I one point I did have to ask 'Why you so obsessed with me?'





Seagulls

o/o - Delusive

I'm not quite sure how they even got into the botans. They called me a slur and then asked for a ciggie, 'nuff said.

South Island Kaka

5/5 - Elusive

Beautiful, truly. What more is there to say, a born performer who knows not only how to grab attention, but also how to keep hold of it. Sadly, she is an endangered species. I blame the twinks for letting yet another icon flop.



The Ducks

10/5 - Words Fail Me

Talented, brilliant, incredible, amazing, show-stopping, spectacular, never the same, totally unique. This is the kind of bird that I like to call "A thicc bitch, and a skinny legend". I had them eating out of my hands, or was it the other way around?

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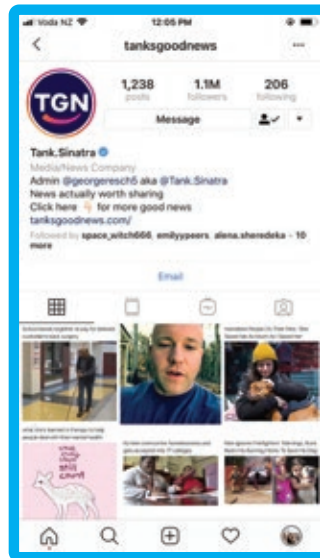
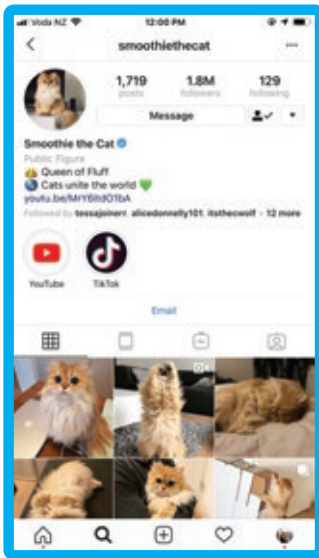
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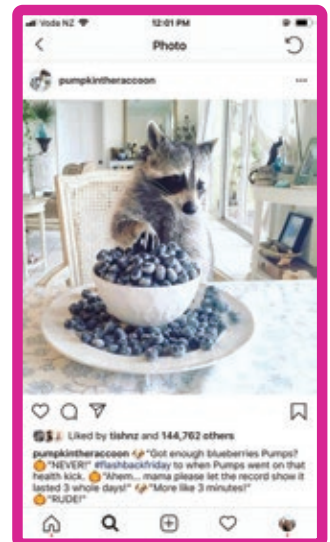
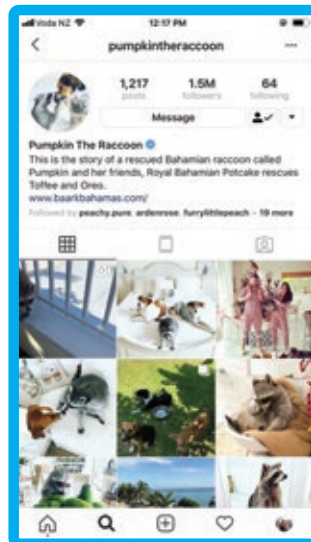
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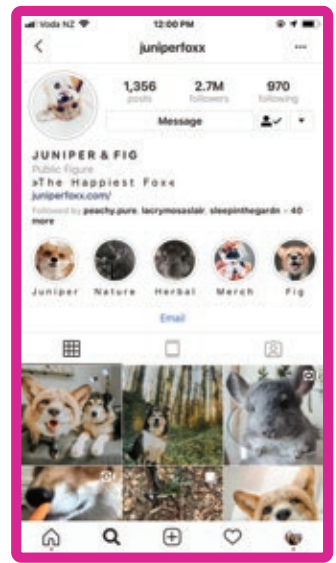
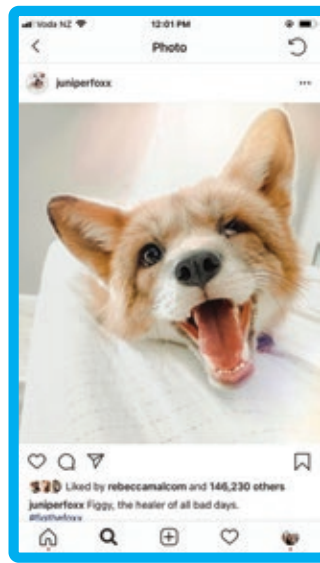
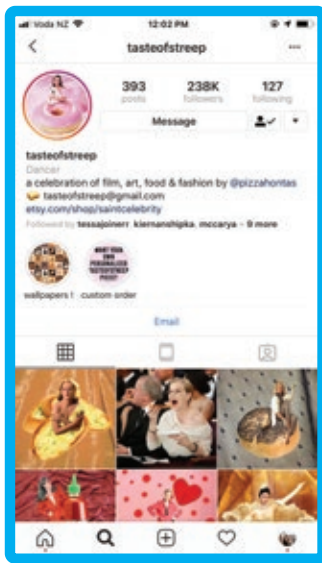
Of course, I have to include one cat Instagram. Smoothie is a stubby-legged adorable girl, whose eyes are guaranteed to brighten your day.

Tanks Good News is a source of feel-good headlines from all over, providing a well-needed break from the often bleak headlines of today's world.

Social media can be a little overwhelming sometimes with everything going on in the world. Here are a couple of my favourite wholesome pages that lift the gloom from my feed.

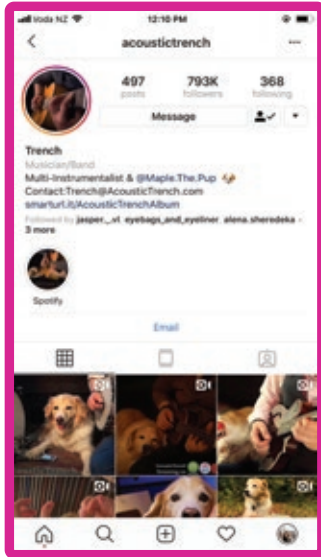
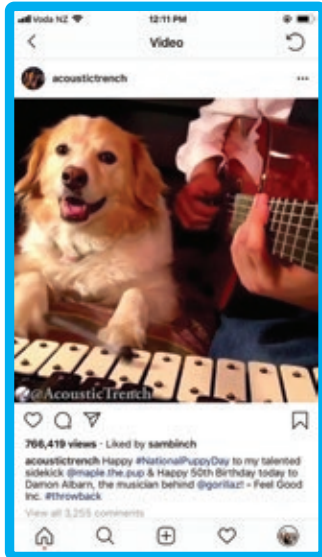


Pumpkin the Raccoon and a family of dogs can put some sunshine on any gloomy day. Waddling around, this darling trash panda never fails to lift my mood.



Taste of Streep is one of the more obscure concepts, photoshopping pictures of the legendary actress onto various food items. Definitely worth a look at their creativity and gives you an excuse to stare at Meryl.

This furry family is documented by a wildlife rehabilitator and animal lover looking after two foxes, Juniper and Figg, as well as a dog Moose and a variety of other interesting and beautiful animals. Figg and Juniper's antics bring a little joy into my feed.





Trench and his pup Maple have made Instagram a happier place by blessing it with their presence. With Trench on the guitar or harp and Maple on the drums or xylophone, this dynamic duo's beautiful music graces our ears, while Maple's sweet smile lightens our eyes.

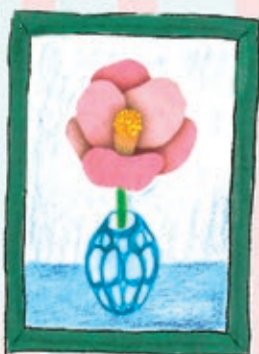


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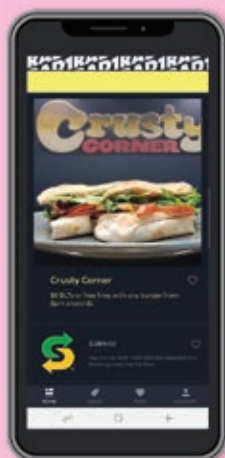
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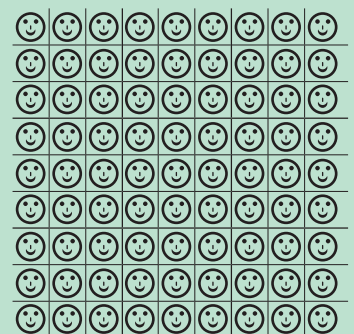
Top Ten Ways To Look after your friends

1. Know their favourite food, where to get it and be able to get it ASAP, for when you sense they aren't feeling all that happy.
2. Get to know their parents or a sibling, if possible. Even if you just meet them once. At uni, there is usually a divide between our friends and our family (especially if you're not local) and if you know some of your friend's family members it strengthens the web of support around them.
3. Make them a personalised Spotify playlist to listen to when they are stressed. Bonus points if you also make them a happy party playlist of all their faves as well.
4. Don't pressure them to go out and get on the piss if they really need to get uni work done, or are feeling run-down. It's so hard to say no to a fun time, so if they have said no, it's because their priorities lie elsewhere right now. Respect that.
5. Ask them whether they experience stress or sadness regularly, and if there are any signs when this happens. That way, when they do need a friend, you will already know the signs and be able to reach out to them.
6. Go on a date to somewhere outside of the campus area. Head out to the beach via walking, bus or Lime - or if you have a car, go check out Long Beach or Aramoana. Get away from the busy uni grind for half a day to recharge their batteries.
7. Keep them safe. If you are worried about their health for whatever reason, it's okay to bring it up and check in with them. It doesn't make you uncool to be worried about their party habits - it makes you someone who cares about their wellbeing.
8. Write them a surprise card. Tell them all the wonderful things you love about them. It will make their entire month, and will cost you next to nothing.
9. Look after yourself. It's hard to look out for others if you're only barely hanging on yourself. Eat, exercise, sleep, and repeat.
10. On their birthday, post a heartfelt collage on Facebook of you looking like a snacc in every photo, with them looking like trash. That's true friendship.

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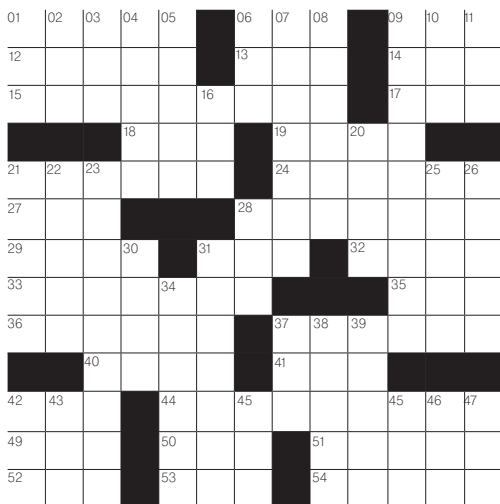
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6. Little bit
9. Asphalt
12. Artic
13. Compass pt.
14. Brewery product
15. Peppy
17. Drink daintily
18. Expected
19. Castle trench
21. Host Conan _____
24. Stick
27. Fomely called
28. Pittsburgh player
29. Different
31. Dessert choice
32. Malicious
33. Assumed names
35. Chem., e.g.
36. Diminish
37. Morally pure
40. Adolescent

41. Have breakfast
42. 2nd amendment lobby
44. Orbiting object
49. Mr. Franklin
50. Med. group
51. Old Roman language
52. Rearward
53. Moist
54. Road bends

DOWN

1. Gorilla, e.g.
2. Director _____ Howard
3. Bullfight cry
4. _____ Gras
5. Dispute
6. Explosive (abbr.)
7. Enliven
8. Decipher
9. Lacking flavour
10. "The Greatest"
11. GOP Member
16. Poet's "still"

20. Attention-getting sound
21. Shaquille _____
22. Southern beauty
23. Water _____ (like some watches)
25. Respond
26. "Sesame Street" character
28. Family mem.
30. Leisure
31. Author's pseudonym (2 wds.)
34. Playground feature
37. Middling grade
38. Oscar winner _____ Berry
39. motorist's aid
42. Heat's league (abbr.)
43. Ump's kin
45. Tit for _____
46. _____
47. Ascot
48. Printers' measures

RAD TIMES GIG GUIDE

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH

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FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

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Gallery On Blueskin
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7pm

THE MANFREDS - FAREWELL TOUR

Regent Theatre

Tickets from ticketdirect.co.nz and the Regent Box Office. 7.30pm.

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH

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6.30pm. Free entry.

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BEST VAPE SPOTS ROUND CAMPUS

By **Henessey Griffiths**

If you're a poor student like me who craves the sweet satisfaction of nicotine, then boy do I have something for you. Vaping, the cheaper alternative to smoking. For a while, I was anti-vaping. The big clouds and unusual flavours were a turn-off for me. But once the price of darts went

up and I couldn't justify wasting my living costs, I converted to the vape nation – and boy, I don't regret it.

The best thing about vaping is how discrete it is. Since it's a type of vapour, you can vape in plac-

es you can't smoke. Vaping is technically banned on campus. But I got you covered. Here's a list of the best vape spots around campus, and how to discreetly suck back a phat cloud.



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Vaping directly behind the smoke and vape free campus signs

What better way to 'stick it to the man' than to directly disobey the orders of a sign, and only move forward as soon as you see Campus Watch approach? This way no one will wanna fuck with you. They'll know that you flirt with danger.

Vaping in the Richardson Building elevators

This is the most optimal space for a lil' vape hot-box. Everyone reaches their floor and leaves, too impressed to ask you to stop. Plus, if you catch the lift with fellow vapers it creates a bonding experience for all.

Vaping in the middle of a lecture

The best way to assert yourself as the alpha of your class is hucking back a massive cloud right

in the middle of class. Those mature students think they're top shit? They won't be anything when they see you performing vape tricks in the middle of BSNS114.

Vaping in the second-floor toilets in central

Sometimes it's just too much effort walking all the way down the stairs to the signature durrly and vape tree. So why not just vape in the bathroom? You can just blow the vape directly in the toilet bowl. Pure genius.

Hiding your vape in a Sushi Station rice ball


Not only do you get the sweet vaping satisfaction, but you can also eat at the same time. It's two birds one stone, with extra flavour being added to the vape aromas. If anyone calls you out on it, you can say it's a freshly cooked rice ball with steam coming off it. Foolproof.

Vaping with the fire dancers while waiting in the queue for pint night

What better way to exert your social capital and your edginess by adding more vape to the flame?

Vaping during \$3 Lunch

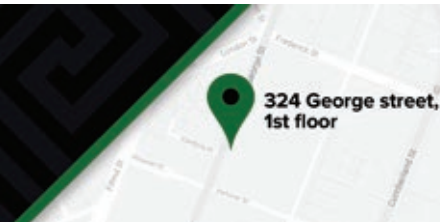
Be sure to grab a seat by the windows with some north-westerly gusts, because everyone will be too engrossed in their delicious meal to see you vaping out the window. Plus vape flavors pair nicely with curried lentils.



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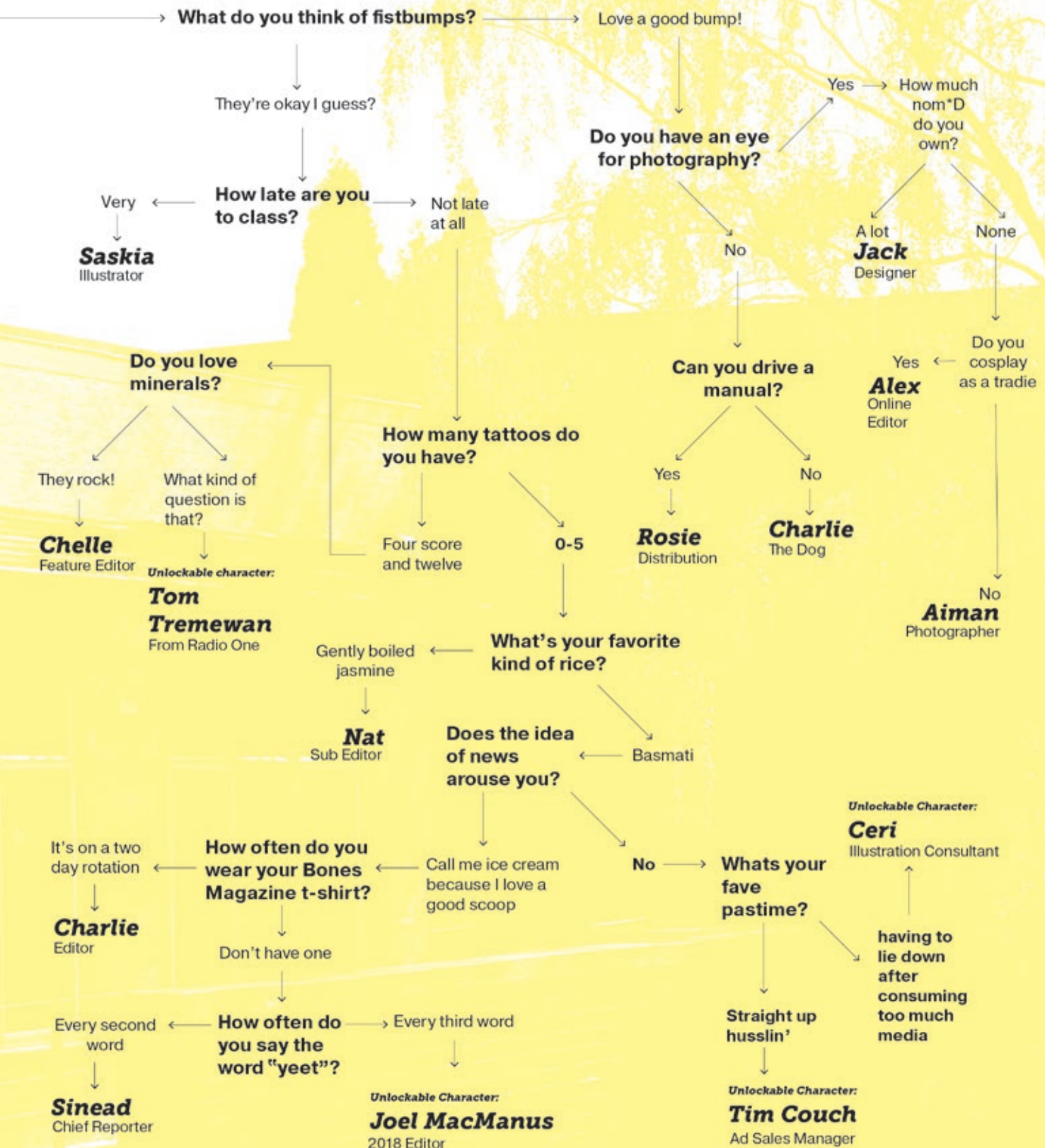
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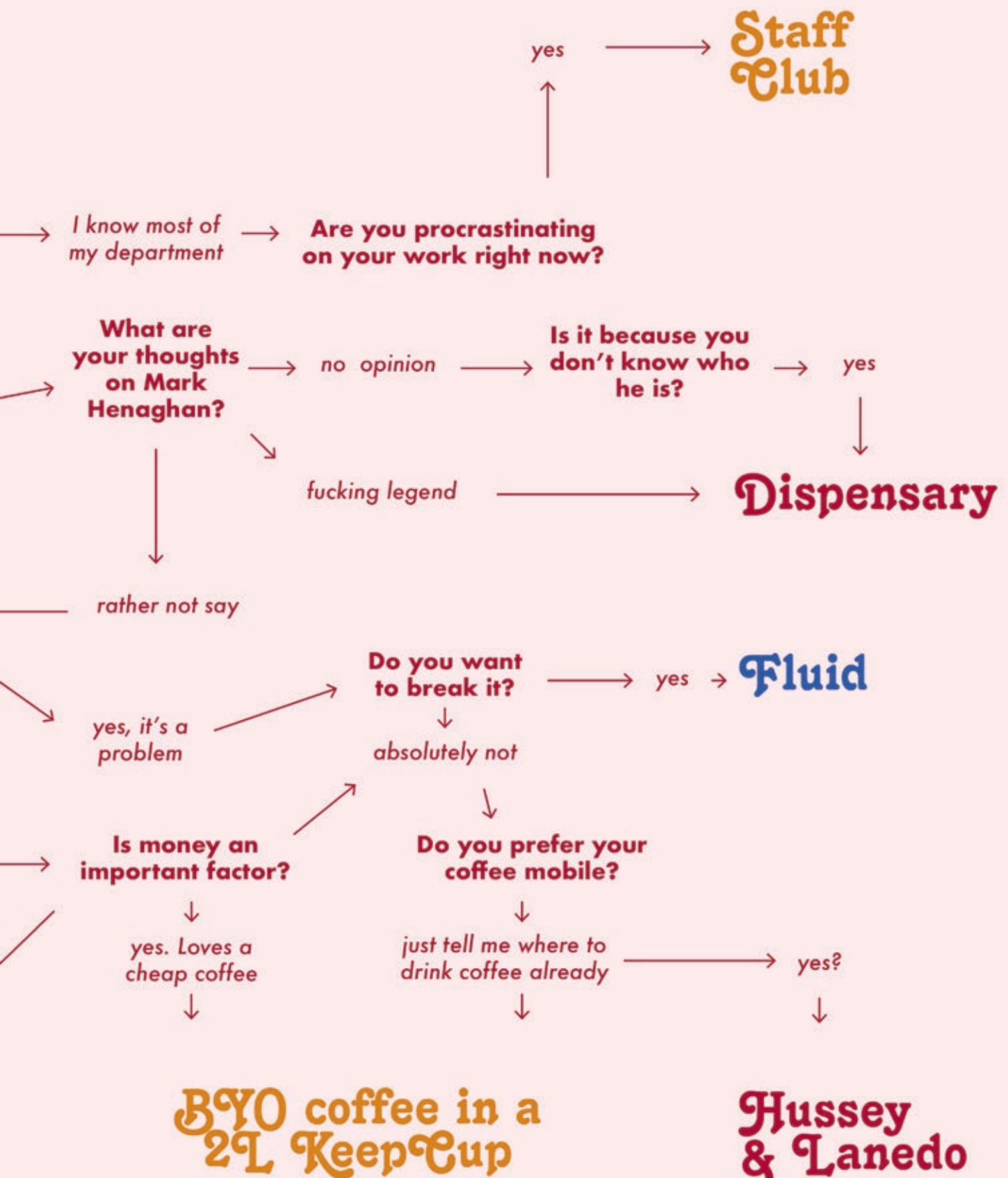
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ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A YEAR 13?

Physics – 4 credits

A 1.12kg book falls off the top of a 2.03m bookshelf. What is its kinetic energy right before it hits the ground? $g = -9.8\text{m/s}^2$

English – 4 credits

Discuss the ways in which the Burns building resembles the concept of freedom. Work must include use of metaphors, syntax, point of view and narrative style.

History – 5 credits

Write a chronological analysis of Otago University, and discuss the socio-political effects it has had on the wider community. Relate your findings back to historical trends throughout New Zealand.

Chemistry – 3 credits

Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of organic compounds by drawing the properties of the following:

- Glyceraldehyde
- Butanal
- Glycolic acid

A CRITIC-AL MATH PROBLEM

First person to solve this without a calculator and show your working, Owen owes you a beer

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TOWEL FOLDING TUTORIAL: PENIS

By *Nina Minogue*

If you rate your rolling ability, have started watching Marie Kondo on Netflix or just want to try something new, then I highly recommend you try towel folding. Through my extensive research, I've found towel folding a great way to relax, an excellent flat bonding activity and

an impressive (although apparently useless) skill with which to win friends and influence people. To tell you the truth I'm actually pretty shit at towel folding, but this penis is a foolproof design that even the most phallic-averse can erect with a little practice. If a 12-inch cock

intimidates you, with a change in perspective these instructions can double to make a cute elephant.

Equipment: 1 towel, in a colour of your choice.

Difficulty Level: Easy

1. Start by spreading your towel out on a level surface



2. Fold the towel from the middle, lengthways into a triangle



3. Fold the top of the triangle underneath the towel



4. Tightly roll each side of the triangle towards the middle, until you have a long sausage-looking thing.



5. Carefully shape the balls and tuck your limp towel penis over a towel rack



6. Feel stress and worry leave your body as you impress your flatmates.



HOROSCOPES



AQUARIUS JAN 20 – FEB 18

Be careful if Limeing this week. Your progesterone levels are critically low and you're just so gummy right now. Mercury is in your money zone and that means it's ok to ask your parents for a top up. There's no reason to feel bad about it, everyone snags a couple thou off their upper middle class mum and dad once in a while.

This week's flavour: sorry it's a secret



PISCES FEB 19 - MAR 20

On Wednesday you're going to really kick yourself because you forgot about 2 dollar Tuesday again. You're going to go onto the Facebook page and find out that April's special is fucking lasagna toppers or something.

This week's flavour: plain



ARIES MAR 21 – APR 19

Mercury is in retrograde and Uranus has been pushed to its limits. Take some time this week to really look after yourself. Like, at least 4 days.

This week's flavour: MSG



TAURUS APR 20 – MAY 20

This week it's time to try going about things in a new way. As they say, it's not what you know, but who you know, so try to get a bit more friendly with your lecturers. It's well known that 8 out of every 10 lecturers have great hygiene.

This week's flavour: tuna, and not in a good way



GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20

Try to resist the urge to make the first move, you're gonna sound despo and they'll probably end up ghosting you completely and then hitting you up on fb in 4 ½ months with a presumptuous 'sup' to which you'll reply 'hey' straight away even though for months you've been telling yourself you're over him and he's a massive dick.

This week's flavour: Milo



CANCER JUN 21 – JULY 22

This week you have the power to materialise your wishes, so you should probably wish for next week's Cancer horoscope to be better. The sun entered your career zone last week and you really considered dropping out of uni and working at New World for the next 7 miserable years. Good thing you stuck it out, come on, they were never gonna hire you. You're too sweaty.

This week's flavour: peri-peri mayo



LEO JULY 23 – AUG 22

You should really skype your mum. It's healthy for you to have space from her at your age, but she's getting worried that you hate her. She tells her girlfriends how bad she feels about it but doesn't want to make you feel guilty. Seriously, just give her a call once in a while. She's all alone in the house since the dog died.

This week's flavour: menthol vape juice



VIRGO AUG 23 - SEPT 22

Something will catch your eye this week that has been hidden right in front of you this whole time, go beyond the surface. There's so much mould under that pile of dishes in your room. Now is not the time for big action though. Leave it for another week.

This week's flavour: brown



LIBRA SEPT 23 - OCT 22

Your Capricorn friend didn't invite you to something and it hurt your feelings. Try not to take it out on them. Direct your negative energy towards someone smaller than you who did nothing wrong. If that doesn't work, buy a half kg of sour lollies and watch a documentary about doomsday preppers.

This week's flavour: sour



SCORPIO OCT 23 – NOV 21

The sun has moved into Aries, which means that it's time to think about changing certain habits and activities that are no longer bringing you total wellness. Downing half a bottle of vodka every weekend is harsh on your body. Try a juice cleanse. There, see? All better. See you next weekend, you crazy party animal, you.

This week's flavour: crust



SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21

This week, a friend will say something that makes you go "What? No. Shut up. You can't be serious. No way. What? Shut up."

This week's flavour: chicken crimpy



CAPRICORN DEC 22 – JAN 19

You have decided to cleanse your life of bad vibes. The Libra in your life has got to go. She is just too much. Make a point of stopping inviting her to things. She'll get the message. This week you have been pushed to question your beliefs. Don't doubt yourself. Astrology is totally real.

This week's flavour: cum

Riddles

1. Which Otago lecturer can jump higher than the clocktower (when they're drunk)?

No one. The clocktower can't jump.

2. What did the milkman's son say to the daughter of the lawyer when he asked her out on a date?

Nothing. He didn't ask her in person. He just texted her on WhatsApp using emojis because all teens in 2019 have shriveled up into useless soul-husks devoid of any social skills whatsoever.

3. How many Limes did our Editor Charlie O'Mannin eat last Friday night?

Three. And no, this wasn't a play on words. You thought you were smart, didn't you? Charlie did not eat the fruit. Charlie ate three Lime scooters. Charlie used a hacksaw to dismember three Lime scooters, and slowly swallowed bits and pieces of them, a process which took him fourteen hours and resulted in extensive damage to his stomach lining and intestinal tract.

4. Deacon lives in Dunedin. It's summer, and the temperature is 20 degrees Celsius. Deacon is a third year studying finance at Otago Uni. Deacon has fifteen

melons. One melon is rotten, two are ripe, the rest aren't ripe yet. He gives away three to his ex-girlfriend, eats one, and throws one off the roof of his flat. He drives down to St Clair, and buys an ice cream at the dairy. When he gets home, it's 4:00 p.m. Why?

Because the clock says so, I guess? (Deacon paid us \$15 to put this in here).

5. What usually happens at night, sometimes during the day, and is something that no one at Critic has ever had?

Sex. Actually.

The conclusion to An Inside Job

"SLADE!" you bellow. "You said you'd been taking a hot shower for ages, but there was no fog on the mirror when I came inside. I remember, I threw myself finger guns in it!"

Slade's grimaces. "You shithead. You just had to get all snoopy, didn't you?"

He reaches into his rugby bag and pulls out a tire iron, advancing slowly towards you. The others back away.

"Yeah, I ate your pizza, loser," he says, sneering. "I stuffed it into my rugby bag when you were upstairs, before you even got in the shower. And I enjoyed every bite, too!"

You drop back into a crouch, bouncing from one foot to the other like boxers in the movies, hoping those two karate classes you took in Year 6 will pay off.

Slade swings the tire iron. You duck. It whistles over your head. You punch him twice in the gut, pow pow! His abs are rock hard. Your blows have no effect. You stagger back and stumble on the empty pizza box. You're on the ground. Slade is advancing with the tire iron.

Suddenly there is a loud "WOMP." Slade is down. Out cold. Unconscious. Iced. Igor stands over him with a frying pan.

"Hell yeah," he says. "That guy was a douche anyways, hehehe."

"Igor? You don't sound like a robot!" you say, startled.

"Yeah," Igor says, laughing. "I was just talking like that for the last few months as a prank. Gotcha." He grins, and helps you to your feet.

The others gather around. "Well," you say, "it looks like the mystery of the missing pizza has been solved."

"Anybody want any of my dinner?" says Igor.

MILD? MEDIUM? HOT?!

THE BLIND DATE SETUP TINDER IS JEALOUS OF.

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ROMEO

I was pretty excited, to tell the truth. Why? I've never actually been on a real date before. Everything is all hook-ups at parties or via Tinder, there's none of that nerve-wracking "asking someone on a date" business anymore. So, this was my first ever date.

I arrived fairly early, and my date wasn't there yet. After about 5 minutes, a gorgeous girl walked through the door. She had short dark hair, beautiful eyes and was wearing really bright lipstick. She looked really fun and I couldn't wait to find out if she was as cool in person. I wasn't disappointed! She was super smart, super funny and just really fucking cool. She was a chemistry student and shared her hopes for postgrad, which were really interesting topics, and she seemed just as interested in hearing about my studies as well (comp sci), even though most would consider comp sci to be boring. The food was delicious and the drinks flowed easily with conversation. After dinner we wanted to keep hanging out, so we went to Pequeno for a cocktail, then walked around. We ended up walking down to Zanzibar for another drink, and then just kept walking and chatting until we found ourselves way down at Woodhaugh gardens, where we just lay on the grass and looked at the stars (corny I know!). After hours of chatting and holding hands, we stood up to leave and I finally got up the courage to go in for a kiss. She went for it! We made out for what felt like ages, then swapped numbers and parted ways. Thanks Critic for a magical night, romance is not dead.

JULIET

I preloaded with the girls at home before heading out because I was quite nervous. A Spotify playlist steeped in Arctic Monkeys and Unknown Mortal Orchestra was just what I needed to calm the nerves along with the Long Whites. My flatmate did my makeup, because when else can you force your mates to do your makeup for you? She took me from a 7.5 to a 9.5 and I was on fire!

I got there a little late but my date didn't mind. He was cute for a computer science student and actually had personality plus! After about 10 mins I was hooked, he was actually the total opposite of what I had been expecting, and we had good bants and great eye contact. I really didn't want the night to end but also I'm not a one night stand kinda gal so we went to a couple of bars and ended up wandering the streets of Dunedin, chatting away a mile a minute. The night ended with an impromptu visit to the gardens, where we talked about life and did some stargazing holding hands. It felt like a rom-com, tbh.

We had a goodnight kiss that felt perfect, and we're going to see each other again. Yay!!!

Highly recommend blind date, 10/10 for finding unexpected love.

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UoO Moaningful Confessions

SUMMER SPREE

*Had a sexual encounter that was unusual, scandalous, or spicy?
Send in your moaningful confession to critic@critic.co.nz*

I was going through a hoe phase at the start of last year, and I'm not ashamed of it. I was swiping up a storm on tinder, matching with cuties all day long. There was one particular boy that took my eye. I remember seeing him around a lot, and I was excited that I could finally talk to him. Being the alpha skuxx I am, I messaged him first, which went down an absolute treat. After a week of high school-like texting, we went out for a drink. We sat and talked about the weirdest shit for hours, until the bar was finally closing up. I pulled my signature move of "Oh, my flat's around the corner, wanna go get some ice-cream and watch Home Improvement?" which worked like an absolute charm.

We went home, ate our ice cream, but didn't end up watching much Home Improvement. We started making out, cuddling, you know that shit. But we didn't end up doing the grand finale. Instead, we stopped and talked about our feelings, past relationships, and also how I was on my period. He openly said, "I don't want this to become a one-time thing; I think you're really special," which made me tear up a little bit, and we went to sleep.

I began to see more of him following our first date, which slowly turned into spending every day together. We did so many things, like getting coffee, going on day trips together, meeting each other's parents all in the space of three weeks. I mean this boy held my hair back while I was throwing up literally 24 hours after I met him. I knew he was a keeper.

Less than a month in, we finally got around to watching Home Improvement. We were just having fun and laughing, and he started to say "I lov-" and trailed off. I immediately gave him shit for this, and he tried to cover it up with "I was going to say 'like!'" I then said it back, it just felt so right and natural.

We've been dating ever since.

Snap crack and popple us!



science students get new buildings, meanwhile nobody can even be bothered to update the noticeboards in burns



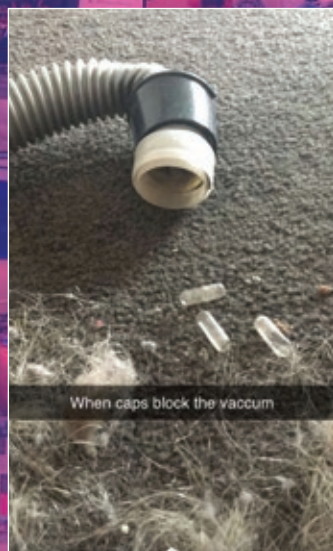
Loves a cheeky bit of off-roading



Rip



Need some dick to suck - only thing I'm gagging on these days is the smell of Greggs factory 🤢



When caps block the vacuum



Not a cop



Wakachangi wall yes/no?



Is this a residential college?

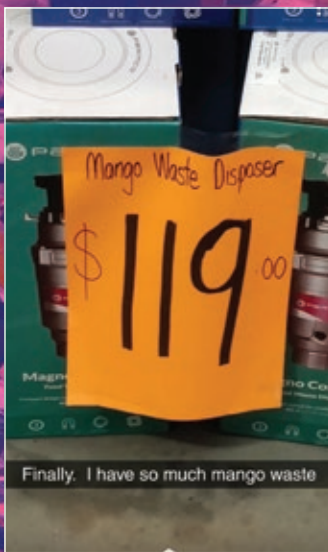


The only scented candle I need

WINNER



That ain't safe



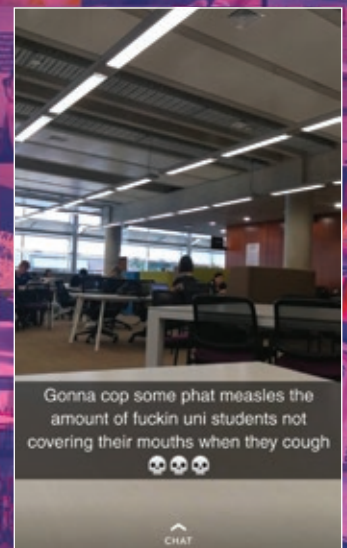
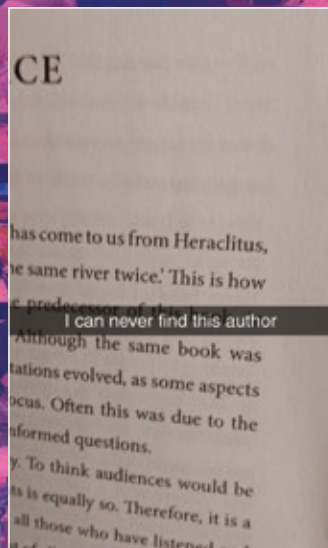
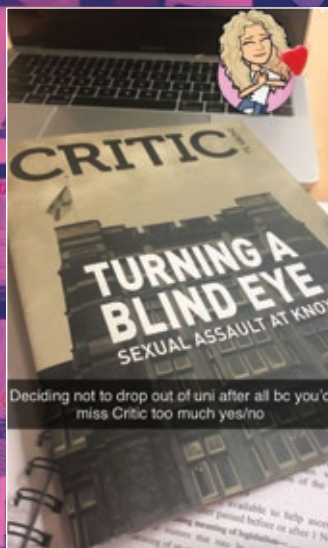
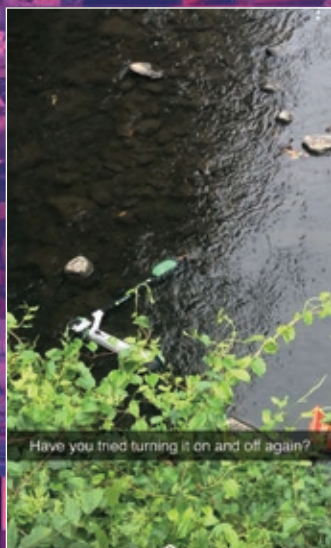
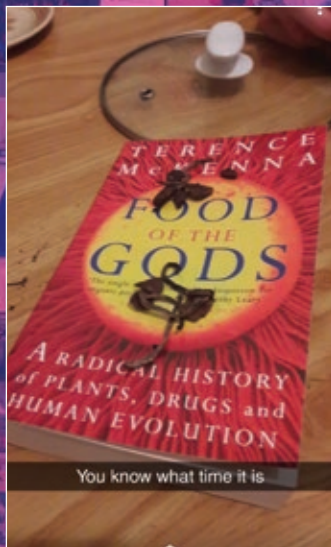
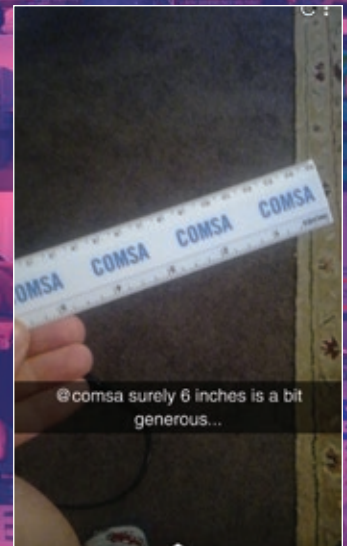
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Dear Critic

I'm sad, and I'm angry. I'm sad at the fact white supremacy claimed 51 lives. I'm angry that this is the reality of New Zealand for too many people, for too many of my friends. I'm sad for the families and friends of the victims, including people I know who lost people. I'm angry in a system that couldn't find a white terrorist on Twitter but knows what every person of colour is up to.

On Sunday, some of us went to the Dunedin Masjid, Al Huda. We hugged, we cried, and we stood together with the Dunedin Muslim community (In spite of the Hyde St Paddy's doof doof). Some of us sung waiata, some of us prayed in our own language, some of us stood still and silent, in a deep respect across the nation, tens of thousand joined in.

Fear did not prevail, aroha did. In a time of crisis, the values that should define us came through, rather than fear and hate. On Sunday, and across the nation we mourned and cried. But I also saw the sol-

idity, the manaakitanga, the generosity and the aroha that is what should define Aotearoa on full display. If the purpose was to divide us, then it failed.

But let's not lose this feeling. Let's keep this momentum of aroha up. Let's keep the dialogue open. Let's keep talking about race relations and stereotypes. Let's continue to call out bad behaviour, be it islamophobia, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia etc. It isn't enough to change our profile pictures, mourn for a few weeks and move on. This can be a transformative moment. We all need to jump onboard

An advocate for social change

Dear Bird Brain,

First, thank you so much for returning my jacket, and saving me from a life of crime. I was prepared to do anything to get it back, but at what cost to my soul? And, arguably more importantly, my grades? Vigilante justice takes time, time that frankly needs to be spent battling my way through STAT110. Secondly, um, what the hell?! Baby birds should never be fed milk, of any kind!! Please consider spending your UBS voucher on a book about animal husbandry, you're endangering the wee thing! Alternatively, they have a great section on Fantasy Literature, I really think you could have a bright future spinning bullshit yarns.

Lastly, thank you again, kind stranger. You've saved a bird's life, I've got my jacket back, and instead of going on the run, I get to go to 8am lectures four days a week. Now that's what I call a win-win.

Sincerely yours,

That Jacket Bitch

Things are tough right now, and it is okay to admit that. There is a wide range of services provided by Uni and the wider community to provide support during this time.

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Open Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm, or call 03 479 5449

Otago University EAP Counselling Helpline
0800 787 286, open 24/7
Anxiety NZ Helpline
0800 269 4389

Campus Watch
Safety patrol 24/7, call 0800 479 5000

Depression Helpline
0800 111 757

Mental Health and Wellbeing Helpline
0800 279 821 or text 1737

Mirror Counselling Services – For ages 3-19
03 479 2970

OUTline NZ – LGBTQI+ Helpline
0800 688 5463
Rape Crisis Dunedin
03 4741592

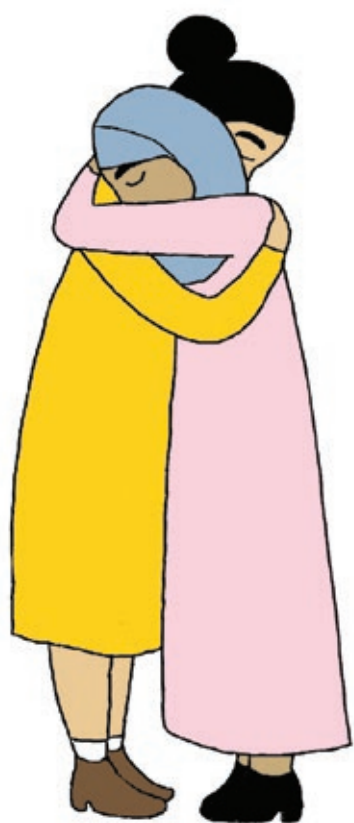
Shakti Crisis Line – For migrant or refugee women living with family violence
0800 742 584

Student Health
Open Monday-Friday, 0800 279 821

Te Whare Pounamu – Dunedin Women's Refuge
03 466 3220

Te Whare Tāwharau - Student sexual violence support and prevention centre
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