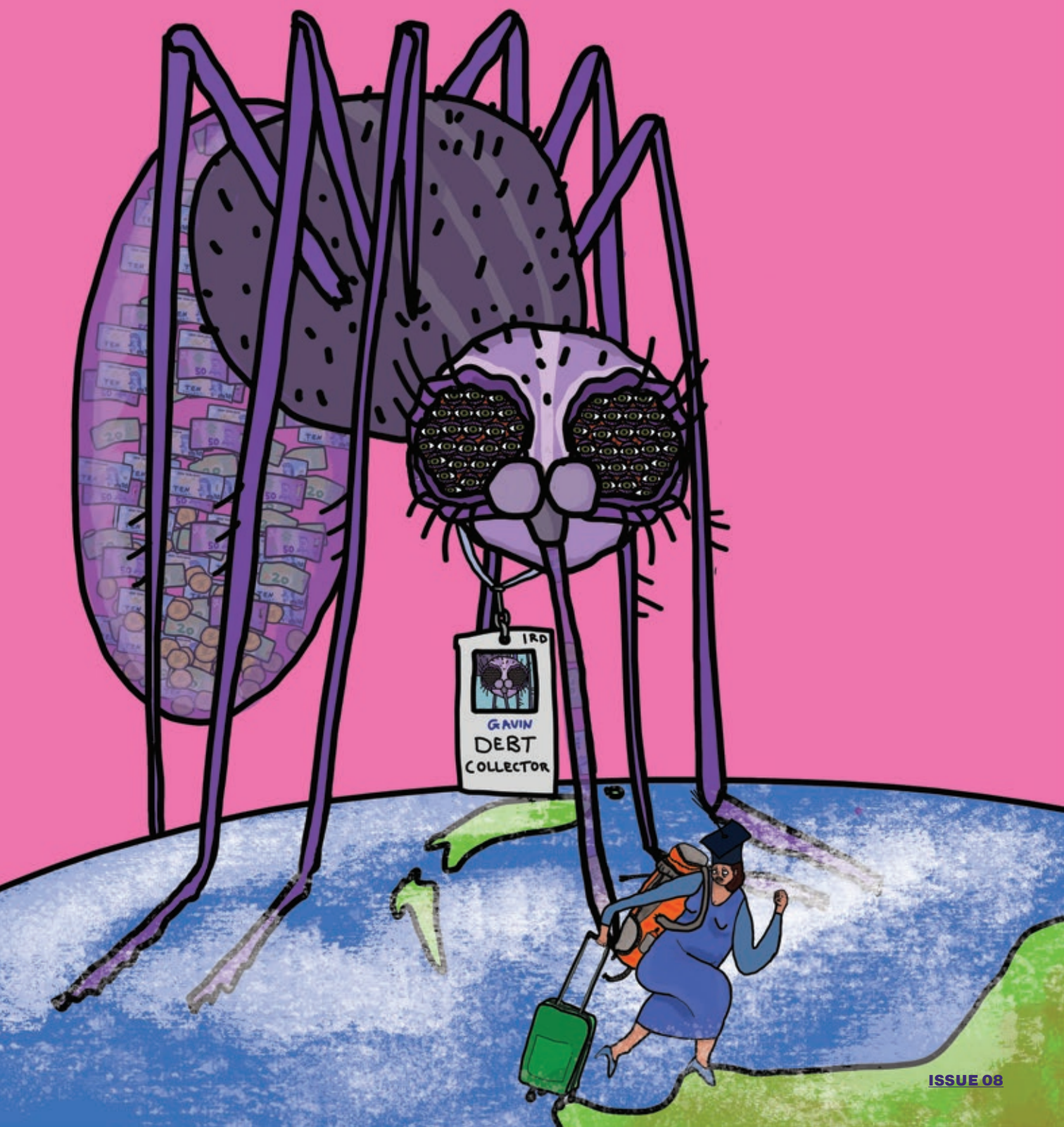


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# EDITORIAL

## We Created a Nudist Community

By Charlie O'Mannin

Honestly, when we first brainstormed the cover for the Sex Issue, we were thinking of having only five or six people. I thought most of them would have to be people I knew who would be fine getting naked. But I put out the call on Facebook anyway, just in case.

My inbox was immediately flooded with people wanting to have their naked bits on the cover. All up we had over 50 expressions of interest. That is far too many naked people. I decided we weren't going to turn any away and, after the inevitable no-shows, we ended up with 24 naked strangers in a room.

We assigned partners completely randomly, putting everyone's name into a pile drawing them out one by one. As anyone who has ever been assigned a random partner knows, there's an unavoidably high chance that the awkward chat will peter out quickly into a deathly silence while you wait for the lecturer to end your torture. But it turns out that people who volunteer for naked

photo shoots actually have a lot in common. Who knew?

It was a frantic shoot, full of remembering essential things, like ID-ing everyone to make sure they were over 18 (no child pornography charges for me, thank you very much). But everyone was free and accepting and made it easy.

After the shoot, the nude models highjacked the group chat I'd used to organise it all. They decided that they should get naked with each other again, and made plans for a BYO the following week. There was brief talk about finding a restaurant that would let them book a private room and eat naked, but eventually they decided to have a BYO clothed and then have an after-party at someone's flat. Which is how I ended up naked in a big group of other naked people all trying really hard not to start an orgy.

Critic has created a nudist community and I am very proud.

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Sincerely,

**Those awkward freshers who always walk past on their way to Chatime**

*P.S. please stick her back up, it's sad to see her falling over.*

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

**Kia Ora Critic,**

I write to you as a big advocate of student media as one of the last spaces for original and critical journalism that is not completely governed by clicks, native advertising and corporate culture. While I'm sure everybody moans "why doesn't Critic cover X" I am writing to ask why hasn't Critic devoted some more journalistic resources to the Mosque Attack story as one that will define or country going forward. Its a really important time for critical and independent student journalist voices. Aside from the obligatory republishing of statements, memorial photos and a piece on trauma that brushed up against the topic only slightly there hasn't really been anything. Maybe I've missed something? I am sure the great reporting on the cascading Knox scandal has taken up a lot of resources, and kudos for your excellent work, but questions of Islamophobia, White Supremacy, NZ's role in foreign wars, a surging global far-right and the role of social media, really deserve a hearing in student media. There are great voices on campus on this issue, from academics to political groups like ISO, and I'm sure international journos and academics would love to hear from Critic and contribute to a key national conversation that will define us in this fraught era. Jason Wilson from the Guardian is an Aussie and a really stellar journalist/good guy to talk to.

Anyway those are my musings on student media and 15/3. All the best with the publication.

Regards,

**Olivier Jutel**

**Dear Critic**

I regard you guys as indisputably the best content creators in town, though with ODT and Channel 39 to best, it's not exactly a tough contest. But still, love your work. The diversity of topics and level of insight into the stories covered rivals that of some

of our national news outlets.

I love tea, spilling the tea and reading about it among some of my favorite pastimes.

The Adult-Scope for oral therapists is a great discussion within the dental profession.

But when your writers have the audacity to go in it on the dental and oral health students, fine, but at least have the decency to spell our degree properly!

C'mon, we don't study five years for a bachelors in dental studies. Look it up on the Otago website! Quite clearly you did that for the BOH students. I am afraid BDS stands for Dental Surgery and not Dental Studies. Its more than just teeth xo

**Grammar Grandma**

**Dear Critic**

I am writing to you regarding an incident that occurred just a few hours ago which I am certain you will be interested in.

So me being the mindless idiot I am, I enrolled into HSFY which pretty much means that I am residing in the library sipping on endless bottles of V. I have been witness to quite a lot of unusual experiences, however this one incident takes the cake!





I was minding my own business in the 2nd floor of the central library, eyes glued to my screen trying to make sense of the pathetic excuse for notes I wrote in my lectures. I notice this guy dressed completely in black sit next to me, since it wasn't unordinary for people to share tables I paid no attention to it, however a bit annoyed that he chose to sit next to me because I love my personal space ( Yes, I was aware I am in a public library), However the annoyance was short lived because as soon as he opened his laptop I could hear male grunting noises coming from his laptop. Poor guy did the mistake of not closing his tabs. Needless to say I couldn't help chuckle at him while he desperately packed his stuff and left. ( wow I am a dick)

**Sincerely**

**Not Edward**

Need to get a message across to all the white girls at Dunedin, particularly the vegans, that White Rhinos are fucking trash. Don't come near me with that concoction of gin and lemon or I'll rip your \$30 Glasson's skirt off you, Sarah.

I am tired of going to the bottle store with the girls and getting shamed to suggest a group

Billy Mavs purchase. Stop bogan shaming me. Why is it so disgusting for me to get hyped around some Billy Mavs when you're there nipple-hard over some alcoholic sparkling water?

What is the code behind superior drink choices? Honestly just want a cold bevvy with the girls on a Saturday night without having to force feed myself \$9 summer fruit wine while the boys destroy a box of flames. Fuck off with ya White Rhinos and ya watermelon cruisers and ya Rosé and DEFINITELY fuck off with your judgements when I'm happy getting trashed off a Cody or two. But don't fuck off with your Long Whites cause that shit is bloody spectacular xo

Love,

If You're Gonna Try Save the Planet at Least Purchase African Elephants, Psycho.

## NOTICES

Students Against Sexual Violence and Thursdays in Black will be presenting the "What I was wearing" exhibition which will take place on the 29 th - 30 th of April from 10am - 5pm in Union Hall. It is an anonymous exhibition which will display the clothes that people were wearing during their sexual assault. The aim is to challenge the misconception that clothing contributes to sexual violence. SASV & TiB are now accepting submissions from the public. Submissions involve clothes, and there is an option to submit writing to accompany the clothing, giving context or explaining the impacts. What you write is completely up to you. If you do not have clothing, but still want to participate, you can give a description, and SASV & TiB will try to buy a replica from second hand stores. Or, you can submit a writing piece on its own. If you would like your story represented, please contact Keeta Chapman-Smith through either Facebook, email at [keeta.chapman.smith@gmail.com](mailto:keeta.chapman.smith@gmail.com), or text 027 829 6663. We will

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# Residents Said Uni Best Practice Not Enough to Prevent or Discipline Sexual Violence at Knox

Content Warning: sexual violence, graphic language

*By Esme Hall and Sinead Gill, with additional reporting by Charlie O'Mannin*

Multiple survivors of sexual violence from Knox College reached out to Critic since our last story, and their experiences show the University of Otago's sexual misconduct procedures were not applied consistently at the college.

## **Alleged Rapist Only Expelled From College After Violence Toward Master**

Riley\* was raped on her first night at Knox in 2016, the very same day that the first years received talks about having consensual sex. Boys and girls received separate talks.

Riley said that "digital communication from the person you slept with that they consented" was one of the ways of avoiding non-consensual sex that was raised in the boys' consent talk. Knox management did not confirm if this method was, or is still, taught.

At a social event that same night, Riley said a male student "fed me alcohol to the point where I could no longer stand. He then carried me back

to my room, used my phone to send himself text messages saying that I consented, and proceeded to have sex with me."

Riley said it was "gross" that the consent seminar had the opposite effect, informing the male student "how to avoid getting prosecuted for sexual violence".

At the time, Riley told a member of college management about being raped, but alleged that they were "incredibly unhelpful and said that [I] didn't have any evidence," despite Riley showing them screenshots of the texts he'd sent off her phone.

According to Riley, the only disciplinary measure faced by the student was getting him banned from her accommodation building, which she felt was not a strong enough measure for someone accused of rape.

A week after he was banned, Riley was awoken between 3 and 4am by him "kissing my forehead in my bedroom, saying he had left his phone

here." She said this "was terrifying," especially as only residents of her particular building were supposed to have access. She became "very obsessive about locking doors".

She told her submaster about the incident, who promised they'd tell the former Deputy Master, but "I never heard any follow up".

Riley said that the male student went on to assault and harass over 20 other girls while at Knox, and management was alerted of his behaviour. Other 2016 residents Critic have spoken to back up this claim.

Riley explained to Critic that eventually his victims realised they were not alone, and later in the year a group of them went to a member of college management. They alleged that they were discouraged from taking their concerns to the Proctor. According to Riley, a member of college management said "the Proctor wouldn't do anything if we went to him". This member of college management no longer works at Knox.





Riley claims that after the group came forward to management, the disciplinary measure they enacted on him was that “he wasn’t allowed to have contact with females [...] if [women] wanted to have contact with him, they had to initiate it. So he would just stare at us instead.”

## **“The whole situation felt like they cared more about the safety of the staff than the safety of the students”**

The male student was eventually kicked out of the college, but only for punching Redding when he was drunk, alleged Riley.

“The whole situation felt like they cared more about the safety of the staff than the safety of

the students,” said Riley. “It was like, physical violence against staff is not ok, but physical violence against students is fine.”

When asked to comment on these allegations, Knox Master Graham Redding said he would not comment on individual cases.

### **Mediation Sessions Over Sexual Harassment Stoked Toxic Culture**

Mediation sessions were another disciplinary approach taken by Knox. In Rose’s\* experience, mediations sessions were “awkward” and only stoked resentment from the harassers.

At Knox College the “Supers” were a group of returners, exclusively men, who had a special position of authority at the college, all living in the top floor rooms. Redding told Critic that he disbanded the Supers last year.

In 2017, Rose’s friend was sexually harassed by two Supers in the Knox car park. They picked

her up and started groping her bum. Allegedly, a Super said “it’s your fault for having a good ass, let us touch it,” when she protested. They also encouraged a first year boy to touch her bum. “She was screaming at them,” said Rose.

Her friend “cried for hours” after what happened, and later told Rose. The two of them went to Redding. The resulting disciplinary measure was a mediation session, which Rose said was “so awkward.” She recalled that they just recapped what had happened while the harassers “barely said anything”. From then onward, the boys “showed no remorse”. When they walked past each other, Rose said the boys and their mates would “stare [them] down”. “All the Supers hated us because of it.”

There was a party soon afterwards, and the two girls remembered being “very scared about what they might do there, whether that be aggressively talking to us or actually physically hurting us”.

## “Graham said to me once that Knox is a great place but has a sinister underlying culture of sexism, and that he was trying to eradicate it”

### Knox Resident Too Scared to Go to Proctor About Harassment

Later in the year, the Supers took first years' phones and sent sexually explicit and threatening messages to Rose and other girls. Critic has copies of these messages, which include “come to my room at 12 for a good time or I'll come get you”, “I'll fist you all at the same time”, “... get your cunt over here”, and “[I'll] fuck your rack until I penetrate every hole with my massive fist”.

Rose said she and her friends were afraid to tell management about it because they were “pretty concerned about what everyone would think” if the Supers got kicked out. “People would've been pretty angry. I remember thinking it would be ‘social suicide’ to speak up.” In a separate incident when a student told Redding about the Supers' disturbing behaviour, one Super's response via text message was “Supers are not happy about the way management are running things, [...] they are ruining tradition, which is what Knox is built on.”

She did eventually tell Redding and he gave her the option of leaving it within the college or going to the Proctor, “which he said he'd fully support, if I chose that route,” she said. According to Rose, Redding suggested that she could have received more hate than she was already getting if she went to the Proctor. Rose felt that going to the Proctor could have “resulted in [the Supers] being removed from the college,” which would have created “a lot of backlash towards us. Hence him saying I could end up in a worse situation if I did that.” Rose felt that “he thought it might be better to keep things a bit more peaceful,” and keep it within the college.

Rose said “I do get where he was coming from, and [Redding] was always there for us, but reflecting on it he probably should've made the

decision for us and taken it further.” The students “just ended up on alcohol bans that they didn't adhere to anyway”.

Rose said Redding was very supportive and did “try his best”. “But he was in a very hard place; if he tried to ban any of the traditions or anything, people got very angry and half of the college would hate him.” When the Supers were finally disbanded “all the past Supers and their supporters thought Graham was ruining Knox culture,” said Rose.

“He was definitely very aware of the issues,” she said. Rose alleged “Graham said to me once that Knox is a great place but has a sinister underlying culture of sexism, and that he was trying to eradicate it in his five year goals”.

Again, Knox Master Graham Redding told Critic he would not comment on individual cases.

### What is Uni Best Practice?

Redding told Critic that the college follows “the same sexual misconduct policy and procedures as the University of Otago.” However, no such policy exists in writing.

Instead, according to a University spokeswoman, the University and the colleges follow a set of procedures outlined in the Discipline Statute and the Student Code of Conduct. This includes the powers of the Proctor's office to investigate a situation, and that of the Provost and the Vice-Chancellor to impose disciplinary measures. The Student Code of Conduct was updated in 2016 to include sexual assault, but no such update has occurred in the Discipline Statute; instead, the spokeswoman said, “sexual assault is referred to as any other sort of misconduct”.

She said a formalised policy document has “been in the making for a number of years,”

following on from a review panel in 2016 that consisted of members of police, the University, OUSA, sexual violence survivors and health professionals. The policy is “likely” to be completed and released by the end of the month, said the spokeswoman.

“In the absence of the fact that we don't have a formalised policy yet,” the University trains Halls of Residences to follow a “set of procedures” for dealing with sexual violence that includes promptly investigating, and supporting referral to the Proctor, Police or Te Whare Tāwharau.

The University spokeswoman said “people get hung up on the word ‘policy’; it can be used as a verb as well, not necessarily something in a document”.

In our last story, Redding said survivors are presented with a range of options to help them “determine their own needs and how to meet those needs,” and several sources suggested this could sometimes include deciding whether exclusion should be pursued for perpetrators. But, a University spokeswoman said that if misconduct had occurred, the University would “never expect” the affected person to “make a determination on a penalty such as exclusion”.





## RAs Felt Frustrated that Uni Processes Did Not Stop Trauma for Students

In 2017, Knox's submaster (RA) team met with management after they became concerned that their residents felt unsafe with Knox's culture, and were not speaking up about their experiences because they did not trust that management and submasters would deal with them adequately.

In September 2017, several Knox submasters became alarmed at an apathetic attitude towards management amongst residents. They surveyed around sixty students, most of whom felt mistrustful of management. The survey also uncovered instances of sexual violence and harassment submasters were previously unaware of.

The submasters wrote two letters to management, with the second making several recommendations that included making disciplinary procedures (especially for sexual violence) explicit to students throughout the

## “Uni best practices doesn’t mean the best outcome for all students”

year so that they knew how their problems would be handled if they had one, having a support person present at meetings with management over concerns, following up with students to see if they were happy with disciplinary measures taken, and allowing them time to deliberate over options.

One submaster said they were disappointed by a lack of follow up when students reported sexual violence. “As the process reached its conclusion, it seemed to stop. For people who found that effective that was fine, but there were people falling through the cracks without other tools available.”

The submasters' recommendations were discussed in a meeting with management, and Knox Master Graham Redding said the letter and meeting with submasters contributed to Knox's review of its systems and processes in 2017.

“Several changes were implemented for 2018” including “increased focus in sub-master training on sexual assault and harm related issues and dealing with sensitive matters and establishing a Student Safety Advisory Group for students to discuss safety issues directly with management,” said Redding. Te Whare Tāwharau was involved in training submasters and returners in 2019.

Redding said “encouraging students to have a support person was already our policy at the time. Sometimes that option was not taken by a student, which may have given rise to a perception that the policy was not in place.”

The submasters believed “management was doing the best they can and trying to apply best practices from the University guidelines,” but that those rules weren't adequate even when followed to the letter.

“Uni best practices doesn't mean the best outcome for all students.”

The submasters said it “upset” them when they followed the Uni procedures (designed to help their students) but “trauma was still experienced”. They wanted Knox's disciplinary procedures and processes to improve to prevent residents “falling through the cracks”.

“Sexual violence is not just a Knox problem, it's a problem across the University. But, because Knox is non-affiliated and doesn't necessarily have to apply University guidelines, they could apply whatever they want” and have a better process, they said.

The submasters questioned whether it was in the University's interest to adequately address sexual harassment. “The Uni and colleges have too much skin in the game in terms of addressing sexual violence properly,” they said. They took issue with not being able to refer students to

other support outside of the Uni, like Rape Crisis. “Third party involvement is a must, because the best interest of the student is always a priority and not subject to other constraints like loss of money or brand image.”

Likewise, it was their view that colleges have little incentive to accurately record and report their sexual violence statistics. “Whoever does best practice finds they have the worst numbers...other colleges can pretend they're all good while having their fingers in their ears. But this is a systematic issue.”

If you or anyone you know has been affected by sexual violence, support is available:

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*Student Health Otago - 03 479 8212*

*Mirror Counselling Service (for ages 3 to 19) - 03 479 2970*

*Thrive Te Pae Ora (for ages 12 to 19) - 0800 292 988*

# OUSA Finance Officer Will Enrol Anything that Breathes to Vote

Critic finding it very difficult to believe anyone can care about local body elections that much

**OUSA Finance Officer Bonnie Harrison** has proven that she will stop at nothing to get students enrolled to vote in the upcoming Dunedin City Council elections, going so far as to ambush people with voting papers while they're lining up to get their tickets for Hyde.

Desperate to understand why anyone would care about local body elections, we suspected an ulterior motive behind her vigorous campaigning – does democracy simply give her a sweet rush? Was she running in the election, eagerly searching for supporters?

"I care because I feel like people see their politicians and representatives as untouchable, unreachable,

unrelatable people. Barry from the DHB probably went to the Col. Veronica from the ORC has probably killed a few indoor plants in her time. Politicians aren't different from you - and they're not better than you. Your vote is worth just as much as anyone else's. Why not demand better? Why not make George Street pedestrian friendly, and make your scheming landlord put insulation in your flat? You can, and should, smack your fist upon the table of Dunedin. And since you ask, Critic, I sure am running – to the voting booth, that is! Kachow."

Consider us zinged.

When asked what size gathering would be too small to be worth her time to campaign to, she

*By Charlie O'Mannin and Jamie Mactaggart*

said she was "reluctant to say two, since a one-on-one scenario is a tad intimate ... but now that I think about it, learning one another's addresses during a romantic enrolment sheet sign-out is the perfect segue into whose house to go to later".

Critic did manage to trick her into telling us what she would rename the DCC - something she could only do from the highest seat of power. She said she was stuck between "Democracy Hoes and Voting Bros", "HOT NUDE BABES IN YOUR AREA 18+ NO SIGN UP NO CREDIT CARD NO BULLSHIT", and "ABBA Reunion Tour (the only other name that gets me as buck wild as the Dunedin City Council)".

## Otago Staff and Students Rally For Postgrad Allowances

Not included in the list of demands is allowance for graduates who write for Critic

**On Thursday, April 11, almost 800** kilometres from Parliament steps, OUSA marched a group of students and staff from the Union Lawn to the Leith steps across from the Clocktower. There, almost fifty people rallied for the return of Student Allowances for postgrads in sync with those who turned up in Wellington to present the 5,000-person-strong petition to the Education Minister, Chris Hipkins.

As the crowd chanted, students told Critic why they were there.

One undergraduate student explained that the lack of financial support was a "barrier" to postgraduate studies. Another, Josh, simply said, "the

system is fucked and we're here to un-fuck it." Recent graduate, Guy, said that he was rallying not just for the allowance, but to show that students should and can demand more from their Government.

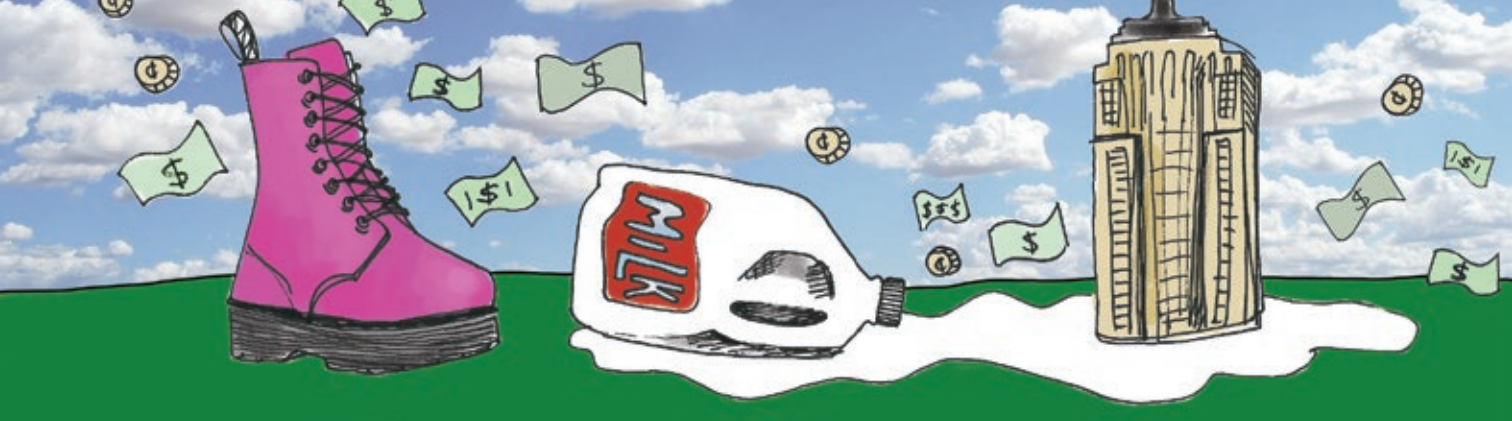
In his speech, Postgraduate Officer Dermot Frengley reminded the crowd that there is no such thing as "postgraduate allowance" - it's just a student allowance that postgrads don't get. "The New Zealand First, Labour and Green parties campaigned on returning postgrad allowances, but none have done anything about it." Green Party co-leader, James Shaw, had even come to Otago ten days prior to the 2017 election to promise that they would restore it.

*By Sinead Gill*

The list of speakers included three University staff members who work with postgraduates: the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research and Enterprise, Richard Blaikie, the Dean of Graduate Research Schools, Rachel Spronken-Smith, and the Graduate Well-being Coach, Nikki Fahey. Each one spoke of the contributions postgrads have made to the community and country, and of the negative impact financial hardship has on productivity and mental health.

Dermot insists "this is an issue where the University and OUSA can stand side by side on. The more awareness about this and the more attention we get from the government helps to bring it into the national spotlight."





## Random Shit the Uni Spends Money On

Not included in random shit is Free Food Fridays. Sad.

### A tonne of milk in Otago Business School: \$5,800 per year

Have you ever walked past a fridge and decided to take a sneak peek inside? That's what Critic did in-between lectures in the Business School. To this reporter's shock it was completely packed with upward of a dozen two-litre bottles of milk for just the one floor.

When asked, a University spokesperson revealed that the Otago Business School has an annual budget of \$5,800 for milk, serving 145 staff and over 200 students. If we are generous and say 400 people have access to this milk, that's \$14.50 each, or roughly 8 and a half litres of milk retail. That is 283 cups of coffee a year (if the calculation of 30mls per "splash of milk" is correct). Which isn't actually that crazy, when you think about it.

However, this is presuming no one doing commerce is lactose intolerant. The real scandal is that the milk budget does not include dairy free alternatives, and apparently there has been "no indication" that there is a need for such alternatives. One student Critic spoke to has gone as far as to suggest that this is "vegan erasure."

### Sky Sports in the Main Common Room: \$5000 per year

You know the random sports playing in the Main

Common Room of the Union Building? We've all seen it, but most of us don't actively watch it. We asked how much the University splash out so that the odd breathers can catch up on the latest NRAFLBA-whatever match.

A University spokesperson said the University pays \$5000 every year as a commercial subscriber to Sky. We presume this means they get the full package included. They also added that they are open for requests on what goes on the big screen. Critic is still considering what to do with this mind-blowing piece of information.

### Campus Watch boot allowance: \$300 per staff member per year

Sources inside Campus Watch have revealed that Campus Watch staff members have a boot allowance. Every year, each staff member can buy a pair of boots and invoice the Uni up to \$300. If every Campus Watch staff member used their full boot allowance, they could rack up a \$12,000 annual spend on boots. That's a lot of Doc Martens.

It certainly sounds like a shitload of money. But to be honest, this is not outrageous. Campus Watch staff walk at least 20km every shift. Their feet need protection from the best boots the market can buy. No hate here.

By *Sinead Gill, Erin Gourley and Oscar Francis*

### Silhouette sticker of the Empire State Building in the Otago Business School LG04 Room: \$22 to \$92

Most scandalous of all, the Otago Business School spent between \$22 and \$92 (excluding postage) on a silhouette sticker of the Empire State Building in LG04.

In response to an Official Information Act request from Critic, Claire Gallop, Manager of Policy and Compliance in the Office of the Registrar, said the room is "primarily used by Executive Education, which has a strong international focus". Apparently the sticker has been there for ten years or so.

For a discipline that prides itself upon empiricism and efficiency, it is surprising that no cost benefit analysis or tender process was undertaken to assess putting up the sticker. The lack of accountability is shocking. If putting silhouette pictures up in classrooms enhances the learning environment, why aren't there T-Rex cutouts on the walls of the Quad classrooms? This is either a scam, or the Business School's secret weapon that they are refusing to share with the other Departments. That, and all the milk.







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# Student General Meeting Cracking Up To Be Slightly Interesting

## Is Vape Nation on the horizon?

By **Staff Reporter**

Last week, Critic speculated what the second floor of the University Book Shop could be developed into now that it is owned by OUSA. This week, someone has answered our prayers.

This Wednesday, 17 April, at midday in the Main Common Room, students will be able to vote on whether or not they want to vote for what goes in the UBS building. Sound convoluted? Slightly. But what this means is that instead of OUSA turning the second floor of the UBS into something sensible and possibly profitable, students may be able to get a say in what that will look like.

Erin Gourley (someone who is totally not Critic affiliated, we aren't secretly behind this, no sir) is leading the charge, and has proposed the motion with the careful stipulation that students should also be able to suggest alternative uses for the building, and not just vote on whatever boring things OUSA wants.

Another student-proposed motion, also totally not proposed by anyone associated in any shape or form with Critic, is whether or not OUSA should lobby the University to turn the Main Common Room into a room that is more welcoming for students. Proposer, Sinead Gill, absolutely not

a Critic staff member, has suggested couches and beanbags. Whether or not this is important enough for OUSA to spend their time on will most likely be determined by how numb your butt feels after 30 minutes of sitting on those blue chairs at the Student General Meeting.

Whether or not these will pass is up to the majority of however many students turn up. So if either of those seem like particularly good (or bad) ideas, then you should go to the SGM at 12:30pm on Wednesday 17 April. Critic will be there, although of course none of our staff members would dream of proposing motions.

## OPINION: OUSA Exec Meetings Are So Wholesome It's Cringe

By **Esme Hall**

Are you sitting there wondering why we haven't reported very much on this year's OUSA Exec? Yeah, thought not. But, for the three of you who actually care, it's because they're being so nice to each other there's no juicy drama to report. The apparent harmony of the Exec has turned away most of the wizened Critic journalists, who are solely fuelled by conflict and schadenfreude. Because Charlie and Sinead couldn't hack it, I have delved into the most pure moments of the OUSA Exec meetings so far. And they're so wholesome it's cringe. Even for me, and I have a high tolerance for wholesome.

In the April 1 meeting, several motions stand out.

After announcing that OUSA's Relay For Life tally was sitting at \$480, James moved a motion "that OUSA congratulates the Relay for Life team and contributors on their fine efforts." Following on, Campaigns Officer Georgia Mischefski-Gray and Colleges Officer Jack Manning moved a motion "that Bean the Chihuahua dog be recognised for his contribution to the Relay for Life event." Yes, that's the Chihuahua from Student Support.

In the meeting on 14 March, the Exec discussed how James is going to send the Otago Combined Christian Groups a letter for being active on campus and assisting students and OUSA for 20 years. Colleges Officer Jack Manning and

Recreation Officer Josh Smythe moved a motion "that OUSA thank and acknowledge the Otago Combined Christian Groups (CCG) for their hard work over the past 20 years."

In the 25th February meeting, James moved "that Debbie, the Events team and OUSA staff, executive and volunteers be congratulated and thanked for a fabulous Orientation."

Other lovely/creepy comments heard at Exec meetings include James telling the Exec: "you guys are the fire under my belly."



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## OPINION: Knox College: Accepting our Flaws while Loving our Floors

By **Kerrin Robertson-Scanlon and Jack Manning**,  
OUSA Welfare and Colleges Officers

The last few weeks, our Facebook feeds have been filled with posts from UoO: Meaningful Confessions about the Critic Knox article. We've seen people defending the college, apologising on its behalf, and denouncing traditions and managerial problems that would allow sexual assaults to occur and go unresolved.

No one in a residential college, or anywhere for that matter, should have to feel alone. Residential colleges are meant to be, and for many people are, a community that instils a sense of safety, inclusion, and pride. We know people from every college, including Knox, that embody the best of these values, both residents and RAs.

We've also heard the horror stories. We've had friends confide in us about the people who destroyed that sense of safety, and about the well-meaning people who didn't respond to the gravity of the situation, leaving them feeling powerless. We've read the Knox article, where people had the bravery to come forward and talk about their experiences of not only sexual assault, but also of a college failing to make

sure students feel safe in day-to-day life. We've heard the statistics: Thursdays in Black's report 'In Our Own Words' found that 1 in 5 student sexual assaults occur in residential colleges. This is an issue which many of us are ignorant about, until someone close to us is affected.

Everyone has a different experience at a residential college - and that's valid. Your experience makes you no more or less a member of that community than anyone else. While we'd never presume to speak on Critic's behalf, we feel the need to emphasise: the coverage on Knox is not an assault on Knox, it is an assault on sexual assault. Many residential colleges have had issues with sexual harassment and assault, and all of these should be treated with urgency and respect. You can be proud of your college and of your time there, whilst also being aware of how they need to do better.

So how do we move forward? The bare minimum is to not get complacent, because issues like these only worsen without meaningful accountability. Talk to your mates and call them out if they're making someone uncomfortable.

Get support if you think you need it, and show solidarity through initiatives such as Thursdays in Black. Look for the small issues in our colleges' culture or infrastructure, and bring them to light before they become more serious. Listen to people when they talk about their experiences and empathise, instead of invalidating them. There are things we can do everyday to address sexual assault and make our colleges a better, safer environment. We can do better at Otago.

We also have to acknowledge the survivors. Whatever your thoughts on the Knox article, it takes immeasurable strength to be open about experiences like these.

If you or a friend think you need help, don't hesitate to reach out to OUSA Student Support, Te Whare Tāwharau, or even reach out to us at [colleges@ousa.org.nz](mailto:colleges@ousa.org.nz) or [welfare@ousa.org.nz](mailto:welfare@ousa.org.nz) - both confidential and open to all.

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# OPINION: There Should Be a Pacific Rep on the OUSA Exec

By **Zayna Lam**

Pasifika people are Aotearoa's fourth largest ethnic population, 66% of whom are born in Aotearoa and over 50% are under 25. This growing population has, and will continue to have, an increasing presence in tertiary institutions. Education for Pasifika people is a priority area of work for the Ministry of Education and the government, with a targeted focus on improving education outcomes for Pasifika people. The University of Otago is also committed to meeting the needs of Pasifika people through its Pacific Strategic Framework 2013-2020. While both the government and the University are striving to address inequities for Pasifika people, Otago Pasifika students still have to ask a dominantly Caucasian student population for a seat at the table.

Many Pasifika students move to Dunedin to pursue a tertiary education, and most Pasifika students are the first in their families to attend university. They come to Dunedin representing themselves, their families, their congregations, and their communities. They are the product of

their parents, family and community's hopes and dreams. Pasifika students hold a heavy weight on their shoulders just by being away from home, and are exposed to fewer opportunities due to limited access and resources. Pasifika-specific initiatives and spaces are therefore needed to ensure that Pasifika students receive equal and equitable opportunities and representation.

The University of Otago Pacific Islands Students' Association (UOPISA) was established to raise the Pasifika student voice across the university, as well as provide culturally appropriate support for our Pasifika associations. The UOPISA President is the Pasifika student leader and representative, elected by Pasifika students, to speak on behalf of Pasifika students. This makes it fitting, and just, that the UOPISA President represents Pasifika students on the OUSA Executive. OUSA needs a Pasifika leader on their team in order to engage better with Pasifika students, and it's about time we do something about it. This also gives OUSA, and the University, the appropriate representative

who can speak on issues from a Pasifika student perspective.

Last October, the OUSA referendum included a question to establish a voting ex-officio executive role for the UOPISA president. A total of 81.5% of voters were in favour of this amendment. However, referendum quorum was not met (not enough people voted) in order for amendments to be passed. This Wednesday, 17 April, there is an opportunity to vote for this amendment at the OUSA SGM that was postponed from March. Last year's referendum showed that there is strong support in favour of this question, yet we encourage attendance for the SGM to avoid issues like meeting quorum.

Overall, the OUSA Executive has lacked representation of Pasifika students and has done next to nothing for many years to try and change that. It shouldn't be a surprise that Pasifika students now seek a Pasifika-specific seat at the table.

## Law Camp 2019 Went Pretty Well No jelly wrestling here

By **Philip Plant**

Despite the tragic events of the Christchurch shootings happening the same day, the 2019 second year Law Camp went smoothly, said students.

Camp leaders were informed of the Christchurch shootings when the second years arrived at Starters Bar to be transported to the Wairoa Scout Camp, putting a damper on the usually rowdy bus ride.

However, like many people in New Zealand, they didn't realise the full extent of the tragedy until later. That evening the group leaders notified their groups about what had happened, and offered support and transport home if people wanted it. A SOULS

representative stated that "the wellbeing and safety of all students on the camp was paramount for the SOULS executive and the Group Leaders."

Law Camp activities went ahead on Saturday, including a morning of community work and an afternoon of sports. Josh Smythe came along to hold a yoga and Tai Chi session for all of the students, which was greatly appreciated despite the sweltering heat. In the evening, students were tasked with creating skits in a comedy competition.

Some students had been wary of attending the camp, having heard of its past controversies, but said they

were pleased with the activities that SOULS planned for them. Students also felt that SOULS had dealt incredibly well with the tragic circumstances.

Many students noted that the camp was a great way to get to know each other. One student said "I've been bumping into people from camp all over the place," and noted that the increase in camaraderie was crucial for a course that is so self-contained.

SOULS said it felt "delighted to see friendships form in what was a very safe environment".





# ODT WATCH

By Ray B.R.

This week, the Otago Daily Times came to the ground-breaking discovery that

The United States is a country for old men (and old archbishops), writes Michael McGough.

and ODT Watch is sure there's no old men at the ODT.

In other news:

## Slight rise in farmer confidence

But still not confident enough to make the first move. Get it together, Simon. She's waiting for you.

The ODT found that the Tree God was mainly responsible for this rise.

The tree god is probably the main driver of this — the tree god just knows

Critic will be sure to play homage to the Tree God with a sacrifice of one Fleshlight Turbo™

And then, the ODT makes every other 15-year-old girl feel like shit for not having a clunky medal collection

WHAT did you do last month?  
Binge a TV series? Obsess about that selfie you posted online? Maybe you added to your long list of excuses?  
Not Charlotte Underwood-Nicol.  
The 15-year-old Otago Girls' High School pupil was too busy adding to her clunky collection of medals.

Good job, Char xo

It gets even better

Penelope is a taxi driver because there is a lot of ferrying backwards and forwards in such a hectic lifestyle.  
It is not cheap either. Char-

lotte may want to consider melting down some of that bling-bling and turn it into ka-ching, ka-ching.  
But how does the shy over-

achiever feel about it all?  
"Good."  
She may be just a little bit better than good, one suspects. Remember the name.



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# DUNEDIN NEWS

To whomever's half pack darts I just found in the library, I feel your pain. If they're yours pm me the brand and I'll give them back

Absolutely shocked!!! I ordered one scoop of chips and a piece of fish expecting the Dunedin equivalent of a meager snack meal and got this!!! I'm so full and now have to accept that in order to purchase fish and chips for a family would mean driving to Temuka to save money. The picture doesn't even do it justice and I ate half of the fish already 🤔

Expertly carved wooden cock

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Don't you just want this right in front of your front door? Wooden cock ornament. The perfect dinner time conversation piece!

## Ty all found

I ordered delivery food from 'Pizza Hut' that cost about \$38.00 at 01.50pm today. But the guy from 'Pizza Hut' forgot his payment machine. I told him that if you call me in the afternoon I will pay the money in the afternoon. Because I am going to see the doctor at 10.00am, tomorrow, I want to rest now. At nearly 10.00pm, a girl called from 'Pizza Hut' wanting me to pay now. I have a cold so I can't go out then. I asked her 'What's the time is it?' She said, this is my working time, but this is my sleeping time as well. She is going to call to me at 08.00am tomorrow. She said to me that it is very bad and it looks like I stole food. I am not happy with 'Pizza Hut' branch North Dunedin.

## The light is on.

Did anyone see the UFO yesterday 5.15pm

called into Evansdale cheese shop at Hawksbury village

Waikouaiti this week a lovely wee shop with wonderful service and big range of cheeses and gift ideas also the guy who served us was really nice highly recommend



# The Critical Tribune

## Girls Who Admitted They Enjoy Receiving Dick Pics Online Actually Just Guy Who Sends Dick Pics Operating Under Fake Instagram Handles

"It's not like it's not fuckin true, huhuh," chuckled Chad Stuttfield, the 19-year-old behind @haileysims11, @jessica\_blackkkk and @caseyrae\_stevensen, three Instagram handles which responded to an online poll that "Yes", they enjoyed receiving unsolicited pictures of shaven, half-erect male genitalia. "I mean, chicks aren't gonna fuckin say that straight up they're into it or whatever. Duh," Stuttfield continued,

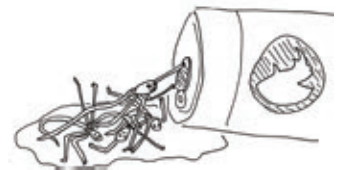


puffing on an e-cigarette. "But it's not like they don't want the D. Ever heard of Freud? It's called science, bitch."

## Semen Oozing From Used Condom in the Rubbish Bin Behind Starters Would've Been the Guy Who Cured Cancer

Congeeing in a gluey puddle surrounded by millions of his dying brothers and sisters, their silent sperm screams went tragically unheard. The single sperm that, in a different timeline, would have become Archibald A. Arnold (Man of Science! Curer of All Disease! Long may his great name be spoken!), held onto life only long enough to wriggle slightly closer to a White Rhino can, in the forlorn

hope it might actually be a vagina, before slipping away into the abyss with a sigh for what might have been.



## Guy Who Has Seen All 720 Episodes of Naruto Now Most Skilled Brawler in Dunedin

An unnamed local Dunedin man, 35, who spent the last month watching all 720 episodes of the anime Naruto, has reportedly defeated eight men, three women and two stray dogs in hand-to-hand combat around the city centre in the last four days. He owes his success to what he described to the Tribune as his "vicarious training."

"You know, like, visualization?" the man said. "I see the fist, I am the fist. People can float, right? Like Buddhist monks and shit. Take that to heart, the world is yours." At press time, the 35-year-old



was seen bowing and slowly walking backwards into a shadow behind some alleyway rubbish bins.

## Cockroach Living Behind Rubbish Bin in Kitchen Agrees, You Definitely Needed to Add More Garlic to that Sauce



"I mean, Christ on a crisp, the stuff was bloody bland, feel?" muttered the cockroach. "I been living here a year and a half, and the last girls that lived in this flat were making risotto, baking pies... Hell, they even spilled wine on the regular. I loved mopping that shit up. But now? I'm gonna have to bloody move out!"

All this dude's eaten in weeks is fuckin kumara crisps, orange juice and \$5 Dominos pizza. And now he makes this pasta sauce on Thursday night, and I'm all pumped, and I head behind the stove to try out the spillings, and it's fucking shite! Came straight from a can! College towns, man."



# BESET BY DEBT: OVERBLOWN STUDENT LOANS

By Chelle Fitzgerald

**Out of sight, out of mind.**

**That's how I found myself an additional \$12K in the hole to IRD. A tale as old as time (the '90s), many a former student will spin you a similar yarn. A yarn of how we all fucked off to Australia when National was elected in, in search of a better life. And a better life we found. Going from \$10.50 an hour to \$25 an hour was like winning the lottery. I'll pay my student loan off with all this extra income, we would excitedly tell ourselves. But we didn't. We spent that extra income on overseas travel, mediocre strippers, fine leather goods, and mimosas. It's hard to pay back one's student loan when one is so busy treating oneself.**

The problem with student loan debt is that nobody tends to think of it as “real debt”. Since 1992, students have borrowed a total of \$26.1 billion through the Student Loan Scheme. Those of us who actually understand the contract we are signing at age 17 or 18 tend to think of it like a higher tax bracket that we'll endure after Uni, until it is paid off. And that's exactly how most people deal with it, managing to pay theirs off on average within 5-8 years.

Except for those who go overseas after they graduate.

When you leave New Zealand for more than six months, the game changes for your student loan obligations. You get hit with interest, and you have to make a minimum annual repayment, depending on the size of your loan. According to Inland Revenue's 2018 Student Loan Annual Report, of the borrowers with overdue payments that year, 74% were based overseas. Out of \$1.3 billion in overdue student loan debt, a hefty 91% of it was owed by overseas-based borrowers.

One of those borrowers, Alysia, is a 34-year-old living in Perth, who has almost finished a building apprenticeship. She currently pays around AUD \$300 per month on her “over \$30K” student loan, noting that “it's basically just interest. It goes down a little, but it's barely noticeable.” Alysia didn't take much notice of her loan before leaving New Zealand, but knows that

“it did go up significantly when I was ignoring it and hoping it would go away.”

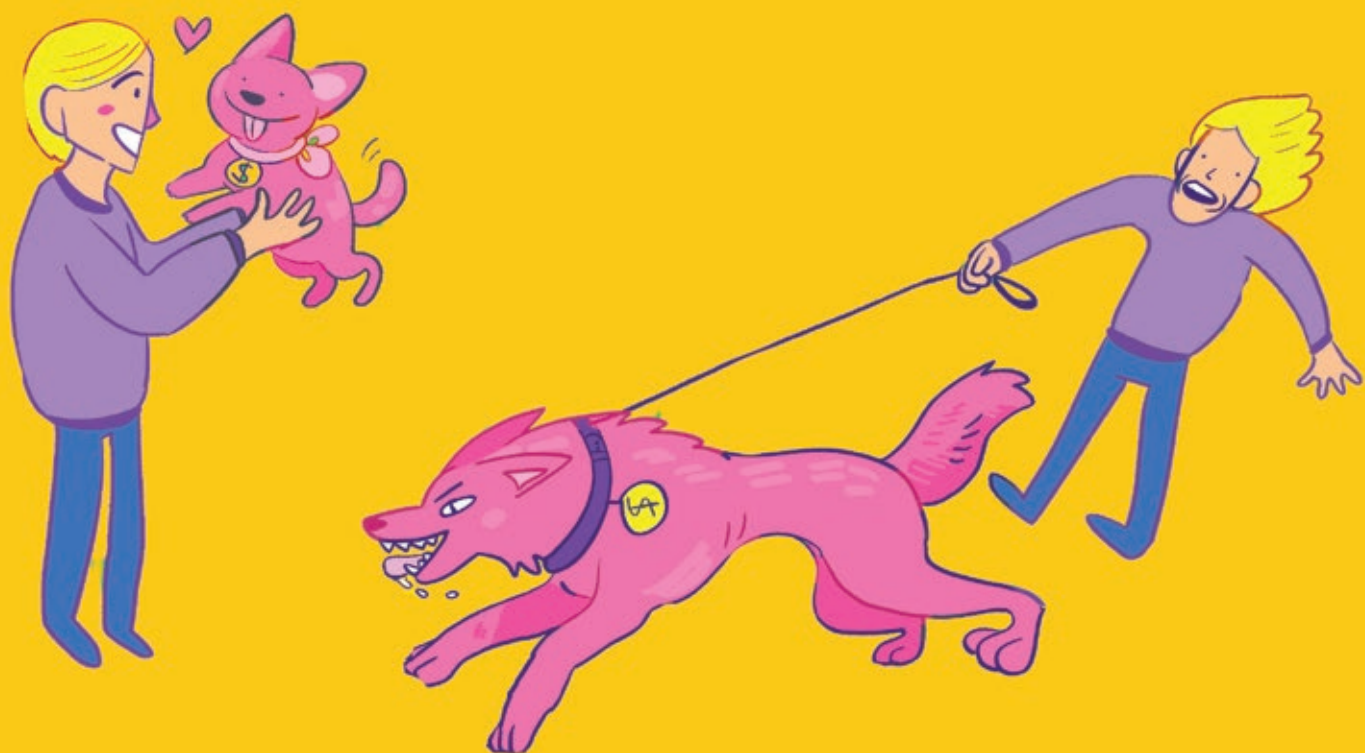
Like most overseas-based borrowers with loans in arrears, Alysia adopted an out of sight, out of mind policy. “I just pushed it aside and tried not to think about it, because every time I did, it was stressful - thinking you have this massive debt sitting and waiting for you.”

Byravi, a 34-year-old communications coordinator in Auckland, has been paying even more, after living in Melbourne and ignoring her loan for over 2 years. “There was \$2.5K in arrears.” After moving home, she has been paying it off at \$360 a month steadily. “It was about \$30K, and is currently at \$5,367. I've been paying it off for 14 years.”

**“I just pushed it aside and tried not to think about it, because every time I did, it was stressful - thinking you have this massive debt sitting and waiting for you.”**

Byravi said Inland Revenue at the time “really didn't make it easy to pay off - a payment option of the website to transfer from your overseas account to the IRD would have been ideal.” (This option is now available through Orbit Remit). “Their website honestly looks as though it was created by a 4th form computing student in 1986.”





Inland Revenue have recently been trying to prevent these kinds of situations, by incorporating a “preventative assistance team” within its Student Loan Collections department. Their role is to awkwardly slide into your DMs with some sexy conversations about how you can avoid getting into trouble with your loan while you are overseas. Inland Revenue's 2018 report states that “those borrowers who met their obligations more than doubled compared with new overseas-based borrowers from the previous year,” meaning they actually got some game in the chat department.

But is it too little too late?

For people like Alysia and Byravi: definitely. Approximately 17.9% of overseas borrowers are currently facing a student loan debt of more than \$50,000, with 3.6% chained to more than \$100,000 of debt. These high debts are mostly due to interest piling up on the original loans, plus non-payment penalties and interest on late payments. Inland Revenue's report states that “the longer borrowers are out of New Zealand, the less engaged they are with their student loans. More than 74 percent of overseas-based borrowers' default is more than two years old”.

Both Byravi and Alysia would have benefitted from Inland Revenue's preventative assistance initiative much earlier. Alysia received intermittent statements - “I would get bundles of mail forwarded to me from my dad from the IRD,” while Byravi doesn't remember much in the way of contact - “probably some automated emails that went directly into my junk email folder”.

Many overseas loan defaulters have been afraid to return to New Zealand, after Inland Revenue began taking action at borders, arresting those who were in default. A notable arrest was that of Ngatokotoru Puna, who was arrested at the airport in January 2016, over a \$130,000 student loan debt. A March 2014 law amendment means that Inland Revenue can have an arrest warrant issued for those who are too far behind on repayments, which prevents them from leaving the country until they resolve the arrears.

Critic asked Gay Cavill of Inland Revenue about legal action. She said “The most serious action Inland Revenue could take against an overseas-based borrower is to apply for garnishee orders on overseas income, initiate bankruptcy procedures in an overseas court or commence an arrest warrant process if the borrower crosses the New Zealand border. However, these are very much options of last resort after all other attempts to negotiate with the borrower have failed.” Basically, they can take away some of your income before you even see

the money, force bankruptcy upon you, or put a warrant out for your arrest.

Inland Revenue's report shows that borrowers who remain in New Zealand have shorter repayment times, with less interest. Basically, if you stay in New Zealand, you're most likely to repay your loan within seven years. If you go overseas? You're doubling your sentence. Although the Tinder pool here sucks, it might be worthwhile sticking around long enough to get rid of your loan if it's not too large. Alternatively, if you go overseas, make it a priority to continue your repayments regularly - and at a rate higher than the interest accrual in order to actually make a dent in it.

Being proactive and smart about your student loan after you leave Uni is one of the best ways you can look out for your future self. “I'm literally paying for a past

**“Their website honestly looks as though it was created by a 4th form computing student in 1986.”**

life decision for the rest of my life - it's fucked. For the 2.5 years I was at Uni, I'm paying for it for the next 20 years,” says Alysia. She wishes the university would have more advice and information surrounding the topic of student loans. “In general there needs to be more education around getting into a massive debt – the general consensus seems to be that student loans aren't real debt.”

Byravi also believes that it is important to cut the loan short as soon as you can, if that's an option, wishing that she had stopped studying earlier when she had wanted to leave Uni. “If you think that you are wanting to quit your degree part way through, do it. Student loan in general causes daily stress. The fact I'm still paying it off 14 years after I graduated is a bit of a laugh.”

Hindsight is 20/20 for Alysia. “Now I'm in my mid-thirties and slightly more responsible, you tend to reflect on bad choices: getting a student loan and going to Uni for a degree I didn't want. I was just too young and had no idea what I wanted to do, and now this loan is haunting me for my bad 18-year old choices.”





# “I Was Forced Out of My Home” – Interviews with Former Syrian Refugees

By By Norhan El Sanjak  
Photography: Aiman Amerul Muner

**A day that started off as a movement working towards action for climate change rapidly turned into a day where New Zealand was shaken to its core.**

The video that circulated following the Christchurch mosque shootings deeply affected those who watched it. For two young Syrian refugees – Mariam and Wafaa – that kind of hatred and violence is not a new phenomenon.

From a young age, Mariam has been in close-proximity to death and loss. When she was 8, she lost her best friend - an airplane had bombed their house. By age 10, dead bodies could often be seen strewn across the road whilst on the way to school. “Life will never be the same as someone who didn’t experience this,” she said.

Wafaa remembers the day the war started so clearly; “Syria was so peaceful and quiet,” but in a short time, she was forced out of her home. “I didn’t know what was happening, all I heard was bombs and shootings. I thought they were normal planes when I looked up at the sky, but rockets were being released.”

“Everything went black and the sky became filled with smoke.” Her neighbourhood was under attack and her home was destroyed. “My dad picked me up and started running to a hidden tunnel near my grandfather’s house.”

They never went back home again. They left everything and ran for safety.

Wafaa and her family went to stay at a family member’s home the next day, but that same night bombs rained on the city. “I was outside playing with my cousin when I saw a plane similar to the one from the day before coming towards us.” They only just managed to flee.

Her family quickly departed to another city where Wafaa, her two cousins, and her grandmother shared a single room for four months. Once her father had enough money, he decided to build a house that would allow them to live in more comfort. On the very day it was completed, there was an attack at a nearby mosque. Once again, Wafaa and her family were forced to move.

*“Everything went black and the sky became filled with smoke”.*

“We kept moving from town to town every couple of days. I became an internally displaced person. Each town got attacked and destroyed.” Some family members held steadfast, moving town to town rather than leaving Syria. Wafaa and her immediate family, on the other hand, thought it was best to leave and go to Lebanon. Wafaa assures me it didn’t

matter whether she wanted to stay or not: “I was forced out of my home”.


In Lebanon, she was treated like an outsider. She was bullied at school with comments such as “people like you Syrians are worthless, why did you even come here, to bring the war to our country too?” being thrown around.

Mariam also fled from Syria to Lebanon. She described her experience in Syria as “terrifying” and when she arrived in Lebanon, students called her a terrorist. They tried to remove her hijab and made bomb noises.

Mariam became home-schooled, and Wafaa moved to an afternoon school, to avoid torment.

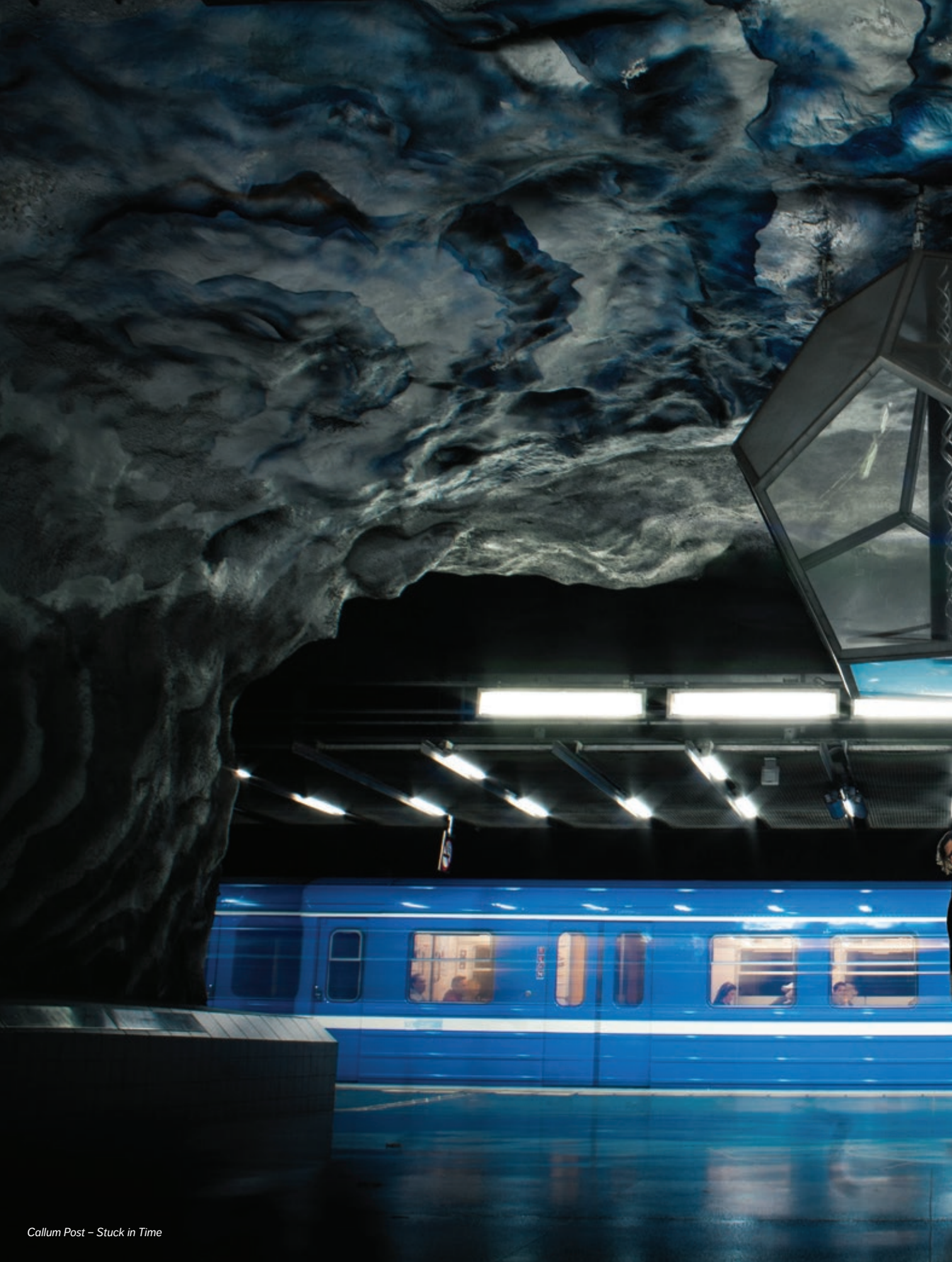
Wafaa’s family, like Mariam’s, were given the opportunity to leave Lebanon and come to New Zealand. Neither of the families knew anything about New Zealand, but were told that they could resettle here. Wafaa is grateful for how New Zealanders welcomed her, saying “I am so thankful for everyone’s love and support and treating me like I belonged here”.

We have 500 former refugees in Dunedin alone, each with their own unique journeys and stories. Our community must continue to do better for those around us, not just because we should but also because we can.



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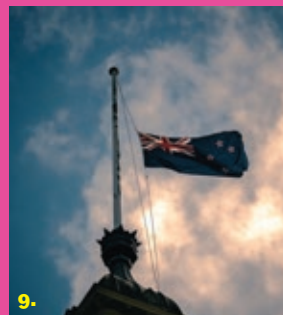
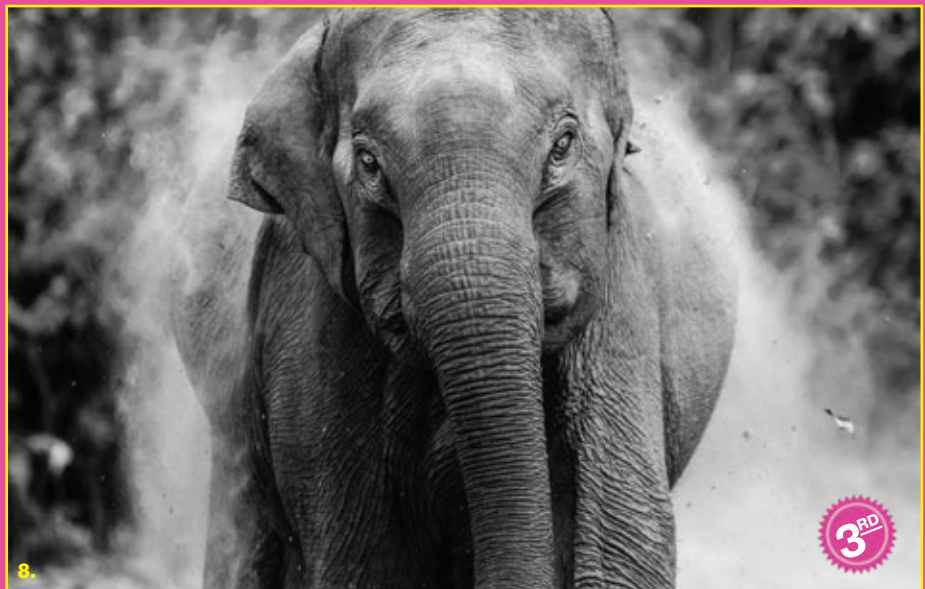
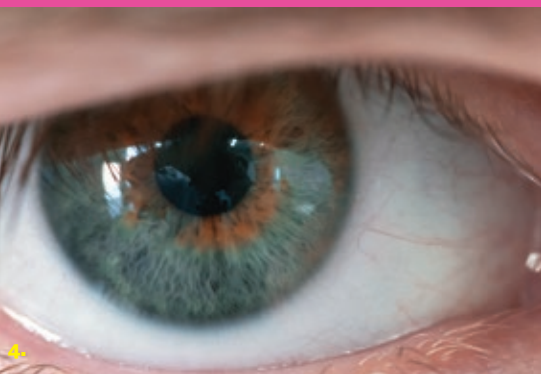








# OUSA PHOTO COMP







1. Daniel Zhang – Cherry Blossom
2. Roan Vasdev – Grumpy
3. Thanaphat Thongpaibool - Southern light at the Hooper's inlet
4. Callum Steele-MacIntosh – Mouth
5. Tom Chin - Tomahawk Beach Tunnel
6. 1st Equal Kaitlin Meeks – Stages
7. Tejal Patel – Graffiti
8. 3rd place Upamanyu Das – Storming Through Dust

9. Roan Vasdev – Half-mast
10. Rahul Rahubadde – Ice Mountain
11. Bunty Bou - Perplexing Identity
12. Joselito Buenaventura - Danners Stunner Milky Way
13. Kevin Lee - OUTC Antics
14. Amir Amini - Unity in Diversity
15. Jihong Song – Central Library
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# Animals at the SPCA

By Oscar Francis







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Jack is the small brown puppy on the pink lead, with Jill, his sister on the other.

These dogs are cute AF, and are insanely social (not to mention hyperactive). Jack managed to break his lead from tearing around the Rhododendron Garden like the Energiser Bunny on Adderall.

Murphy is the dark dog with the Gucci brown eyes. He's a Huntaway-Collie-Mastiff cross from Invercargill, and boy does he have that slobbery small town charm. He needs an owner ASAP, but they've gotta have an active lifestyle and be an experienced dog owner.

Winston, the dark tabby with striking blue eyes, is a total boss. He's got to be the most sociable cat in the cradle. The others were nice, but much more camera shy. Most likely they were just keeping their charisma on the down-low. The black and white one is Sam.

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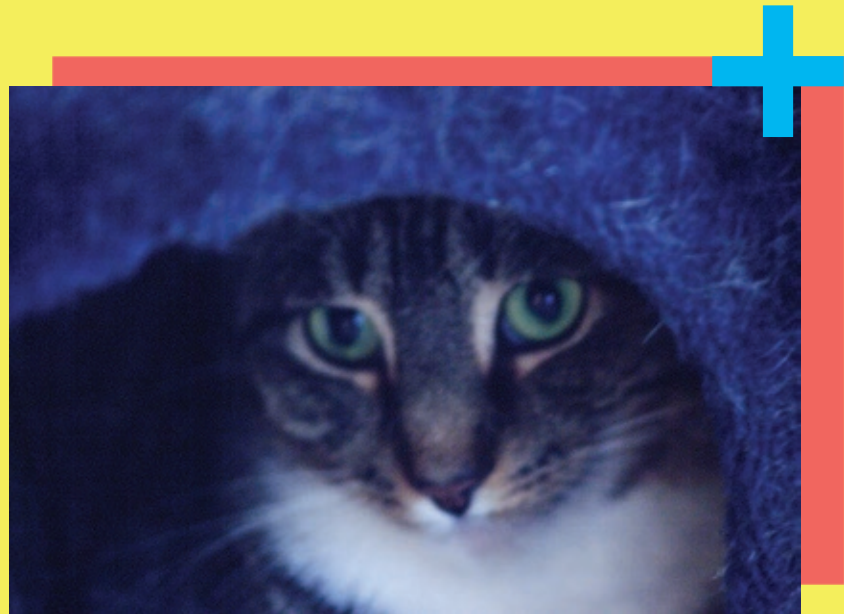


There were also fluffy balls of feathers, which turned out to be chickens, who weren't so much walking around as they were acting like they had just melted under the flax bushes.

The SPCA are looking for volunteers who can commit to one morning or afternoon a week. If this sounds like you, head over to their website and fill out an application form.

If you love animals but can't volunteer your time, you can donate via the SPCA, or to Dunedin Dog Rescue. Don't adopt any pets you can't commit to looking after, especially from pet stores.

OUSA runs Cuddle Fix sessions every Wednesday from 11am for a gold coin donation. Online bookings essential.









# TANYA FINDLATER: THURSDAYS IN BLACK

**Content warning: Sexual assault**

**Tanya Findlater is a Willowbank loving, third year Media Film and Communications student here at Otago. Aside from her studies, Tanya is also the head of Thursdays In Black at Otago, as well as a board member for Dunedin Pride.**

For Tanya, community activism started early. "With Dunedin Pride, it started in high school. I was interested in creating the Rainbow Diversity group in my school, and then after high school I thought 'oh shit what am I doing now?'" She then

became involved with OUSA Queer Support, an organisation that offers support around sexual orientation and gender identity, including a wide range of services. "Peer support involves when someone contacts student support being like 'I'm struggling with something' and they're like 'ok here's some of the profiles for some of the queer supporters and we hope you feel like you can match well with one of them'. It's about having a board to bounce back off." Tanya works as the Contact Officer for Dunedin Pride, which involves helping facilitating events and social media man-

agement. "Dunedin is a really transient city with all the students, so we want to make it sustainable for each generation coming through, and make each generation proud to be here."

Tanya is also the head of Thursdays in Black at Otago, which is a student run campaign working towards a world free from sexual violence. They encourage everyone to wear black on Thursday's in solidarity and support with survivors of sexual violence. "There's no denying that we have a problematic culture within the world at large with

**By Henessey Griffiths**



## “It’s something that I care about. Pride and sexual violence prevention”

consent and sexual violence. It’s also bad when you centre in on New Zealand, then worse when you centre in on Dunedin. It’s a spiral of ‘this is a community that needs to care’, and we can’t ignore the really messed up culture we have to do with it.”

As a group, Thursdays in Black sets up weekly events around campus including free tea and coffee (based off the cup of tea and consent), interactive events like screen-printing, and getting people to write what consent means to them on post-it notes. The main idea is to start a healthy conversation about sexual harm prevention around campus. “Women think about it as a scary topic and a lot of guys switch off, as if being associated with sexual violence prevention makes them associated with sexual violence; they’re two very different things and it’s okay to make the world a better place. You’re not going to be pigeonholed as an offender.”

Tanya was one of the twelve recipients of the Kiwibank Local Hero award in 2018. She won the award for her involvement with the queer community around Dunedin. “It’s something that I care about. Pride and sexual violence prevention – I feel like it’s something everyone should ideally be into. It’s something to pass the time, like, why not? Why wouldn’t I get stuck into them? I gotta procrastinate from Uni somehow, might as well make a difference.”

***You can contact Thursdays In Black at [tibotago@gmail.com](mailto:tibotago@gmail.com), or Dunedin Pride through their Facebook page.***





# MĀORI MEETS METAL: ALIEN WEAPONRY

*By Sophia Carter Peters*

*Photo credit: Piotr Kwasnik*

**The D&B that usually fills the Octagon is infiltrated by the intense throbbing of heavy metal as Alien Weaponry begin their set at 50 Gorillas. The seemingly flimsy double doors give way to a wave of deafening drums, intense riffs and language-swapping vocals.**

Packed to the rafters, metalheads from across Dunedin gather to hear the internationally acclaimed band play their unique fusion of Te Reo Māori and English songs. A couple of hours before this all began, I spoke to the three members of Alien Weaponry about their tour, and how the band achieved international recognition following their SmokefreeRockquest and Pacifika Beats wins in 2016.

In the green room of 50 Gorillas, following a similarly ear-splitting sound check, the band

members floated down the stairs one by one. Louis and Ethan, vocals and bass, respectively, arrived first, with Henry, the drummer, following after sorting out various technical affairs. After a brief flurry of excitement surrounding the arrival of ginger beer, they settled down and we got started.

One of their later stops on yet another tour, this one much closer to home than they're used to as of late. With tours in Europe and the USA, the band isn't unfamiliar with travelling, but definitely missed their NZ roots. "Pies, the ocean and the vibes," Louis said with the passion of a suffering musician. "The slang and the culture, you can't just go up to someone and say 'aw chur bro.' They just don't know what you're saying." Despite the homesickness, their time away (especially in Europe) ticked off quite a few bucket list items. The youngest band at

Wacken Open Air, the world's largest metal concert, was quite a milestone. However, the band wishes people would focus less on their age and more on their music. Ethan shrugged when I brought it up saying, "you try not to make a big deal of it".

Another surprise to the band was just how far their music had reached. When discussing the tour itself, Ethan spoke about his surprise seeing just how many people knew their music. "The most buzzy thing, for me at least, was when we came from New Zealand, the biggest show we had played here was our album release party, and it was insane to us that nearly 400 people came to our show, and we knew lots of them. But when we went to the other side of the world and there are all these German and Spanish people rocking up to our shows and knowing who we are, it was





real weird.” Nodding emphatically, Louis added, “they’re all out there singing in Māori, and they

“The slang and the culture, you can’t just go up to someone and say ‘aw chur bro.’ They just don’t know what you’re saying.”

come up after the show and can barely speak English, that’s some dedication.”

The tour was a huge learning experience for the boys, with the biggest learning curve being around stamina. Henry rolled his head back in

memory of the exhausting couple of weeks, “especially on the US tour, it was 21 shows in a month, so normally a show every day and every few days we’d have a day off”.

One of the elements that make Alien Weaponry such a standout in the New Zealand metal community, and around the world, is their inclusion of the Māori language. Louis and Henry’s father has been telling them stories about their family since childhood. Henry spoke about the integration of Te Reo Māori into their music. “As we got older, they kept telling us these stories and we found them a lot more interesting and the reason we started writing in Māori was because of Pasifika Beats. Like, we saw the competition and thought we’d write a song in Māori and try writing it and it kinda went from there.” Seeing an unclaimed niche in the music scene is what really kick-started their career,

and lead them to be the only band to win both Smokefree Rockquest and Pasifika Beats.

With new music in the works and another couple of tours being created behind the scenes, it’s safe to say that Alien Weaponry’s hold on the metal industry won’t waver any time soon. Their bridging of history and music, acknowledging their own culture and the use of the Māori language is what sets them apart from the rest.

*Their latest album “Tū” is on iTunes and Spotify.*



# WHICH DEGREE HAS THE BIGGEST DICK ENERGY?

By Henessey Griffiths

**Let's make this clear; no degree is better than another because they're all shit. However, some do tend to have more Bick Dick Energy than others.**

So what is Big Dick Energy? Many people have tried to find a definition for this ambiguous term but, for most, it simply means the "quiet confidence and ease with oneself that comes from knowing you have an enormous penis and you know what to do with it" – which doesn't just mean the size of one's dick, but also the vibe that comes with it. BDE doesn't mean one is super cocky, but rather exemplifies low-key confidence. They don't need to be chauvinistic and overly exert themselves, because the BDE oozes out of them naturally. So let us break down the tiresome debate of the best degree in terms of Big Dick Energy.

## Psychology

Will say they have Big Dick Energy in theory, however no amount of lab reports can back up their claims.

## Health Science

Small Dick Energy - it's being crushed by the weight of UMAT and their parents' disappointment.

## Law

Small Dick Energy - however they will pull out endless case files to explain how they're above average.

## Dentistry

Small Dick Energy - the amount of radiation from X-rays really shrinks it down.

## Physics

Small Dick Energy – but they will try and show their working to prove they have the largest mass.

## Classics/Philosophy

Mythical Dick Energy - too busy explaining the importance of Socrates and Alexander the Great to be concerned with dick energy levels.

## Marketing

Medium-sized Dick Energy - the kind of energy that would pay for dinner, but at La Porchetta.

## History/Art History

Medium Dick Energy - too busy analysing their past energy levels and their action's socio-political consequences to be concerned with having BDE.

## Chemistry

Medium Dick Energy - will probably have created some new hormone compound steroid to enhance their energy.

## Communications/Sociology

Medium Dick Energy - they're a Stuart Hall in the streets, and a Foucault in the sheets.

## Geology

Big Dick Energy - they're hard.

## Commerce

Probably has Big Dick Energy but is commonly confused with their inflated ego. BCom students encompass all the components of BDE but aren't able to execute it. They'll like all your old Instagram photos at 3am but will blank you in the library.

## Theology

Biggest Dick Energy. These are the ones to watch out for. They have the natural confidence to exert high BDE levels, but are self-aware enough to know when they're being a wanker. They'll stop and chat to you at the supermarket for fifteen minutes, but still crave the thrill of the chase.

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**Finally!**

James' reign of domination over Critic columns has come to an end. Do not believe his lies, he did not give up the spotlight easily. He liked how it made his hair "pop".

Welcome to a new era.

I'm Will, your Education Officer! This column is for you First Year Health Science students out there: do NOT use MedEntry or Crimson Consulting for UCAT. As far as I'm concerned they're a huge fucking waste of money that would be much better spent on bread that costs more than a dollar and some actual fresh vegetables (and of course the best value for money beer, Bavaria).

I'll walk you through it.

For those that don't know, UCAT is the University Clinical Aptitude Test, which students who want to progress into Dentistry or Med have to do. It's one part of the admission process, and helps work out whether a student has the appropriate professional behaviour and abilities to be a doctor or dentist. Because of that, people get real fuckin stressed about it. MedEntry and Crimson prey on this.

For example, MedEntry offers help for a starting price of just over \$200. At this cost, you gain access

to "questions, guides and more." If you want more, you pay more. If you're feeling extremely baller you (or more likely your parents) can indulge in the Diamond Package, which for a first time user comes out at an easy \$1970.

Here's the catch though. UCAT has never before been run in New Zealand. This is the first year it's been done here, so how the shit can they help? UCAT themselves say they do not endorse the use of any material from commercial companies such as these.

Furthermore, when I spoke to John Reynolds, the Director of the Health Sciences First Year Programme, he said "some students have been told that it is essential for them to undertake >400 hours of tutorials from a company to be successful... these claims are inappropriate, inaccurate and are designed to put undue pressure on our students to coerce them to purchase resources." That's fucked.

What hammers the point home and really makes Crimson and MedEntry seem like a waste of money, is that UCAT actually offer free tests, tutorials and guides. Why spend \$200-\$2000 on services that aren't recommended by UCAT when alternative, free resources are provided by UCAT themselves? Food for thought, nē?

- Will

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### AQUARIUS JAN 20 – FEB 18

To be a breather is not simply to breathe. To be a breather, one must step into the shoes of those that came before them, step back out of those shoes, pour a Billy Mav into said shoes, and sip upon the sweet nectar from sole to soul. Are you ready for your holy transformation?

**This week's spirit animal:** Atlantic Footballfish



### ARIES MAR 21 – APR 19

Jupiter is in retrograde! You can officially stop shaving until spring.

**This week's spirit animal:** Hump-Backed Fly



### GEMINI MAY 21 – JUN 20

Treat yourself this week, put a whole cucumber on each eye.

**This week's spirit animal:** Stoplight Loosejaw



### LEO JULY 23 – AUG 22

You better not be using Laybuy to fuel your consumerist nightmare lifestyle. Here's a thought, maybe instead make weekly payments on your actual student loan.

**This week's spirit animal:** Turkey Vulture



### LIBRA SEPT 23 – OCT 22

It's time to make that switch from coffee to decaf NoDoz.

**This week's spirit animal:** Numbat



### SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 – DEC 21

This week you may find great pleasure in an item you have recently attained. But also you might not, in which case you should write a sternly worded letter to Critic for making you pay \$10 in shipping for an absolutely shit vibrator. At least you might have a chance to get a \$30 book voucher so you can buy a 3rd of a fucking book.

**This week's spirit animal:** Secretary Bird



### PISCES FEB 19 – MAR 20

This week you may need to be the hero nobody asked for. If somebody farts in the room and nobody owns up to it, take one for the team and say it was you.

**This week's spirit animal:** Bonnet Macaque



### TAURUS APR 20 – MAY 20

You will be the centrepiece in a real life Les Mis set at Les Mills. Don't avoid it; you'll butterfly effect shit up and I won't be born to send you this message from the future.

**This week's spirit animal:** Australian Brangus



### CANCER JUN 21 – JULY 22

Your life's been feeling a bit like the Simpsons episode where Homer gets heart surgery but don't worry, soon it's gonna feel more like the episode where Homer is in a barbershop quartet

**This week's spirit animal:** Pleasing Fungus Beetle



### VIRGO AUG 23 – SEPT 22

The celestial energies are informing you that this is the week to ask your first ever question in class. This astrological message is not intended for mature student Virgos (we get it; self-esteem still existed while you were growing up). Put your hand down.

**This week's spirit animal:** White-Handed Gibbon



### SCORPIO OCT 23 – NOV 21

The planets are telling me that if you know anyone who tips wheelie bins over or fucks with peoples bikes on campus you have one free pass to tell them they're a big meanie and push them a little bit.

**This week's spirit animal:** Knob-Nosed Goose



### CAPRICORN DEC 22 – JAN 19

Start going back to the gym after you stop being sick. While you're sick search up "gibbons running" on Google images. They're so bloody cute.

**This week's spirit animal:** Pubic Louse





## TOP TEN:

### TOP TEN WAYS TO PAY OFF YOUR STUDENT LOAN

1. Fake your own death and reinvent yourself in Greece.
2. Learn advanced hacking, infiltrate the IRD as network tech staff and delete your account altogether.
3. Begin your tuition in 2018 onwards so you don't even have one, you spoilt little fucks.
4. Have kinky sex with a member of ACT (shudder) and then blackmail them into paying your loan off.
5. Invest in cryptocurrency now so that yo- oh, wait.
6. Don't. When you die, your student loan dies with you – it doesn't get bequeathed to your family.
7. Sell nudes. If you sell a nude for \$5, that's only one nude sold per day for the next 11 years.
8. Work part-time at Critic for 10 years on top of your own full-time job and sink the extra income into your loan.
9. Party hard, travel and live it up on a credit card for a couple of years to rack up some debt, then declare bankruptcy when you're around 25. Loan gone. After seven years, you'll be totally sweet to buy a house, and tbh 32 is the new 22 anyway. YOLO.
10. Be proactive about paying your loan off, ensure you always use the correct tax code, and try to make additional repayments to knock it down fast. Y'know, the BORING way.



#### ACROSS

1. Festive events
6. Spud bud
9. Male turkey
12. Modify
13. Poetic Twilight
14. \_\_\_\_\_ in a million
15. Florida seaport
16. Type of football pass
18. Smoldering coal
19. Blouse
20. \_\_\_\_\_ moment's notice (2 wrds)
22. Crunchy
25. School friend
30. Yankee \_\_\_\_\_ Gehrig
31. The \_\_\_\_\_ star state
32. Keats' "before"
33. Loads (2 wds.)
34. Select
35. Continual
37. Young people
39. Bumped unto
40. Large artery
43. Scent
47. Teach to do a new job
49. Underage person
50. "\_\_\_\_\_ Got You Under My Skin"
51. Opposite of WSW
52. Grown-up
53. Each
54. Ordinance

#### DOWN

1. Golden \_\_\_\_\_ Bridge
2. First man
3. Mary's pet
4. Placate
5. Commences
6. Slippery creatures
7. Slangy affirmative
8. Tempt
9. Taco ingredient
10. \_\_\_\_\_ roll (2 wds.)
11. Voice actor \_\_\_\_\_ Blanc
17. Misjudge
21. Prayer word
23. Shortly
24. Golf stroke
25. Thicken
26. Easy gait
27. Aardvark
28. Circle section
29. Swarm
33. With a leg on each side
35. Tel Aviv's locale
36. Sailor
38. Neither's mate
41. Rocker \_\_\_\_\_ Tucker
42. Afresh
44. Responsibility
45. Shed feathers
46. Martial \_\_\_\_\_
47. Pull apart
48. Adam's mate

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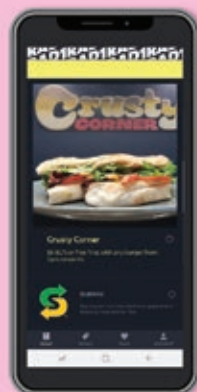
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# BOOZE REVIEWS:

## Pimm's

By **Sinkpiss Plath**

**Pimm's is the perfect drink for the perfect day. On one of those rare Dunner stunners, when the Leith only vaguely smells like piss and the grass resembles Prince William's head pre-balding, a glass of Pimm's is the wholesome content you deserve.**

The drink is weirdly associated with British culture, which is odd for a group of people that never seem to go outside. Less racist than gin, but more classy than an RTD, Pimm's is recommended for watching the cricket or attending a garden party. So, in all likelihood, you'll probably only drink

this once in your fleeting lifetime. But boy, it'll be a nice one time. Like the time you fucked your best friend and now pretend like it never happened. It happened. Brian, I wish you would look me in the eye again.

Pimm's is the sweet spot, the taint of the male body, if you will. You know, when you're fooling around with the ol' dick and balls, and decide to press down on the smooth perineum for a bit of extra Southern comfort. It's not the anus, no, that's the delight reserved only for pure spirits, but it's better than the testicles of beer. At a fine 25% alcohol content, Pimm's slides in between

the two promised lands to create its own haven of ecstasy and euphoria. Add some fresh fruit, mint, and whatever else you can steal out of your neighbour's garden for the ultimate tropical treat. Theft isn't theft if it sparks joy.

*Taste Rating: 8.5/10*

*Froth Level: Mum putting those fucking adorable little umbrellas in drinks*

*Pairs well with: Making love in unusual and interesting ways, frolicking in water, wearing all white in a non-KKK way.*

*Tasting notes: Just Juice Bubbles on MDMA*

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**WED: QUIZ NIGHT | 6PM - 8PM**  
*UNDER THE COVERS: OUTER LAYER | 8PM - 12PM*

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## MR. DARCY

I had no idea what to expect. But, to build up some courage my flatty and I downed a few beers to send me off, and a good long pull from a bottle of sweet berry wine.

I could see a lone girl in a window seat of the restaurant as I approached, knowing that my fashionably late entrance was right on time. She was very cute, shy in appearance with a cute smile and a cheeky top on. A friendly hug introduced us and we immediately dove into conversation. The chat was wonderful, full of back and forth, without a breath of awkwardness or forced conversation.

Our talk was waxing and shifted toward what, if any, things we could do after dinner. There were a few parties going on, but my dancing feet weren't rockin' and neither were hers, it seemed. She said that her friend was coming to pick her up and she invited me back with her! We drove the 10 minutes from the Octagon having a good laugh with two of her flattys.

A few more drinks ensued back at her place with some more banter. The conversation was clearly still on an upward trajectory and the questions more personal: past relationships, bests and worsts, this and that, tit for tat - all cute and fun. A first-class kiss was the next logical step and it followed without delay. Anything further would have to be a tale for the love elegists among us.)

Thank you Critic for setting up a great date and thank you to my date for being excellent and enjoyable!

## ELIZABETH

Buckle your seatbelts y'all, I am going to recount for you the experience of my post-climatic-orgasmic-love-drunk-hungover recollection of my blind date. Live vicariously through me as I explain to you how his American twang gave me fanny flutters like you wouldn't believe. My experience began at 2pm on the day, when I was emailed last minute informing me I'd be taking someone's place, giving me no time to dread the potentially awkward encounter I could be facing. I was the first to arrive and the friendly staff calmed my nerves, as I waited for my fashionably late date to arrive. Turns out I didn't need to be nervous at all. We instantly connected and conversation was flowing. He was intelligent, well travelled and compassionate, his eyes locked on me the WHOLE night making my heart race. He tempted me to move closer, which left me dripping with anticipation.

As the restaurant was closing, I timidly invited him over for some drinks back at my flat. My flatmates picked us up in the torrential rain, and he was not shy introducing himself to all five of them. He was eager to watch me take a load through my funnel (Smirnoff) and I made him do the same. He was gentle (for the time being) as we got closer, getting more and more intoxicated. He used my watch as an excuse to touch me, building the tension (bit obvious mate). He made the first move, it was a new sensation to feel a moustache tickle my neck.

He then confidently told me "this should be taken upstairs."

Take me on a trip, I'd like to go some day.

Take me to New York, I'd love to see LA.

I really want to come kick it with you.

You'll be my American Boy.

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# UoO Moaningful Confessions

Going from kinky sex all the time to suddenly single was quite a shock. I realised that I no longer enjoyed boring missionary one-night stands. This led to me hooking up with a past ex who was having the same problem as me. It was a fun few sessions, but I knew I didn't want to continue seeing him (he was an ex for a reason). He did tell me about FetLife, which apparently was the "Facebook for kinksters".

Signing up was quite terrifying. After exchanging messages with a few people, I was quite scared, and decided to delete the account. It was then that I noticed a message from Max\*.

Having piqued my interest, I was very happy to find that he was a dominant who loved anal just as much as I did. It quickly escalated into dirty talk, which had me almost orgasming just from my imagination. If this

was my reaction now, imagine what it would be like when I finally met him.

We couldn't contain ourselves and I was already on the way to his flat the next day. Usually I would meet strangers in public, but in this situation, meeting in public seemed more daunting to me. There were no expectations to have sex, just to talk things out, set boundaries and see where our limits were.

Before I knew it, I was on all fours in front of the mirror in a schoolgirl outfit and a pink heart butt plug in my ass. He had been spanking me for so long that I was so wet I was dripping down my leg. It had been about 5 months since I had anal, so I was pretty scared. But he took the time to prep me, and 45 minutes later, we finally took a break. He popped the heart butt plug back in me, and we cuddled for a wee bit.

While cuddling, I absentmindedly felt down for the butt plug.... but it wasn't there! I felt around in the sheet, but it hadn't fallen out. It had sucked up inside of me! Scenes of me waddling into the ER with a man I barely knew kept flashing into my mind. Thankfully, he knew what to do as it happened with another girl before. He told me that it will hurt, but he will be able to get it out. By putting one finger in each hole, he was able to manoeuvre the butt plug back up and out. We both laid there stunned, and made sure that I had calmed down before I walked home. Despite the terrifying first encounter, we have continued to see each other, turned up the kinkiness and now are dating. Thankfully, there hasn't been anymore incidents, but have stocked up on butt plugs with wider bases.



# Snap crack and popple us!



Best handout I've ever been given at uni



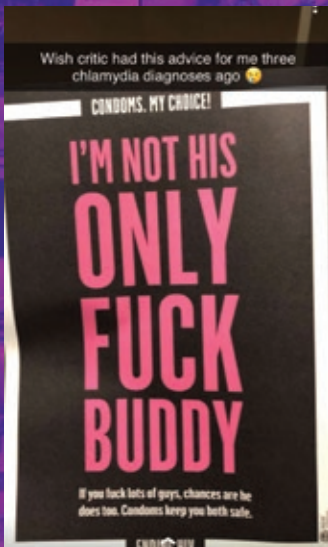
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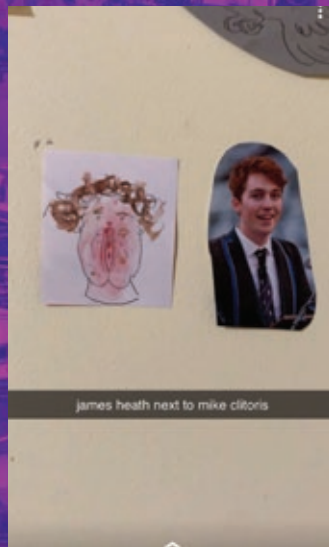
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Wish critic had this advice for me three chlamydia diagnoses ago 🙄



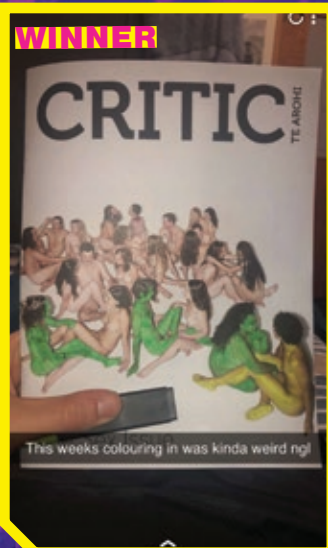
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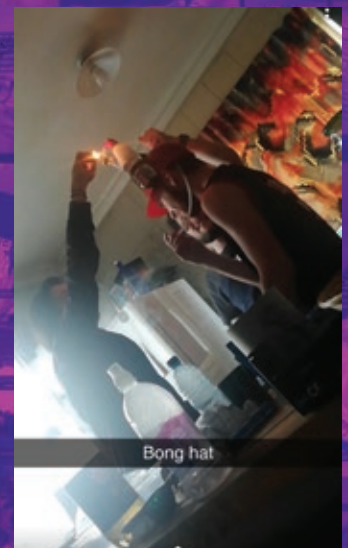
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in the central toilets



I don't think I've ever seen anything more  
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When the bridge is reopened can we  
organise a reenactment to the falling of  
the Berlin Wall?



Not my proudest wank but got the job done....

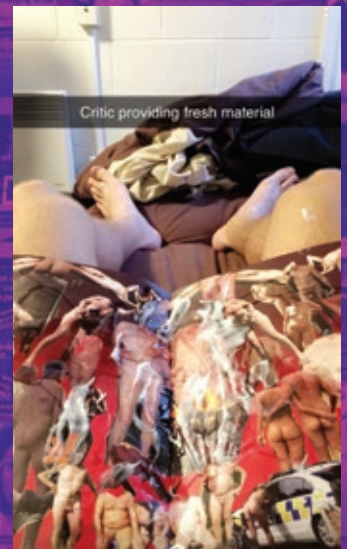


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