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DOG WITH TWO TAILS
8PM



EDITORIAL: L8r Bol

By Sinead Gill

This is the final issue of Critic for 2020, and my last Critic forever. After seven years at this glorious institution and three with your student magazine, it's finally time for me to graduate from student media and student politics.

It took me a long time to decide what my final editorial for you would be. I thought I had decided on one: an exposé of all the fucked things that have happened behind the scenes during my time here. I spilled the tea for the length of a level one essay, and roughly equal in quality.

I wanted you to know the kinds of shit some powerful institutions try to pull. I wanted to explain how fucking hard this job has been, how often my spirit was crushed, and how I've finished my year unsure if I am up for doing journalism or advocacy work ever again. 🙄🕊️

But nah that shit is depressing. Instead, enjoy some photos from the final print night of 2020 and weep with me. I'm going to miss you guys. This has been a fucked year, but it's been a privilege.

I would also like to announce Critic's nominations for the 2020 Aotearoa Student Press Awards.

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Most Predictable OUSA Election in Years

Students vote in super competent people, despite Critic's pleas that competency is boring

By Erin Gourley

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Michaela Waite-Harvey won the OUSA presidency convincingly. The results were announced in the Main Common Room last Thursday. There are five current Exec members continuing on in their roles or taking new positions in the 2021 Exec.

Michaela is moving up from Welfare and Equity Representative to become President in 2021. She won with 69.25% of the vote, over contender Sammy Bergen's 30.75%.

"It feels really humbling to be able to rep students at the University of Otago, and to be able to rep the diverse population we have, Māori and Pasifika and Pākehā, in one human being," said Michaela. "My two biggest goals are to revolutionise the volunteer system within OUSA and also increase student representation on University Council to at least three students, which will involve lobbying the government to amend the Education Act."

"I wanted to do an authentic Sammy campaign, talk to people I know and use the positivity that I've tried to make on campus for the last couple of years," said Sammy. "Obviously it wasn't enough, but that's the way the cookie crumbles. I'm proud of myself and what I did, not many people can say they did this."

Emily Coyle is also switching roles, moving from Academic Representative to Administrative Vice-President. She won with almost exactly the same lead over her opponent, Jake Perkins, at 68.67% to 31.33%.

"Emily was an excellent candidate," said Jake. He was happy for her. He felt he "campaigning well" and at one point "climbed into the leith" in order to put up a banner.

"I'm so stoked [to win], it's my birthday today so it's a really good present," said Emily Coyle. "We have so many plans in place, all those promises we made during the election, those are going to happen."

Josh Meikle, unsurprisingly, won his uncontested race against only 188 votes of no confidence and will continue as Finance and Strategy Officer. "It's gonna be hard work but I'm really overjoyed about getting the job," said Josh. "We're gonna need to be able to balance the finances. But I'm gonna work hard to make sure the things OUSA wants done can get done."

The other candidates in uncontested races, Sophie Barham for Postgrad, Gerald Ryan for International, and Maya Polaschek for Welfare and Equity, all won their races easily.

Current Clubs and Socs Representative Dushanka Govender won a close race against Emma Wilson. She got 54.79% compared to 42.42% for Emma. "It was a good run though," said Emma. "Big congrats to Dushanka for winning, I think she'll do a really good job."

Current Residential Representative Jack Saunders and Te Roopū Māori Tumuaki Karamea

Pewhairangi will also continue on the Exec next year, winning their respective races.

The Politics Representative race was the closest. Four newcomers to OUSA competed. But after two rounds of single transferable vote eliminations, Mhairi Mackenzie-Everitt beat Laurie Duncan by just 11 votes. The percentages were 50.25% to 49.75%.

"Despite not being elected, I'll continue to advocate for student rights," said Laurie. "I wish Mhairi all the best for the role and am happy to support her in any way I can."

Alex Leckie Zaharic, who was also running for Politics Representative, said he was "fine" with the result. "I'm the youngest one here so everyone here has vastly more experience than I do," he reckoned, so he wasn't surprised to lose. "Mhairi will do a fantastic job."

Mhairi said winning this position "feels a little like a dream". "Campaigning was probably one of the most stressful things I've ever done but clearly it was worth it! I'm so excited to see where this role takes me and so stoked to be put in a position where I can try to make real change for students!"

Michael Evans won Academic Representative after another close race against Adam Currie. Michael got 55.68% of the vote and Adam got 44.32%. "I feel alright, it's exciting," said Michael. "I think I'll do a good job, it'll be good."

The Capping Show Lives to See Another Audience

Sexy rats, mountain bike scandals, and giant stuffed dicks

By Sophia Carter Peters

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Against all odds, The Capping Show has returned for its 126th year, yeeting the bar for student sketch comedy into the stratosphere.

This year's show, Flatatouille, followed a rat named Remy who just wanted to be one of the lads, and a flat's toil against an evil landlord, culminating with a cooking competition with a special appearance from our very own Harlene Hayne.

Sophie Graham, one of the stage directors,

commented on how lucky they were to have the show go on at all "since we got out of Level 2 four days before we opened. It just feels like it was meant to be."

Having been a part of the Otago student culture for so long, Capping's presence in this shitshow of a year has brought even more light than it usually does. One student, who prides themselves in attending the Capping Show for the past four years, commented, "absolutely brilliant, best in years I think. I'm glad it managed to get on at all."

Capping video director Liam Brown said, "It's a massive event on the student calendar. People look forward to it, and people remember it for a long time." Both Sophie and Liam encouraged anyone who's interested to audition in 2022, especially if you made it to the show and enjoyed it.

"This was my first year being involved, and I regret waiting so long," Liam said.

OUSA Gives Club of the Year to the Club that Stole Winnie P Signs

Otago Uni Snow Sports Club an Example of Excellence

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The same club that got in trouble for stealing NZ First election hoardings has won Club of the Year at the Blues and Golds Awards for 2020. Otago University Snow Sports Club took home the teensy-tiny trophy and promptly started drinking from it.

"O USSC held several fun, safe, and well-organized events," said OUSA President Jack Manning with a straight face. The club adapted to their sudden lack of international members by fundraising support for Kiwis to join, and held a record number of sold-out trips and live gigs for their members.

In addition to their sign relocation efforts and pissups, O USSC also championed the requirement for a welfare officer in every OUSA club. Debate rages as to which of these achievements was most important.

O USSC participated in bystander training before it was

advertised by OUSA following the reportage of Josh Smith/Smythe's alleged sexual assault. They then spearheaded an effort to install a welfare representative in every OUSA club. "We won the award because of this effort", said Gemma, the club's treasurer, "and I can't believe we didn't have it earlier".

Gemma told Critic that O USSC set up an online account separate from the club, staffed by two overseers who both sign a confidentiality form. She argues that "the online format gives avenue for people to call out unacceptable behaviour and contribute to a safer environment without having to worry about head-on confrontation with an exec member."

Thanks to her diligent note taking, Gemma was also able to confirm that the club collectively consumed 3,597 standard drinks of alcohol this year. That total did not include whatever people brought for themselves.

Critically, the selection period for Club of the Year ended in the weeks before the hoardings incident. That behaviour could not be considered in the final decision. A New Zealand First representative received an apology from the club's president for stealing the signs, and New Zealand First did not respond to Critic's request for comment.

After receiving news of their award, another spokesperson from the club said "we'd like to thank New Zealand First for the tremendous recommendation". No such recommendation has been reported.

When asked if they deserved the award, O USSC president Dusty said "Yeah. Fuck yeah. We all worked hard."

ExamSoft Flagged 80% of Exams for Review Last Sem

God I feel bad for the person who had to view 351 videos of health scis crying

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6670 out of the 8188 exams conducted on ExamSoft were "flagged for review" in Sem One. ExamSoft was the remote invigilating software used for all of the Health Sci exams and some Accounting papers.

87 students had their grades delayed as a result of the ExamSoft review process.

The Uni "asked [ExamSoft] to set broad parameters" which lead to "a larger number of proctoring reports than would typically be expected", according to an OIA released to Critic. The proctoring reports included

comments that gave the University details about why the exam was flagged.

After the comments generated by ExamSoft were reviewed, human invigilators at the Uni watched 351 videos of exams to figure out whether there was actually academic misconduct. Only 13 cases required further investigation, and ten were confirmed as academic misconduct.

11 of the cases investigated were within the Health Sciences division. Presumably, the other two were in

the Commerce division as that was the other department using ExamSoft, but that was not confirmed in the OIA to protect the privacy of students involved in the academic misconduct cases.

ExamSoft will be used for online students (mainly students who are overseas) in some Health Sci, Accounting, and Microbiology papers this semester. That is, unless there's an increase in alert levels, in which case it will be used for more students. Touch wood.

Students Struggling to Find Employment

I can't think why that would be

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Students are struggling to find jobs this summer. This may be related to the oncoming recession.

79.7% of students who responded to Critic's online survey said that they were finding it harder than usual to find a job. Only 32.7% of respondents had actually found a summer job, compared to 50% of respondents who had been unsuccessful thus far. The rest had interviews they were hopeful about.

It seemed that students don't discriminate on what type of jobs they are looking for either, with the most

popular types of jobs being professional internships, retail, hospitality, and then fruit picking, which came in at 26.6%, 23.4%, 13.8% and 7.4% respectively.

A casual survey of students at the Starters Quiz revealed that even those applying for any and all available jobs are struggling, with the usual hospitality, service and retail industries being perceived as more competitive than usual.

One student, Emma, noted that the job market is currently oversaturated with qualified candidates. She

said that there were over 700 applicants for one admin position she had applied for.

Another student said he was struggling to find enough hours, even though he is currently working two jobs. Similarly to Emma, he is attempting to find an entry level position in the hospitality sector. However, he is finding that even an entry level position such as that of a kitchen hand currently has applicants with years of experience in the hospitality industry.

In the words of another student, Peter, "oh... it's so shit."

Scarfie Weather First to Predict Snowfall

"You seriously want to write about this?"

By Fox Meyer

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After announcing his departure from campus, Scarfie Weather was back online last Thursday (24 September) with a hot take: "I wouldn't be surprised if we saw snow on Tuesday down to sea level, throughout Southland and Southern Otago."

The independent weatherman said of his prediction, that "I just looked at a bunch of different sources and felt like I had a good prediction, so I went for it. And I think the next ones to predict what I'd said was MetService the next day."

Anyone who woke up before noon on Tuesday got to see that prediction come true. Other national forecasts began showing snow at sea level about 24-hours after Scarfie Weather's prediction, really showcasing the meteorological brilliance coming out of Otago.

"Yeah, if there was enough snow, I'd strap on some old skis, tie up to the back of a ute and bang it down George Street," said Scarfie Weather.

On the Thursday of Scarfie Weather's prediction, other major networks were only predicting snow to 400 metres, which has "way different implications for all the low-lying farms that actually got the snow on Monday".

Tuesday's snowfall, which affected Dunedin, was part of what Scarfie Weather called "one of the most extreme, aberrant weather events we've seen in recent years".

"There're so many newborn lambs all over the Central Otago and Southland area, and I wanted to make sure those farmers knew what was going to happen as soon as possible," he said. The former Dunedinite said he wasn't "trying to assume he knew best", he was just

"excited at making an independent prediction and watching it come true".

Lewis, another weather-enthused Otago grad, currently works at MetService. He confirmed that MetService predicted snow to "low levels" on Thursday, and called snow at sea level on Friday morning. Thursday was "the first chance for one of our meteorologists to forecast for Tuesday", because they run on a 6-day forecast cycle.

Currently based in Wanaka, Scarfie Weather looks at the American and European weather models as well as "heaps of other charts, maps, and forecasts" to get a full picture of what's going on before making any predictions. For him, it's like betting on sport.

"There's a certain adrenaline kick of predicting something and getting it bang on."



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Just kidding but here's some graphs

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Oopsies, we're reporting on politics. Can't help but engage with a good bit of data. We polled students on the Dunedin Electorate, seeing as that's where the majority of students live. Sorry, Taieri. We know students live there too.

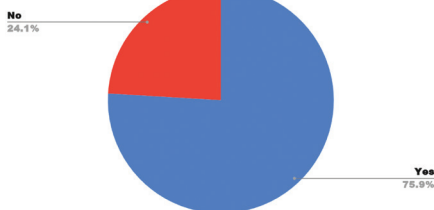
In the past, I've tried to show that polls can be bullshit. 91% of students don't want to eat Stewart Island-sourced Kiwi meat, but we managed to design a poll that showed that result. Do keep that in mind. Our sample size for this poll was 134 people. The poll was advertised on our facebook page, so the data below represents "students who follow Critic on Facebook", not "all students". Also, there is no way to guarantee that the people who responded were students, or even not the same person. All polls have flaws.

Colmar Brunton and Reid Research sample about 0.00031% of the eligible voting population for their national polls. Critic beat their standard by sampling 134 students to get this data, or 0.0029% of students at Otago (almost 10x more representative).

Without further ado:

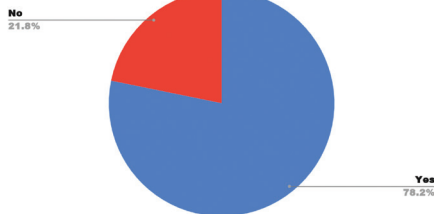
ON THE REFERENDUMS:

Legalize weed?



About three quarters of us want to #legalise it. No surprises here. Look at how nice that breakdown is - almost exactly a quarter say no! So nice when numbers work out like that.

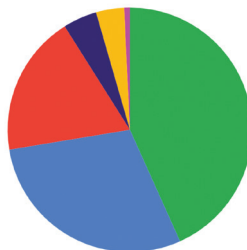
How about right to die?



Legalising medically-assisted suicide is slightly more popular than legalising weed. I guess the whole "if it's more accessible, more people will want to try it" argument doesn't really hold here.

PARTY VOTE

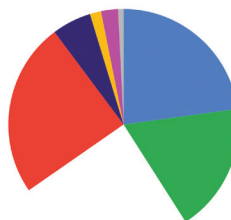
Greens 42.9%
National: 29.3%
Labour: 18.8%
TOP: 4.5%
ACT: 3.8%
Undecided: 0.7%



Labour and National are duking it out for 50% of the vote, with a slight blue edge. Greens dominate the other half, with TOP and ACT cleaning up the scraps. Critic says Nats and Labour oughta sock wrestle for 2nd.

ELECTORATE VOTE

Labour, David Clark: 23.8%
National, Michael Woodhouse: 23.0%
Greens, Jack Brazil: 18.3%
TOP, Benjamin Peters: 5.6%
Undecided: 2.4%
ACT, Callum Steele-MacIntosh: 1.5%
NZF, Robert Griffith: 0.8%



National edges out the Greens and Labour, but just barely. TOP had a better showing than ACT or NZF, which pulled in similar numbers. Many Dunners students don't vote here. There is no listed Māori candidate running for MP. Looks like a pretty even split.

QUESTION: WHAT ISSUE DO YOU CARE MOST ABOUT? ONE WORD ANSWERS.

By far, the two dominant answers were 'climate' and 'economy'.

But there were some nuances. Let's break this down by party vote.

People who voted Labour seemed to have their concerns split equally between society, health, environment and the economy, each receiving 4 or 5 mentions. There was a nice shoutout to "kindness".

People who voted National overwhelmingly mentioned "economy", which brought in exactly two thirds of the votes. The remainder focused on health and education.

People who voted Greens obviously cared about the environment, which pulled in 23 of their 58 votes. They also cared about another type of greens: "weed" accounted for six votes. "Equality" and "health" both pulled about ten votes, with health splitting evenly between Covid concerns and mental health concerns.

There were few enough people who voted for the remaining parties that we can list their individual votes.

People who voted TOP said education, housing, people, environment and sustainability.

People who voted ACT said economy, freedom of speech, health, opportunity, economy, and mental health.

People who were undecided said "jobs". Cool.

NZF didn't receive a party vote in our poll, but that doesn't mean they don't have concerns.

QUESTION: WHY ARE YOU VOTING THIS WAY? TWO WORDS.

Here's where the fun begins. Let's kick it off with an investigation of the word "fuck". 8/134 of you guys used it in your answers, targeting farmers, National (x3), Collins, capitalism (x2) and all of the candidates.

One of you said: "How could this be done in two words? Here's an essay." And then proceeded to write a paragraph partially explaining why they're voting against weed, which is a very "I don't smoke weed" thing to do.

Our favourite answer:

Jacinda smart lady who know her stuff and can run the country well in terms of economics but I want green as Dunedin electorate lol.

Good on you for following the word limit.

The largest themes were generally based on the economy for those voting blue, the environment for those voting green, and red because it's the "least bad".

HERE'S A SELECTION OF OUR FAVOURITE ANSWERS FROM EACH PARTY VOTE:

lesh go
Love green policies but that party is shit except for chloe
love her <3
jacinda love
Policies bro
Feelin it
Weed cool
National acting like muppets
Because yes
Judith sucks
Fuck national

Absolute king
Woodhouse = gc
Labour sucks
Clark shit
Parent's influence
Young Nat
Pro Capitalism
Hate tax
Labour = Virtue-signalling
Because
Dad's Business

Data driven
Different, new
stop labour
Changing Politics
nothing better

Free speech
Need change
Future prosperity
Proper leader
David Seymour can really benefit the NZ!

hot, sweaty
Broke + Woke
Chloe Swarbrick
Everyone else sucks
based aight
Fuck farmers
Much thinking
Green goodest
TRAINS CHOOCHOO
Fuck capitalism, socialism rules

New Scholarship Money for International Postgrads

Bad news for xenophobes

By Fox Meyer

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A new scholarship appeared on the University's website this week that would provide \$10,000 in tuition fees towards one year of study for select international postgrad students.

The Otago International Excellence Scholarship aims to support "high-achieving" students who are starting postgrad study next year, including those engaged in distance learning. An unlimited number will be given out based on "academic excellence, diversity, and leadership potential". There is no formal application process, and students will be notified on their offer of place if they've been offered the money.

Yearly international postgrad fees - for everything besides a PhD - average around \$33,000, which is still cheaper than many American universities. This price tag was described by myself, an

international student, as "daunting, stressful and potentially prohibitive".

The existing Otago International Master's Research Scholarship offers \$15,000 to just eight students per year. The Coursework Master's Scholarship offers \$10,000 to students doing, shockingly, a coursework master's. No research can be involved. Neither of these are available to students completing a PGDip or Hons degree.

The news of potential free money comes as a welcome relief for the few international students who have remained here since the borders shut. For more than one student that Critic spoke with, it has been the "deciding factor" in whether or not they will continue their studies at Otago or return home.

When Colleen, a rising oceanography or marine science grad student, found out about the scholarship, she said "that's huge! I'll definitely be staying in NZ now, haha." Joni, who was on the fence, said that the news "totally incentivizes me to apply to a masters program".

Arina Aizal, OUSA's international rep, said that such a scholarship "is definitely something needed for the future of international students at Otago." The scholarship is also available to those completing their degrees virtually, who may be applying from overseas.

International students represent a major source of income for New Zealand, as well as a normally obvious presence on Otago's campus. By chipping away at a hefty price tag, this new scholarship will help keep that international community alive.

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The Single Most Interesting Point from Each Exec Report

Like finding a needle in a haystack

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The OUSA Exec have to write reports about what they have done in each quarter of the year in order to continue being paid. This is a review of the best paragraph of each third quarterly report from the 2020 Exec.

President Jack Manning

"This quarter has gone by about as fast as the airspeed velocity of an unladen swallow (free chocolate for the first Executive member to show me they understand this reference/look it up on Google - this is also to check you've read the report)," Jack wrote. This is a reference to Monty Python, because Jack Manning is deeply cool and down with the kids.

Finance and Strategy Representative Josh Meikle

He has built a "live spreadsheet". Not sure what that involves or how he built it, but it sounds terrifying, like the financial equivalent of Frankenstein's monster. One day, the living spreadsheet will govern us all. "For the Executive budget specifically I have built a live budget spreadsheet where costs incurred in the Executive budget are updated on a rolling basis," he wrote. "The budget lines" (what are those) "for this are taken from the Executive budget sent by accounts at the beginning of the year. This and a written summary of the Executive budget is sent out at the end of each month."

University of Otago Pacific Island Students' Association President Joshua Alefosio-Pei

Joshua has genuinely been involved in interesting activism work. "As a Pasifika male, I understand how important it is to continue to grow my knowledge of other people's lived experiences of being an ethnic minority in Aotearoa," he wrote. "This quarter, I attended a meeting with the group who organised the Black Lives Matter rally in Dunedin and have continued to educate myself on how to deconstruct structures that uphold racism using educational podcasts, videos and other resources." Fuck yeah.

Clubs and Socs Representative Dushanka Govender

Dushanka described an OUSA Grants Panel meeting

as "exciting", which is sad for her but a sign that she's in the right place. "This was one of the first meetings I had in my new role, and it was exciting to have a glance at the range of activities and events that many of our affiliated clubs and societies put on for their members, as well as the general public."

Welfare and Equity Representative Michaela Waite-Harvey

Michaela was just extremely honest about her goals and it was refreshing. "Not gonna lie this absolutely flopped and I'm still trying to get over that disappointment," she wrote about OUSA's Mental Wellness Week. Relatable. The week didn't work out because the election date was moved so the Link was unavailable. But she does have some hope. "We're now

working to set up a pop up sensory/chill out area for students in the Main Common Room and hope that will provide students an opportunity to learn more about ways to manage and mitigate stress through sensory modulation." What does that mean? Idk but it sounds fun.

Tumuaki of Te Roopū Māori Karamea Pewhairangi

"On the 15th of July we ran our SGM and Bi-election where we were able to vote in a Welfare and Recreation officer," wrote Karamea. The highlight is that she misspelt bi-election as "bi-election", which is where you vote for your fave bisexual. Her report came a week late, reportedly due to her emails not working on the due date of 16 September. Conveniently, her candidate bio for 2021 Tumuaki was submitted just fine that same day.

Academic Representative Emily Coyle

"I advocated for the Bills and sought the best outcome for their welfare after significant concern from students," wrote Emily. This is genuinely some of OUSA's most important work to date.

International Representative Arina Aizal

Arina had a rough time organising the International Committee's gala. "Our planning took many long hours as the first attempt was cancelled due to government's Level 2 response, the second attempt was cancelled by the venue, and lastly, we made the Gala work on our third attempt," she wrote. At least

it worked out in the end.

Administrative Vice-President Georgia Mischefski-Gray

"Sustainability as my favourite thing to work, has definitely been a focus this semester, I went to the launch for the vending machine, the electric truck," wrote Georgia. It's a terrible sentence but I want to know what the electric truck is or why Georgia went to the launch for it.

Postgrad Representative Hanna van der Giessen

Hanna has actually been doing something interesting. "This quarter I have been involved in some heavy discussions with a particular student about racial discrimination within the University, and its supervisors in particular," she wrote. "We have discussed several methods in which we believe may help take action on this problem, which will be actioned in quarter 4. I have also heavily encouraged a diversity workshop for all staff through the values for actions working group, which I believe fell on open ears."

Political Representative Francesca Dykes

"I have definitely not worked less than 10 hours per week," Francesca wrote. I'm pretty sure this is a passive aggressive dig at how the Politics Rep only gets paid for 10 hours. Nice.

Residential Representative Jack Saunders

Jack has achieved one of his goals, but only "tentatively". "After finally meeting with Gary (head of catering) I can tentatively confirm that kitchen hands/staff (who are students too a lot of the time) will be able to take home meals which may have otherwise gone to waste," he wrote. "Gary and I discussed the policy and figured that this was one of the better ways of reducing larger quantities of waste (as plate wastage per student per day sits at the weight of less than a banana skin)."



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OPINION: All Students Should be Eligible for Another Grade Bump

By Naomii Seah
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Wednesday 12 August, 2020. A new Covid-19 community cluster is found in Auckland, and New Zealand is faced with the prospect of another lockdown. Thankfully, only Auckland actually faced another Level 3. However, immediately after the announcement, I found myself once again on Zoom calls, once again feeling isolated, and once again struggling.

Last semester, the University of Otago, among other tertiary institutions, offered a blanket five point grade increase. Otago's grade bump was announced following the University of Auckland's own grade bump. Both were introduced to account for disruptions to learning under the Level 3 and Level 4 national Covid-19 responses. To recap, the University of Otago moved to online teaching from 30 March, and remained online until the end of the semester—that's six weeks of online teaching.

In comparison, this semester, when Level 3 was announced for Auckland, and Level 2 for the rest of the country on 12 August, the University of Otago made the decision to move some classes to online teaching; however, some classes remained face-to-face. This was left up to the discretion of the course coordinators. Some students were moved to a mixture of online and face-to-face courses, while other students remained online for the semester. Teaching conditions under Level 1 were not implemented again until 28 September. That's four weeks of interrupted learning. For some students, this meant four weeks of content delivered online, creating much the same conditions as the first semester.

I, for one, experienced the second round of online teaching in almost exactly the same way as the first. My anxiety sky-rocketed (again, lol). I found it hard to concentrate on online teaching, let alone keep up with all the course work without scheduled classes. As classes didn't require my physical presence on campus, I didn't have to leave my house—in fact, it made more sense to stay at home where I had a reliable internet connection, didn't have to contend with the anxiety of shared spaces, and was guaranteed to have a quiet space. Although not a lockdown, the teaching arrangements of Level 2 yeeted me straight back to the mental state of Level 3 and 4

during first semester, and I'm willing to bet I'm not alone. For others, the outcome of Level 2 teaching conditions was even worse than teaching conditions over lockdown. Online delivery had different consequences during semester two, with some students having to juggle online delivery with other commitments such as jobs.

Zoe told me that going to online learning over Level 2 was more confusing and jarring than during lockdown, because the response was continually evolving, and inconsistent across departments. She found this semester "just as challenging [as last semester] if not more so... because instead of being at home with nothing to do but uni, everything else is still going on, making it easier to get behind on uni work."

To account for disruptions to teaching this semester, Otago will increase final grades of 47, 48 or 49 to a 50. In an email, the University of Otago explained that their decision was a result of the fact that the grade distribution for last semester remained much the same even without the five-point grade increase. However, this stance completely disregards the fact that lockdown affected people in different ways. Some were fine with online delivery, while others struggled. For those in the latter category, the grade bump was a life-line for their GPAs.

Erin, who studies Law, notes that those who are trying to achieve competitive grades are significantly disadvantaged by the stance the University has taken during Level 2. She believes there should be another grade bump this semester, as the impact of online teaching has been much the same. She noted that "I am in the same position I was at the end of last semester but without the grade bump... I reckon my grades will probably be worse for it."

Other students, like Barney, felt that the second round of online teaching was more manageable; however, he also believes the University's response to learning disruption has been inconsistent. His stance is that the University should have given a grade increase of two or three points for everyone, not just those on the pass/fail border. This

would more accurately reflect the challenges that came with the second round of online teaching.

Importantly, those who were impacted by the second round of online teaching are not eligible for Special Consideration. Application for Special Consideration requires a disruption to your ability to study within two weeks of a given exam. This seems bullshit, because disruptions to learning at any point in the semester are likely to have an impact on the overall grade achieved in that class.

All this begs the question: why is the University of Otago not extending their "compassionate response" to students who struggled during this semester? The University cites anxiety, stress and uncertainty as a justification for the grade increase last semester. Although there was no lockdown this semester, it could be argued that there has been just as much uncertainty and anxiety during the second Level 2. Remember that the cluster could just as easily have spread to other areas of the country, and the government was ready to increase alert levels at any time.

I believe a truly compassionate stance would allow students impacted by the second round of online teaching to apply for Special Consideration, if not a blanket grade increase of two or three points. It doesn't make sense to assume that students on a pass/fail border were somehow more affected by disruptions to teaching during semester two than others. While I advocate the grade increase for those students completely, I just wish the same attitude would be extended to the wider student body.

It's been an exceptional year. I don't think anyone is disputing that it has been hard, both for students and the Uni. 2020 has thrown us many challenges, and the constant theme that arises again and again is the importance of community and empathy, something which the University of Otago keeps advocating in their communications.

They should apply this advice to grade bumps.

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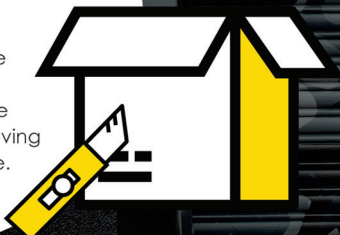
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Everyone on Campus Can Get Weed

It's like it grows on trees, or something

By Fox Meyer

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Critic asked 34 students: if your life absolutely depended on it, could you suss weed within the hour? Every single person, bar one, said yes.

However, Critic would like to point out that that single "no" could've asked any one of the other 33 people in the room. Every single one of them had just indicated that weed was no more than an hour away. We're pretty sure that if your life was on the line, you'd be willing to ask strangers.

When people say "we've all got that friend", they're onto something. Every student who said they could find weed was just a text away from a drug-dabbling friend or neighbour. When asked how they would hypothetically get their hand on some of the good-good, people said something

along the lines of "oh, I know who to text", or "I've got a mate who's got some".

But very few of those people could be certain that the "good-good" would really be all that good-good.

Five of the 33 people who could suss said that they could be 100% sure that the weed they could get wasn't laced with anything. One of the people who said yes said so because they grew it themselves, and the other four said yes because they had "very reliable" mates, who "knew all the strains and whatever". That's a lotta faith.

This data shows that while nearly 100% of students sampled could easily get their hands on

weed within the hour, only 15% of them could be sure that it was as safe to consume as possible. Legalisation would make weed a controlled substance, raising the confidence in what you're smoking from 15% to 100%.

In our polling of the weed referendum, a common reason for voting "no" is that legalisation would increase the availability of cannabis, and offer more of a chance for people to damage their health as a result.

This data suggests that the availability of weed is already high. In the words of one student polled, "we all have that friend". It is very unlikely, though, that a prospective stoner will purchase something that they can trust.

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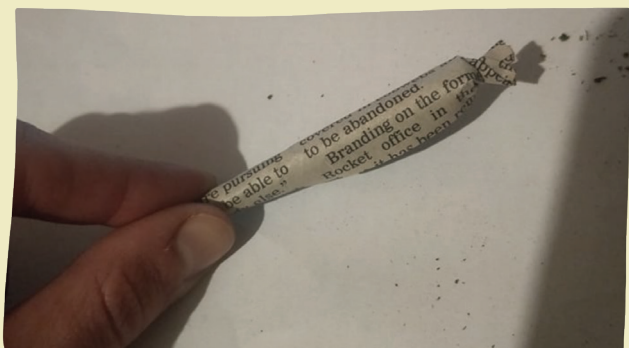
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ODT Watch

By Kayli Taylor & Kyle Rasmussen

As much fun as we have had this semester calling out all of the ODT's bullshit, our time as writers for Critic must come to an end. With our final edition we would like to, again, make fun of the ODT while also encouraging your Yes vote for the upcoming cannabis referendum. Remember the only thing worse than the writing from ODT is the shitty joint rolling material the ODT provides.



Tbh tho, we don't think the ODT has been branding the upcoming referendum in the best light, so we thought *weed* do it for them.

Nuggets glory

CONGRATULATIONS to the Otago Nuggets for winning the national championship at the weekend (ODT, 3.8.20). They truly lived up to their name.

It is a pity that there were only a handful of people to receive them at the airport when they returned to Dunedin with their hard-earned trophy.

For those rugby and netball and football supporters, you missed an opportunity to meet and greet a winning team.

Mathew Zacharias
Mosgie

"Nuggets Glory" is a good name for a weed strain. Anyone wanna open up a dispensary?

CANNABIS made Labour's David Clark "giggly", National's Michael Woodhouse had a "bad reaction" to the drug and the Green Party's Jack Blaze-It lauded its medicinal benefits.

When you smoke out your normie friends for the first time.

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Kyle, writing about weed for the Critic while high, all the way from Colorado

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JACK'S OFF: An Exit Interview

Caroline Moratti

After one year in the top job, Jack Manning is preparing to leave the role. On December 31 he is out of the desk, and into the lion's den of life. The OUSA President sat down with Critic in his small, intimate office to talk about life, love, chicken satay and everything in between.

Jack inherited the role of President from James Heath, a very popular president. "I think a lot of other people felt pressure for me, but the two most important people who didn't were James and myself," Jack reflects. "I've made a habit of not comparing myself to James, just as I hope the next OUSA president won't compare themselves to me. We haven't had the same challenges and the same issues." And no, he's also not willing to dye his hair ginger. We asked.

I've grown to know Jack through the Critic Bachelor—a slow, messy affair which Jack infamously friend-zoned all the contestants almost instantly. So, screw student politics, what happened between him and Amanda, the winner? Jack looks down. "It didn't happen. It's my fault to be honest. I got too busy and didn't message her until I actually properly tried to set it up. We talked about [going on a date], after we established we weren't going to be an actual couple, but too much time went by," he admits. To his critics of his dating style (mostly me tbh), he shrugs off the implication that he wasn't overly invested in the dating process: "That's fine." Is it though Jack, is it?

Outside of the world of wine, cheese and girls, Jack's most proud of the grade bump OUSA managed to achieve for students for the first semester. "Until we were getting it over the line, I thought it was impossible, a shitty pipe dream." His second proudest achievement is signing the Sophia Charter, which Jack describes as an "emotional" experience. He's found his time as President as "very rewarding, but not without its challenges and speed bumps". He admitted that the job had "never been something I ever saw myself doing. I never saw myself as any type of leader growing up." He also admitted that "I've had this very strict policy on myself of working as little as possible when I'm at home". Finally, a relatable leader.

This year has been a turbulent one. Jack, for one, is grateful for his great team on the OUSA Exec. "They've been my rock, to be honest. Constantly they motivated me. I feel like such a proud parent when I talk about them, particularly because they all got elected, myself included, having no idea what coronavirus was, or what those challenges would look like." He admits he's struggled at times with decisiveness, such as "I would often try to find consensus on the Exec where there wasn't going to be,

or I would take too long making a decision when the important thing is making a decision. I haven't always got it right."

For those readers who want to sneak a glimpse of Jack beside his presidential curtain, let's lift the drapes a little. Jack describes his downtime as watching Netflix and barely going out. "I'm such a homebody. It looks like rigorous self care. Self care has been something I've gotten into." That being said, he's yet to get into face masks so really, how into self care can someone be? His go-to Netflix and chill movie is Monty Python and the Holy Grail, a famously safe bet. "I've seen the movie so many times," he gushes, yet refuses to disclose the actual number, claiming memory loss.

On a dusty Sunday, you can find Jack powering out a 5-minute scrambled egg (with pesto! Personally, Bone Apple Teeth is not a fan) alongside a Powerade or tea. Considering Jack has been very loud in the past about his complete absence of cooking skills, I'd steer clear of this one, girls. Just take the Monty Python and go. If he's eating lunch on campus, Jack's go-to is a satay chicken nigiri from Sushi Station. He also wears real glasses, despite them looking fake. He voted for National in the last election but won't say who he's voting for now, apart from that "it's changed". There's so much, and so little, I know about this man. He's kissed someone in his office "once, in January" with his girlfriend at the time, and a long discussion ensues about what counts as making out vs a peck. We decide on peck.

As for what's next for Jack, it's looking like Wellington and a public sector job if all goes to plan. What does he envision for a Michaela presidency? "I think a lot of Michaela's strengths come from, firstly her experience on the Exec, and I've had the honour of working really closely with her this year, but also her unique life experience, which can't be replicated, and I know it will be an immense benefit to her and to the students."

Overall, Jack will miss Otago, but "after 22 years in Dunedin, I won't miss the fucking weather". Enough said. He concludes with a list of acknowledgments, which I will now print because I'm not a total bitch. "Thank you Mum and Dad, thank you to Donna Jones, to Paul Gourley, thank you to Caroline, my friend (that's me! lol), and thank you to the entire OUSA Exec for supporting me. Sinead's okay too. But thank you to everyone. It's been a hell of a year." Thank you Jack Manning, for your service.

HOARDERS:

THE STORIES BEHIND STUDENT ELECTION STEALS
BY ANNABELLE VAUGHAN

It's the most wonderful, most polarizing time of 2020. Election season. Every three years, election hoardings from different political parties pop up around Dunedin, displaying the politicians vying for your vote (which you should definitely cast). But North Dunedin is probably not the best place to put up a hoarding, as they become subjected to the same abuse, graffiti, and theft as any other innocent item which exists within this suburb. We got students to send in their steals, and the stories behind them.

JACINDA ARDERN, LABOUR

The first anonymous thief went hard and early, stealing Prime Minister Jacinda Arden herself. According to the thief, the story is blurry and recollection is scarce. "All I know is that I blacked out one night and apparently me and the boys went on an adventure to retrieve a big Cindy sign." The thief took more than just the hoarding as memorabilia, but also a piece of fence. The thief also says the theft prompted more than just a drunken memory, it also "sparked a few debates among our peers about policies and such, and also the ethics of property damage and petty theft".

DAVID SEYMOUR, ACT

Another hoarder took a piece home after a cold and chilly night in Wanaka. The hoarder recalls that he and the boys had just finished up a testosterone filled night at the pub, spinning yarns with the one and only Steve Hansen (the famous rugby coach, for those who aren't familiar with our sporting icons). It was on the walk home that the group felt the need to collect some memorabilia to preserve their memories of the evening, "something to put on the mantelpiece and pass down to the grandchildren" as they described. That's when they saw it, a stand alone Seymour. "We saw a man alone and the boys have always gotta have each other's backs, you know. We saved him - board and all - from his confinement and brought him back as a member of the flat." Apparently Seymour has fit in quite well, and even become one of the bois. "He always looks over us on a night home and is never afraid to congratulate us on a night well done or reproach us after watching who leaves our flat on a Sunday morning. He was even a part of some red cards. If he paid rent he'd be as fully fledged a member of the flat as any of us." The group says that rescuing David is the best thing they've ever done as a flat, however, they "probs still won't vote ACT," a controversial move indeed.

LEIGHTON BAKER, NEW CONSERVATIVE

The next, and perhaps most noble thief of all, stole and defaced Leighton Baker, the leader of the New Conservatives. "I'm in a hall, so I had to smuggle

it in," says the thief. "In terms of how I found him, I made my friend pull over on the side of the Northern Motorway and I snagged him. We came back to the hall late at night, I was like 'oh fuck our security guard is gonna snap at me' but he actually didn't give a fuck." The thief was also kind enough to accommodate Baker further, by getting him some friends. They have collected three of him in total because he's "the only one I hate enough that I think he doesn't deserve signs so I can actually be fucked cutting them down".

JAMES SHAW AND MARAMA DAVIDSON, GREENS

Another hoarder managed to steal a Green Party hoarding from the Knox Church event when Chloë Swarbrick was down last week. "It was a warm Saturday evening, and the rark had just hit me," says the hoarder. "I was right outside Knox Church, scouting the building trying to find a way in and saw an open door to come to the building. I accidentally walked in on an AA meeting but realised how fucked I was so didn't wanna make a fool out of myself," she said, as if she already hadn't made a dick of herself. "As I was leaving the building I saw a big poster of Jack Brazil and thought, 'that'll do,'" but a local candidate wasn't quite enough for this pest, she glanced over and "right beside it was the one. The poster of our queen Marama Davidson and Sir James Shaw." The hoarder did what was only deemed right, and yanked it away, hoisting it into her flatmates vehicle before making a quick get away. "I took it by all four sides and walked away, taking it home and pinning it up on my wall alongside the Covid signs I had stolen from St Dave's after lockdown. Then, I called it a night."

LIAM KERNAGHAN, NATIONAL PARTY CANDIDATE FOR TAIERI

The final hoarder stole Dunedin's very own Liam Kernaghan. It all began when the thief and his mates went on a fishing trip to the Taieri. "We saw so many billboards on the way and I lowkey wanted a head but didn't think anything about it." The thought left his mind as he was fishing with the boys. After not catching anything due to being "shit at fishing" they began to make their way home. They ended up taking a different route and went past a bunch of National signs with the faces cut out. The thief became tempted to get one for himself. After seeing a sad cut out Kernaghan laying in the grass, he decided to pick it up and take it home for himself. "We now have a shrine for beautiful Liam in the flat," he said. "I accidentally scrubbed some of his face off while trying to get what I think could have been piss off his face."

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Wet Ass Phreshers

Why are they drinking under a bridge?

By Fox Meyer

Last week, a mate and I were peacefully eating curry at Taj Mahal. Two hours later we were drinking alongside a gaggle of well-suited, piss-drunk first years, taking shelter from the midnight rain under a Leith Street bridge. Critic returned to the bridge to find out how this culture started, and why, of all places, students have chosen the bridge as their piss-up preference.

I'd been invited to the bridge by a group of lads coming to Taj for their own BYO. They summoned us to their table, and told us to "meet them under the bridge in a few hours", which according to my Mum is "a great way to get stabbed".

In the name of semi-respecting their privacy, we won't name exactly where the bridge is. Just that there's a walkway that goes underneath it, so students aren't just standing in the riverbed. Not that people don't get in the river: according to one first year whose name I've totally forgotten, "every week, someone tries to cross". And every week, someone takes a tumble in the rocky Leith. "It's much harder to cross than you'd think. Especially on the piss."

It was a terribly stormy night, but there was still a group of about 50 students drinking in the dark and cold when we got there. I'm sure this was exactly what they'd hoped to get out of their university experience. Amidst the throng, I caught myself thinking "where the hell am I? I'm about to start postgrad, what am I doing here? Am I getting... old?"

Shit, it was the first time I've felt old. I'm old enough that the BYO game I was so familiar with

- save the Queen - was something my hosts had never heard of. And the next day, my suspicions were confirmed when a former Cumberland College RA told me "the bridge isn't news. Kids have been going there for years." Guess I never got an invitation.

At the BYO, when we were first told of the bridge, I was shown a video. It was taken from above, and showed a crowd of maybe 200 people mingling in the riverbed and on the sidewalk. A tussle had broken out in the middle. Students were shouting. Campus Watch looked on.

When asked, Campus Watch said that they "encourage safe and lawful behaviour of those present" at the bridge gatherings. So keep it classy, guys.

Students say they're there because of Covid. A classic excuse this year. Freshers, as we know, can't socialise in groups with fewer than 25 members, and because bars can't host large groups, this meant town wasn't an option. Due to exams, they couldn't drink in halls either.

"Where else besides halls and town can freshers drink that's out of view and out of the rain?" asked the Cumby RA, "there aren't that many options". I guess I can't blame them. The bridge offers a great central location, ambient water noise, that whole "post-industrial" aesthetic, and just generally sounds cool. "See you at the bridge." It's got a nice ring to it.

Problem is, there's no bins. "Yeah, rubbish can be a problem", said another first year, whose name I

also forgot. Some students put their empies back in their boxes to throw away later. Some leave them under the bridge. Some leave the glass to break up "naturally", in the same river that people try to cross barefoot "every week".

Freshers reported that this spot was their own new thing, but reports from people that have been on campus for anything more than a year say otherwise. One student says this year, the bridge is most popular from Thursday on, and my friends from the BYO say that it usually starts "quite late". When Critic visited at 10pm it was derelict, perhaps because town had reopened. Perhaps because they'd heard we were coming.

First years, if nothing else, are creative. I remember the days when I had to hide my drinking. I remember when the world was a pitcher to be filled with whatever's cheapest and strongest. It was my honour to be welcomed back into the ranks of our youth, but ultimately, it was a shitty experience. It was wet, uncomfortably hard, and smelled like cologne and stale beer, which, to be fair, does perfectly describe me during my first year as well. You can't ask for too much.

The bridge became an oddly fitting social metaphor, and the bottom line is this: nobody drinks under a bridge by choice. It's a creative solution to the obstacles life throws at you. You only find yourself drinking under the bridge if you aren't allowed to drink anywhere else.

Or if you thought journalism was a viable career.



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The Ultimate Guide to Pulling an All Nighter

By Annabelle Vaughan

With exams and end of year assignments rapidly approaching, it's highly likely you are going to have to pull an all nighter or 12. Maybe you've had to pull one due to your terrible time management, or your ability to procrastinate literally any university related task, or maybe you have to binge watch a semester's worth of lectures before an exam. Sure, sinking Mavs with the boys and your mediocre one night stand was more important, but you have played the 'dead grandma' card far too many times to ask for an extension. Nonetheless, do not stress. Because rather than doing my own work, I have taken the time to curate this perfectly planned, scientifically proven guide to pull the ultimate all nighter and get your shit done. So sit back and read on.



1. Don't actually drink any caffeine

Yes, that's right. You probably all think I'm crazy, and that what I'm suggesting is downright illogical and prosperous. But, hear me out.

The entire purpose of an all nighter is to cram and finish a project or an assignment which you are yet to complete. You want the most amount of energy and will power humanly possible, and shocking, you will not find this is caffeine. Why may you ask? Because according to a scientific website which I did incredibly extensive research on, caffeine will only give you energy and productivity for a short period of time. Yeah sure, you may be focused and hyper aware for a couple of hours, but then it's all downhill from there.

Instead opt for some other options. Like a nice fresh green tea which has lower levels of caffeine, keeping your energy levels at a steady pace, or cold cup of water. Hell, you could even down a shot of tequila if you're feeling freaky, or pull a Bear Grylls and drink your own piss if you're really wanting a wake up call.

Pro tip: Another name for sparkling water is Wake Up Bitch juice. If you're not used to the taste, sparkling water can taste kind of shit, but trust me when I say it'll give you an energy drink-like placebo effect.

2. Find a spot

Finding a spot is perhaps one of the most crucial stages in pulling an all nighter. It's where you are going to be for the next however many hours of your life, and really sets the tone and vibe for the rest of the evening.

The perfect spot can range from person to person. Some folks enjoy the towering ceilings and people watching opportunities of Central Library, although this could be an area full of distraction if you bump into your mates. Other folks enjoy St Dave's, the 24 hour hidey hole full of night dwellers. These options are perhaps the best for concentration and focus, given that you won't be hearing your horny hall neighbours or loud flatmates all night. Another benefit to being in one of these spaces is that you cannot get distracted by Netflix, or scroll aimlessly through Facebook. You're being watched, studying with the late night elites. They can smell fear and intimidation, so you better fucking hustle.

If you want somewhere private and comfy, but need accountability from taking a six hour nap, then teaming up with a friend or flatmate can be a great idea. Pick a flat, occupy a corner of their lounge for the next 24 hours, and be each other's babysitter.

Pro tip: Why not do both? Camp out in a corner of St Daves with a friend or two. That way you can go for a crisp night walk and not have to worry about being locked out.

3. Calm your nerves

It is usually at this moment, after you have done your prior all nighter preparation, that panic and anxiety will begin to grow. You sit down and look at your work, realising you have well and truly fucked yourself, a 'stitch up' as some may call it. You begin to wonder, how the hell will I do this in such a short amount of time? You begin to think of ridiculous excuses - can I pull the dead grandma card again? Is it worth a 5 percent decrease?

I'm here to tell you that no, it is not. You have come this far, do not pussy out now. To calm your nerves or anxieties, simply look at the task in front of you and break it down into small, more manageable pieces. Why not challenge yourself: 500 words per hour - unedited - followed by a fifteen minute break, followed by editing the garbage 500 words you just wrote. Rinse and repeat. From there, you can begin to make steady progress on the task ahead, chipping away at it as the night goes on.

Pro tip: I'm being deadass serious, but going for a sporadic sprint does wonders for your nerves. It's like having a cigarette, but your shortness of breath is due to being unfit instead of nicotine.



4. Drugs!

It is at this point in the all nighter you are well and truly beginning to question your life choices. What better way to question your life choices and send yourself into a spiral of existential dread that you just do drugs.

Now, this may seem a little crazy and irrational, but it is more common than you may believe. The most popular is obviously your classic No-Doz, which aren't really hard drugs per say, they're more a beginner option. But if you really want to send yourself, ritalin is the answer. According to Healthline, ritalin influences the levels dopamine and norepinephrine in your brain. I don't know what those actually are, but they seem like big and important words. This makes you more simulated and increases your levels of activity, meaning you can successfully pull your all nighter. Some may recommend not using this as it leaves you with dizziness, nausea and a compromised immune system, but you're an Otago student who probably parties too much and lives in a shit flat, so chances are you already have the symptoms listed above.

Pro tip: Don't do drugs, stay in school.

5. Get turned on

It was only a matter of time before this tip made the rounds. If you wanna stay awake and alert, simply get aroused. Chuck a wank in the bank or, if you have a situationship partner, then never fear, just send that cheeky snapchat. In just a few moments, you will begin to feel replenished and ready for the task ahead in more ways than one.

Pro tip: Adult Toy Megastore currently have 38% off of their Satisfyer Pros. You're welcome.



6. Incinerate your throat into a thousand tiny pieces

It's time to quite literally add a little bit of 'spice' to your all nighter. In order to awaken your taste buds, and in turn, yourself, simply demolish some spicy foods. It could be a leftover curry or those little packets of Mi Goreng. If you are a wild one, then just go ahead and eat a whole chilli or take a shot of sriracha. Yeah sure, it may cause your intestines and throat some pain, but not as much pain as your lecturer will be in after reading your half assed assignment. So go on, swallow some spice hard and fast, baby.

Pro tip: Buy some Big Red gum if you're too lazy to cook. They still sell them at the Caltex on North Road.

7. Just get some time management skills

This is the most simple, yet perhaps most unachievable part of pulling an all nighter. It's just having really good time management so you don't even have to pull an all nighter in the first instance. According to one student, who actually has time management skills, the reason she embodies this rare trait is due to the fact that she "doesn't function well on little sleep" which is a pretty good point. Realistically, no one reading this article functions well on little sleep, you're just a fucking daredevil. This student also said it's important to focus on quality over quantity of work, so it is better to take some time and chip away at things slowly to ensure you are putting your best foot forward. Can't relate.

Pro tip: Go to bed. No, you won't get a 'second wind'.



8. Ask for an extension

Despite your best intentions, half assed dedication and blind optimism, I present to you the final step in pulling the ultimate all nighter. Just ask for an extension, lazy bastard. We all knew it was coming to this, it's just that neither of us wanted to admit it. Will this make your lectures disappointed? Yes. Are you afraid of disappointing them because you used to be the 'smart kid' in school and got along really well with your teachers, even though you didn't ever really study, and you crave that same kind of nurturing relationship, forgetting the fact that maybe you're just not as cute and likeable as you used to be and actually, you should stop relying on what other people think of you for your sense of self worth? Also yes.

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Your Dunedin MP Candidates

FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST: Dave from The Maharajas

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As we near election day, you've got to have a clear understanding of what your Dunedin MP candidates represent. Critic spoke to every Dunedin candidate who replied to our request for an interview.

Because Critic takes this so seriously, they gave the job to me: an international student who knows next to nothing about Kiwi politics. So, I profiled Dave from Maharajas as well.

This is just one of the electorates that students will be voting in. If you updated your enrolment to studentville, then congratulations. If you live in South D/the Taieri electorate, or are on the Māori roll/Te Tai Tonga electorate, then keep an eye out on the Critic FB page over the coming weeks.

All of these questions have been submitted by students either from talking to you on the street, or by submitting to our survey during the semester break.

Happy voting.



DAVID CLARK AND LABOUR WANT:

To invest in long-term solutions, keep politics publicly accessible, and act quickly on climate change.



CALLUM STEELE-MACINTOSH AND ACT WANT:

To put Kiwis in the best position to change their future for the better through tax cuts, free speech and a smart fiscal plan.



JACK BRAZIL AND THE GREENS WANT:

To centre wellbeing rather than profit, address the systemic frameworks that uphold injustices, and fight for climate justice centring te Tiriti justice.



ROBERT GRIFFITH AND NEW ZEALAND FIRST WANT:

Less immigration, a focus on regional investment & growth and to keep policy focused on outcomes, not ideology.



BENJAMIN PETERS AND THE OPPORTUNITIES PARTY WANT:

To make good housing more accessible, implement a Universal Basic Income (UBI), and listen to what scientists are telling us about our climate.

DAVE FROM THE MAHARAJAS WANTS:

A table for eight at 6:30pm please.

Do you agree, in principle, that education should be free and fully subsidised by the state?

Labour: As with everything, it comes down to where you put your priorities. Recently we've put a lot of money into early childhood education, which research shows will have long-term returns.

ACT: Yes, yes I do. But the way in which that's free, we may have different ideas. I think every student should have an amount of funds that can only be spent to fund education. Then, if their grades are good, the government would give them another \$40,000 for university.

Greens: Yes. Access to education should be open to everyone, and our current model commodifies it. This conflicts with the foundational value that "education should be shared" and makes it a class issue. Having "user pays" for education just creates more barriers for people.

NZF: Yes. You should get as many years of university free so long as you then work for that many years in New Zealand upon graduation.

TOP: We want to support people in tertiary education and make it absolutely free up until tertiary education. Once you're an adult and our UBI kicks in, you could use it to fund a degree, or a business, or whatever other path you choose. We don't want to pick favorites with our funding.

Dave from Maharajas: I do. I think education is a basic human right and money shouldn't come in the way of anything that's a basic human right. It would put more young Kiwis into uni and give them more freedom.

What would you propose to improve student housing conditions?

Labour: As a party we have promoted rental standards. Changed the law so that renters have more rights. Ultimately, taxpayers bear the cause of preventable diseases caused by poor heating and poor insulation.

ACT: It needs to be easier to build and easier to rent. Right now, there are RMA (Resource Management Act) restrictions and zoning restrictions make it really expensive and really annoying to build more housing. The amount of RMA restrictions and regulations you have to go through is crazy. We'd reduce or scrap the RMA and replace it while also reducing zoning.

Greens: We will reform the student accommodation sector to ensure students get treated fairly. We live in a sort of "modern-day feudalism" where a select few people own the property and land. We'd look at rent freezes and a WOF system where the burden is lifted off of tenants, and promote tenant unions to be able to challenge predatory landlords and property investors.

NZF: We want to focus on positive incentives for landlords. If there's one thing we can all agree on, it's that landlords respond quickly when money is involved. We'd offer a tax break for landlords who can prove they've renovated their properties.

TOP: Housing is really at the core of what TOP wants to address, partly through rental rights, partly through a rental WOF, and partly through addressing the actual housing crisis. We want to increase the supply of housing and put in a property tax to balance the tax system to make all investments equal.

Dave from Maharajas: It is a landlord's job to make sure that the house they're renting is a liveable condition. It shouldn't be mouldy, it shouldn't be cold. People are paying their hard working money to live there. It's so unfair to pay for somewhere that's cold or makes them sick.

Are you committed to having the winter energy payment scheme extended to those on student allowance, as it is currently available for all other beneficiaries?

Labour: No. We have, obviously, moved to support students financially by increasing the student allowance. We know it's pretty challenging to get by on those support arrangements.

ACT: No, because I'd argue that a better way to solve this would be to reduce taxes. Governments can tax your benefits, which I think is a bit unreasonable. I'd rather reduce student taxes to free up more money.

Greens: Yep, welfare is healthcare, and we need to invest in our basic needs like warmth. Having a basic minimum income would be a short term fix. Long-term, we need to re-nationalize the energy sector so that the people are in charge rather than corporations.

NZF: Yeah. The whole point is to support the people who can't afford the hike in energy costs in the winter. We're all for a universal student allowance. The problem is: do we have the political will to push it through?

TOP: It's hard to do well in university while living in a shit flat - I've tried it. Students shouldn't have to live in cold flats. Rather than extending this scheme, we'd give students money via a UBI, which they could use to pay for winter energy. So yes - but not directly.

Dave from Maharajas: It's not easy being a student - every cent counts. Having that much extra cushion would definitely help, so I would totally support that. Go for it.

What support will your party offer tertiary graduates in finding employment post-Covid-19?

Labour: We want to make sure that the people coming out onto the job market are coming out to an economy that's actually hiring people. That's why we've focussed on big investments like the 50 billion dollar Covid relief fund to stimulate the economy.

ACT: First of all, mental health support is really important right now for those graduates. But to offer them jobs, we need to stimulate the economy, and we'd do that by propping up small businesses, balancing the budget and developing infrastructure. We also want to reinstate the 90-day trials and halt minimum wage increases for the next three years so small businesses can take risks when they hire people.

Greens: We want to reform student loan repayment schemes. For those graduates committing to work in Aotearoa, we want to look at eliminating this debt. A key part of this is our GMI of \$325 per week with targeted

individualised assistance. We need a just transition to an economy that works for us all.

NZF: It's a tricky question to sum up, but I'd say "stick to the tertiary policy". It encourages students to stay and work in the country, and in the long term, it's far more sustainable.

TOP: Yes - through a UBI.

Dave from Maharajas: You should be able to work in a field you're passionate about - that's what you study for. Investing in struggling businesses, when they start growing, they'll need more people to match that demand. That way, you're helping a struggling business, plus you're creating more jobs.

Are you committed to restoring the postgraduate student allowance?

Labour: Labour hasn't got any plan to do that. Meeting the ongoing cost pressures is pretty important, but restoring the postgrad allowance isn't at the top of our list. We will always want to make education more affordable and accessible and [National] will always want to shut that down.

ACT: I fully support that idea, but I wouldn't commit to it until I saw a hard copy of the proposal. I'd want to understand the specifics.

Greens: Yes, that's a no-brainer. Removing barriers to those pursuing further education is a key part of our policy. Chlöe Swarbrick has championed this, and will continue to do so.

NZF: Yes.

TOP: Yes - through a UBI.

Dave from Maharajas: Oh, I didn't know that used to be a thing. Right, well, if they used to have it, I'd say: why not? I haven't been involved with postgrad so I can't relate, and I can't comment on something I can't relate to.

Why do you think there's been a recent rise in science denialism and pseudoscience?

Labour: Whether or not there has been a rise, people holding these views have been able to get more attention through social media. If you're disenfranchised - and often these people are - there's something empowering about thinking you're part of a secret club that has knowledge that other people don't have.

ACT: I think that conspiracy theories are a common reaction to hearing information that's uncomfortable, and I think they've been more prevalent recently because we've been exposed to more information. The recent rise in science denialism is because of the recent rise in the need for coping mechanisms. Denying things like Covid-19 or climate change is a way that people can take control of an issue that they cannot solve on their own.

Greens: Science communication hasn't always been accessible and available. We tend to alienate conspiracy theorists, which sends them further down problematic pathways like YouTube algorithms. At the end of the day, the real conspiracy is capitalism, a global system that always comes at the

expense of wellbeing and sharing knowledge.

NZF: Conspiracy theorists are skeptical just like all scientists. Our generation has a good grasp on how science works, but sometimes we marginalize those who don't understand it as well. This makes people not want to engage with science. Btw, personally, I have a JFK conspiracy website. I made it for year 13 history and I'm still convinced it was George Bush Sr. that did it.

TOP: I think social media has played a large role. People are able to select what kind of news they see more than ever before. I don't think it's new, though; recent denialism about vaccinations just affects us in a more "real" way than something like flat-earth ever could.

Dave from Maharajas: I don't really know, I'm not one of those people. Maybe people think science is all lies. Maybe they think that scientists just make stuff up, that it's not supported by facts. But I don't really know.

What is your stance on current issues such as queer rights, climate action and feminism?

Labour: I am very keen to see greater action on climate change. I see feminism as a recognition that people deserve equal treatment and have dignity as human beings. I was a civil union celebrant back in the day and have been active in the queer rights movement for some time, and I pushed for banning conversion therapy.

ACT: I don't think you can go wrong in trying to make the world a better place, no matter the cause, so I support efforts to improve the situation of queer rights, climate change and feminism. But to protect the minorities of society, we need to ensure that there is legislation to allow people to speak freely, without risk of prosecution. 200 years ago, hate speech would have been suggesting that women have the right to vote, so we need to have free speech to ensure that we can have an open and honest discussion about these issues.

Greens: These are the key strands of what climate justice is. All forms of liberation are intertwined, and when one of us is marginalized, that affects us all. Institutionalized ways of thinking are tied up in imperialism, colonialism and

the patriarchy, which is what climate justice is seeking to dismantle.

NZF: When it comes to queer rights and gender rights, the government should never dictate what happens to you in the bedroom. They have no right to tell you that. NZ First and myself oppose paternalism through and through.

TOP: We need to listen to climate scientists - that's what Greta Thunberg said. With social issues, we want a universal approach. The less you target specific things, the less that gets used as a political weapon. If you take a universal approach, everyone benefits, but the people who have been historically disenfranchised benefit the most from it.

Dave from Maharajas: We are 2020, man. For me, I don't look at anyone by their sex or age. I'm a human being and I look at them as a human being. I think we should have human rights for all of us. As far as beings we share the planet with, if we cannot make their life better, we should not make their life more difficult.

Will you abide by the results of the cannabis referendum if you are in government?

Labour: Yeah, look, I have always personally been in favour of sensible drug law reform. I will certainly be supporting the cannabis referendum. It's something that I personally will want to see us abiding by, and Labour has made the commitment to support the referendum.

ACT: Yes.

Greens: Yes. Either way, I will personally be campaigning for justice in the cannabis industry. Cannabis is a medicine, and if it weren't for the people that put their lives on the line to protect it, we would've lost it. Any conversations about it need to be centred on the people that have been racially and systemically harmed by past and present injustices.

NZF: Yes. We were the first party to say that we would honour the result.

TOP: Not if it's a "no". The evidence suggests that the harms of cannabis don't increase when it's legalised, and TOP is committed to listening to the evidence provided by science.

Dave from Maharajas: It's a public choice, and if the public votes "yes", of course I'd uphold that. But personally, I don't think drugs are the way to go. I think alcohol does more harm than cannabis, and I'm not against cannabis as long as you can keep within your limits. But I have seen people's lives ruined by their addictions.

If you couldn't vote for your party, who would you vote for?

Labour: I'd create a new party with the same policies as Labour, and then vote for that party.

ACT: Greens. They're a liberal party, and I think smaller parties have more of a reason to care and more of a reason to help people.

Greens: Māori party. I've been really impressed by Debbie Ngarewa-Packer, and her staunch policies towards environmental and social justice, which is tino rangatiratanga. She's cool.

NZF: TOP. I voted for them in 2017, for Abe Gray.

TOP: The Māori party. I've voted for them before and they align with my views.

Dave from Maharajas: Nobody can match our butter chicken and I would sooner vote "no confidence" than against The Maharajas.

How will you personally, and your party, protect and/or improve our democratic process?

Labour: Maintaining the accessibility and affordability of the democratic process keeps the system trustworthy and makes sure it works in a way that benefits the people. It's important to uphold the standard in New Zealand that anybody can get involved in leading their country on a reasonable budget - without spending millions of dollars like you have to in the US.

ACT: Excellent question, I think the big thing is free speech. Implementing free speech laws and scrapping the hate speech laws. It is not the government's job to decide what's appropriate or not appropriate to say. It's very easy to say we should have hate speech laws when we agree on what "hate speech" is, but just because we're in a good position at the moment doesn't mean we should set legislation [on what people can say] that will last for hundreds of years.

Greens: We're living in a system that disempowers tangata whenua, so I'd focus on upholding and honoring te Tiriti and ensuring kaupapa Māori is a part of the democratic process. We've already expanded the election access fund to focus on disabled people, and Golriz has been leading the

conversation on protecting democracy from corrupting money. Personally, I'd like to see early civics education and the Vote 16 campaign championed.

NZF: Personally, I've always wanted politicians to be on the median wage. More generally, I'm sick of sitting in town halls and hearing politicians lie. Even if it is an ugly truth, it's better than a pretty lie. NZF has always wanted to establish an anti-corruption commission. That's been our goal for 27 years and it hasn't changed... I wonder why the other parties don't want that policy put through.

TOP: My party wants to start by teaching civics in schools so that we have an educated populace. We also want to establish an upper house that is 50% Māori and draft a constitution (but not an American one). Personally, I'd like to lower the voting age to 16 to promote voting as a lifelong habit.

Dave from Maharajas: Integrity. Simple way to put it. As long as the people we elect are honest, we will have our democracy.

Should there be a 'maximum' wealth level, e.g. \$500 million, after which all earnings are taxed at 100%?

Labour: It's not something that the Labour party has plans for, but we've introduced a proposal where we will introduce a new top tax rate. We've also got plans to crack down on multinational companies avoiding their tax rates.

ACT: No, I think that's a silly idea. Why should you be penalized for earning a lot of money? We're not going to make people more rich by taking money off of rich people. We're gonna make people more rich by reducing regulation and giving them the best opportunities we can. If you have a maximum wealth level what you're gonna see is everyone making that much money going overseas.

Greens: Yeah, absolutely, because the only way you reach that kind of wealth is by exploiting people and the land. In the meantime, having a wealth tax is imperative - however that doesn't address the fact that it's that extreme

wealth that is the cycle of harm. The world cannot sustain billionaires.

NZF: We should never have a maximum wealth level. Instead we should have a minimum wealth level. If anyone thinks that we can tax someone's wealth at 100% and that person isn't gonna try to dodge that tax, they're out of their mind. You can get as rich as you want, but you have to contribute to making sure everyone has a minimum standard of living.

TOP: Some people really want the top to come down - I want the bottom to come up. We want to close current tax loopholes and start taxing property.

Dave from Maharajas: Personally, I'd say no. That would discourage people. At the end of the day, money is what you have a job for. If you changed the question to say "high tax bracket", I'd say yes.





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Do you think the threshold for getting into parliament should be 4% instead of 5%, as was recommended by the Electoral Commission?

Labour: If you're gonna change anything, then the public needs to be engaged in it. It has to come from the public. It's an interesting question.

ACT: Yes. I genuinely think that would benefit the democratic system. It allows smaller parties a better chance of getting in, and minor parties hold major parties accountable. If the electoral commission agrees with it, then they've obviously done a significant amount of research into it.

Greens: Anything that makes it more accessible for minor party representation is beneficial. I think that's a good step, but it's not addressing systemic inequities in democratic representation.

NZF: Yeah, or even lower. Right now, you could have 19 parties get 4.9% and one party gets 7.9%, and they'd get all the seats. That's messed up.

TOP: I'd say let's go with 2%, but my party would support 4%. If you have high thresholds, fringe groups like gun rights get adopted by mainstream parties. If they were allowed to be their own party with a lower threshold, these sometimes-radical issues would stay out of mainstream parties who may seek to absorb their votes. That's my own perspective.

Dave from Maharajas: Mate, I wouldn't have any clue.

Will there be any policies to reform tertiary education content to include Māori/indigenous history and language in all courses?

Labour: If the state starts prescribing what people have to do, you get into a dangerous position. Academic freedom is incredibly important. However, we have made history something that is required to take in schools and we do want people better versed in te reo.

ACT: We know that "one size fits all" education doesn't work. Not everyone learns the same way. We'd like to promote charter schools, which are allowed to operate under any parameters they see fit so long as their students graduate with the ability to read, write, do maths and all the other basic skills necessary for entering the workforce. I think that the preservation of te reo and Māori/indigenous history is very important, but it doesn't necessarily belong in all courses at higher levels. That would depend entirely on the children and the parents.

Greens: Yep, so that's looking at directly funding kaupapa Māori programmes, by Māori, for Māori. Greens policy is actually for te reo to be

a core subject through to year 10. But this reform requires having enough teachers, so for now, funding should be prioritized for Māori communities before Pākehā.

NZF: No, but that doesn't mean that I don't think there's an intrinsic value in those subjects. The government's already put NZ history in schools, and I'd expand that. We do need to start normalizing te reo in everyday life. I'd do that by establishing a literacy criteria for te reo like we have for English.

TOP: I've already tried this and it was quite difficult. I'd like to see it happen, but the change needs to start at the primary school level and build from there. Eventually, I'd like to see it reach the university level.

Dave from Maharajas: New Zealand has a rich history, and it should look after its indigenous people. It's what makes us unique, and we should protect that.

How do you feel about removing statues that represent oppression of Māori in NZ?

Labour: I think that's ultimately a local decision, not a central government decision. We've got to reflect on our history as a country, but I think that's a locally driven decision.

ACT: If there are statues that represent oppression of Māori, I'd like to see them gone. I think that any city with those statues should collectively decide how they can approach fixing the issue with the statue. In all honesty, it's art made of stone. I'm sure that there are hundreds of other statues we could create to represent the amazing parts of New Zealand culture.

Greens: I'm for it. The process for this is localised and following lead from mana whenua. Also the burden of the work should be on Pākehā, to support reindigenizing tangata whenua history in Aotearoa. No one ever learnt history from a statue; they're symbolic and romanticizing of violence and pain and oppression for lots of indigenous people.

NZF: I quite liked the Māori party's idea of a cross-party standard of what is and isn't okay to have for a statue. I think it's very tokenistic to believe that toppling a statue will help the huge inequality that we already have. It just pushes the more conservative people in society away. Then the conversation is no longer about Māori inequality and racism, now it's about radicals that want to tear down statues.

TOP: This is such a complex issue I can't do it justice in a few sentences. I feel like it's important to listen to those [marginalised] voices, but I don't know what the appropriate solution is.

Dave from Maharajas: Even if you remove them, where are you gonna put them? It would be wasting government money. I certainly wouldn't produce any more statues, but I'd rather spend that money on climate or more useful things. We shouldn't be fighting with each other. It's tricky.

What is your favourite romantic comedy?

Labour: I have to confess that I do like rom coms. Does Star Wars count? I'd say Star Wars.

ACT: Her. Or maybe Warm Bodies. Or, no I've changed my mind. It's Love, Simon.

Greens: There aren't too many rom coms made for queer people! I do quite like Call Me By Your Name.

NZF: Bridesmaids. 100%.

TOP: It's not my usual genre, but probably Scott Pilgrim vs. the World.

Dave from Maharajas: Oh jeez, I don't know man. I like Rush Hour. That scene with the martial arts class. Man. Gets me every time.

As an American, my standards for political representatives are obviously very high. In my experience with your candidates, I found myself quickly becoming jealous of the options available to Kiwis. No matter their differences, each of these representatives cared primarily about the people of New Zealand, and earnestly and honestly believed that their solution was best for their constituents.

That is incredibly valuable.

That being said, after our conversations, I can say a bit about each person.

David Clark was very well practiced, very professional, and very hard to pin down. He didn't seem to want to give direct answers all the time, and struck me as the most of a "politician".

Jack Brazil had clearly made an effort to become aware of every social issue out there, and wore a shirt that I liked. He had a lot to say about every issue, and was very particular with his phrasing. I liked what he was getting at, but I found myself getting lost in his sentences.

Robert Griffith was very easy to speak with and gave nice, concise answers. The only awkward bit was when he was describing to me his anti-immigration stance, which doesn't exactly vibe with my future.

Benjamin Peters and I had great chats about science, religion and economics. I understood about half of what he was saying, but he was clearly very well educated and a good orator. I had the most fun with him.

I only caught Callum through a Zoom call. He works nights, which is cool, and had a very clear set of morals that he stuck to. I can't say much about him because we didn't speak for too long, though he did admit, with good humor, that his chances of surviving the guillotine when the revolution comes are "very low". Points for honesty.

Dave from Maharajas was honest, hopeful, and kind. He may not know what he's talking about, and he did say he would make "a terrible politician", but I encourage him to think about running in the future. He had a good head on his shoulders.

All the candidates were fun to talk to, and I learned a lot. I hope I've done them justice in this piece, but I'd like to remind readers that it's very difficult to dilute a complicated answer into a few sentences. If anyone has peaked your interest, give their website a gander and hear it in their own words.

Engage in educated democracy. The alternative, as we watch it unfold in my homeland, is grim.



WORKING IN THE SUN:

Top Jobs to Get Cause Rent's Still Due in January

By Jack Gilmore

Well guys, the time has come. University is drawing to a close, the weather's getting warmer, Bunnings have put up the inflatable Santa. Summer is upon us. Everyone loves summer. You can go swimming in a lake, listen to Bat Fangs single "Boy of Summer", have a long walk through the bush, or even light a bonfire at the beach that then causes a massive scrub fire resulting in \$5 million worth of property damage. It's a great time.

You're living the high life. You go into Macca's to buy a large frozen coke. Then wah wah, your card declines for \$1. For the rest of the summer poverty consumes you, and it's only November 9. You have to sell off your possessions. You try to make a sandwich, but you pawned your bread. There are two options: enrol in Summer School and get that debt, or get a summer job.

According to official Critic statistics provided by students in a google form 48.7% of students have not yet got a job for the summer yet have apparently applied for one. However, 40% of students have a job locked in and ready to go and 2.6% have a student internship. 5.1% of students are still doing interviews but believe that they'll be able to acquire a position. Unfortunately 2.6% of students have sold their soul to Summer School in order to "get that debt".

Most students aren't even hoping for much money this summer. The majority of students are thinking minimum wage or \$300 to \$400 a week. To these people I say, yeah that's fair. One student was hoping they'd get \$2000 a week, to that person I say, "woah calm it down", and also, "you're worth it Queen".

Critic data has shown that most people are looking for either a studentship or a retail job. Few students are looking for a fruit picking job, which is honestly a disappointment, and even fewer are looking for a warehouse job. Gotta ask guys, what's wrong with fruit picking? It's a great time you get to be amongst the trees in Central Otago.

The best place to find a job, according to half of those I talked to is Student Job Search (Student Job Search, the best place for students to search for jobs). SJS is a service that the OUSA contributes financially to, so we should all use the service more. The most popular jobs that students want according to Student Job Search are jobs with flexible hours and good pay. The most listed jobs on SJS are hospitality, tourism, and retail jobs. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 tourism jobs have seen a decrease in availability and have been replaced with agricultural jobs.

One student I talked to, Jeremy, said that he had used Student Job Search last year and had been unable to procure employment. However, this year when he went on SJS he was able to procure good paying part time work for the summer, saying there were even "way more jobs up" than in 2019. He applied for three and was offered one, "So now I'm gonna be selling computers on Boxing Day".

Another student, Samantha, had a similar experience. "I've tried to get a studentship but haven't. So now I'm looking for jobs on the internet. I've got five job interviews this weekend at a bunch of restaurants so hopefully I'll get one".

One very attractive student I talked to, Jack (me), said that "Yeah, I went on Job Search and they had a bunch of fruit picking jobs available. I thought to myself 'I could do that' so I applied for like eight jobs, maybe more, and I got offered all of them".

So what then are the best jobs to have this summer? Well I have compiled a comprehensive list of some of the jobs listed on Student Job Search and how I, and others, would rank them.

8. Odd jobs at your relative's work

You'd be surprised how many students actually eat with a job like this. Apparently, the story goes that if your parents complain enough about you planning on living on their couch all summer, that some relation will offer you some pointless minimum wage job (or even an unpaid one, yay) in the basement of their office or workshop, doing whatever the hell. What does this job entail? You could be doing it for weeks or you could be doing it for like three days. One person I talked to said he was hired by a family friend as a receptionist yet he got made redundant after three hours. Another student said that they worked for free at a family friend's law firm and spent most of her time picking out the staples from documents so that she could then scan and digitize old files. Incredible.

I cannot recommend this as a job. Seeing that much of your family/parents' friends is unhealthy. (I love you Mum and Dad please don't kick me out.)

Hours: Not enough out of 10.

Stress: Having your mum yell at you for filling incorrectly.

Wishing you were at the swimming dam instead: Dear God I wish I was with my friends instead of Gary from HR.

7. Fast food worker

Aight I did this job for like two days once, it wasn't fun. First of all, the summer time is usually warm and working in <unnamed fast food restaurant> is super hot. If you want your hair to smell like chips and cheeseburgers all the time this is perfect, though. The hours are pretty regular and the work is steady which might be a plus. However, that's how they get you. You start as a casual worker over the summer then suddenly you're being promoted to manager and have worked there for three years. Time moves strangely in the burger restaurant. But you do get discounts or free meals, that's a plus.

Working conditions: Chips that were cooked two hours ago.

Chance of putting on a few pounds: How one of those fancy chicken burgers taste at three in the morning.

The jokes your friends make: "Yeah can I have a uh... beez churger."

6. A sometime gardener

Okay apart from sounding like a literary reference, this is a job that needs doing over the summer. Currently there are like five casual jobs available in Dunedin listed on Student Job Search. Now this might not be the worst job in the world. You'd get out in the sun, be able to work out, maybe meet some attractive older people. The students I talked to who have experience in this line of work had mixed feelings about the hours they got. One said he was inundated with meaningless greenfinger tasks. Another said he did a grand total of three gardens in the month of January. Also, I hate to say it, but the work that a sometime gardener has to do is a bit bizarre. One minute you're cutting down trees, the next you're watering cacti, the next you're digging a trench. If you like spontaneity, this is the job for you. One person said "I once had to water a garden. That's fair enough. Except for the part where it was a rock garden."

Hours: Who knows out of however many.

Sexiness: "It's so hot" out of "why don't you take your shirt off"?

Job satisfaction: Like when you go on a mediocre road trip after a month of romanticized planning of said trip.

5. Sex work

If you want to do something completely different than the standard manual labour jobs over the summer, you can always turn to the oldest form of manual labour. I'm sure this work has its ups and downs. Ha. The work encapsulates many things, from cam work, to in-person stuff. And hey, contrary to common belief, fellas you can get in on the action too. The pay is apparently very good with hourly rates of up to \$200. However, two thirds of the people I talked to about this job described a lot of the work as completely dehumanizing. Not even dehumanizing to themselves personally, but as in it made them see the opposite sex very differently. One girl who did enjoy it enough to do it for three months straight said that sex work gave her "a newfound sense of confidence and enabled me, for the first time, to set and enforce clear boundaries with men".

Hours: There are hours.

Pay: You definitely get paid.

Work conditions: Getting better all the time according to the Sex Workers Union.

4. Drug dealing

This is a high risk, high reward sort of a job. On the one hand, there's a lot of money to be made out of selling fake molly to 19-year-olds at music festivals. On the other hand, you're dealing with organised crime. I spoke to my drug dealer friend about it and she said she made \$3,000 at a new years music fest. Unfortunately, she was telling me this while incarcerated in Arohata Prison. Again, high risk, high reward.

Hours: Dm me.

Ups: Coke or meth.

Downs: Weed or benzos.

3. Shop assistant

If you've ever seen those people selling you stuff at Christmas time and thought "hey, that would be fun" well now's your chance to do it. There are a tonne of different retail jobs you could have, from working at a clothes store to working at a music store to working at a technology store. Over Christmas you'll probably get heaps of work which is always good for your wallet (and you'll be too busy to spend any of it), and you'll meet just a bunch of swell people buying absolutely pointless things. I mean, Jesus, we're in the middle of a recession and a climate crisis, why do you need a smoothie maker? And why are you being such a jerk about the fricking paywave? Pay in cash, asshole. One person I talked to said "Yeah I really hated the job most of the time but damn the pay was good. I was getting commission! 12 percent motherfucker." Another downside of this job is that you have to stand for such long periods of time. My feet get sore easily. A friend who used to work for Lush said that although the store absolutely slaughtered her sense of smell, that employees got 50% off all products, so I'd recommend you apply for that job if it comes up.

Hours: Fair out of 10.

Song stuck in your head: All I Want for Christmas or Snoopy's Christmas

Cons: Dealing with people and money. It's a recipe for disaster.

2. Fruit picking

Essentially the job's like going camping in Central Otago except you don't know the people camping with you, and instead of going kayaking or abseiling you're picking cherries and peaches. According to Radio One's Tom Tremewan, "fruit picking really is the dream". I'm told this is the closest type of work to going on holiday, so if you want to have a break from the harsh realities of the world, this is totally the job for you. The pay's okay with the apparent ability to get bonuses. Your housing is often supplied by the company and you get to be out in the sun all day in the most scenic parts of the country, and probably even the world. Again, it's like camping! What could be better? The work is often labour intensive but I mean you don't have to be here. Also ladders! I love climbing ladders and you get to do it.

Hours: As many as you want.

Perks: You can eat the fruit whenever and wherever. No one can hurt you here. No one can make you feel scared. The orchard's just fine.

Have I been inducted into a cult? Sorry, but your bonuses have been taken away due to you asking this question.

1. Being rich and not needing a job

Well guys I said I was gonna rank them. So this one's number one. Look, this is everyone's dream. None of us actually want to work over the summer if we could avoid it. So how 'bout you just don't? You've got access to a trust fund, treat yourself. Go to one of New Zealand's islands and pretend it's Tahiti, bring your friends. Hire a yacht, drink champagne. Vote National, be a piece of shit. This is what your grandfather worked for.

Hours: "Wow the wait staff are so friendly."

Pay: "Do these Ralph Lauren shoes make me look poor?"

Downsides: I'm going to personally eat you when the revolution takes place.

Well there we go, the top eight jobs. The question now is, which job are you going to apply for? Probably all of them and just see what you get. Everybody's unemployed at the moment so I mean chances are you won't even get a job.

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH THE CATS OF NORTH DUNEDIN

Elliot Weir

Cats. The muse of many art forms, from 2011 internet memes to 2019 musicals that you really shouldn't watch high. Unfortunately, most students have neither the time nor the home to house any pets so when we see one of the many cats wandering the streets of North Dunedin we take all the endorphins we can get. Most flats I know have at least one story of these savants of the street walking inside and making themselves at home. Each cat has an undeniable personality, and I wanted to hear what a few of them had to say. I roamed the streets of North Dunedin like, well, a cat, in order to track these feline free spirits down and, through some crowd-sourcing, gained exclusive interviews for Critic magazine.

Benny



Benny can be found stalking the streets of Forth, Harrow, and Clyde and he cannot be trusted. Benny is known for showing up on drunken walks home like some kind of breather guardian angel. Benny is a harbinger of chaotic good energy, but there is a darkness to him. He is an elusive cat, shying away from any camera pointed at him. Whenever I asked him a question, he would simply stare into the distance, lost in thought, and then mutter something about not being able to overcome the sins of his former self. Benny means well.

Vibe: Crepuscular

Favourite drug: Ketamine

Favourite Cats (2019) character: Macavity the Mystery Cat

Who they're voting for this election: Social Credit

Meow?: meow

Mahi



Mahi makes himself at home around the hills of North Dunedin. He is friendly, but attention-seeking to a fault. He's a good chat and will do anything for a pat, but cannot exactly be trusted to have your back. Mahi's primary focus is himself and will whine loudly if he doesn't get what he wants and whilst he'd be an asshole of a person, he makes a very good cat. He has been known to get too wired on catnip and say stuff he regrets later, but more often than not you can find him stealing other people's vapes for a hit and then getting headaches and passing out. Mahi is also very fluffy.

Vibe: Unrestrained

Favourite drug: Nicotine

Favourite Cats (2019) character: Whoever Taylor Swift played

Who they're voting for this election: ACT

Meow?: meow

Nigel



Nigel can be found around Duke St. Nigel knows what he wants and most of the time what he wants is to be left alone. Nigel is the equivalent of an old man telling you to get off his lawn, except he doesn't realise he's the trespasser. He also won't stop talking about fighting in Vietnam even though he's never left the country. Once you get to know him though, he's a big softie. In the right hands he loves a good cuddle and will happily give you a fiver to go buy some chocolate or whatever. Just a shame he's voting New Conservative.

Vibe: Curmudgeonly

Favourite drug: Vicodin

Favourite Cats (2019) character: Old Deuteronomy

Who they're voting for this election: New Conservative

Meow?: meow

Rosie



Rosie can be found all over campus, and is a star of the Uni facebook and instagram. Whilst St. Margaret's calls Rosie home, she is not the type of cat to let herself be tied down. She is seen around the Clocktower, the river, and lecture theatres at both night and day. When I spoke to her, Rosie recalled stories of her walking alongside drunken students on their way home, both because she cares and "for the vibe". Rosie is a loving and friendly cat, although she considers herself a campus icon and can get grumpy when she's not recognised as such.

Vibe: Venerable

Favourite drug: Catnip

Favourite Cats (2019) character: Rosie couldn't decide between Grizabella and Victoria the White Cat

Who they're voting for this election: Labour

Meow?: meow

Athena



Athena can be found at St. Margaret's College. While her friend Rosie is an avid explorer, Athena is satisfied with a life at home. Athena can forget she is a cat sometimes, blending perfectly with the rest of the students at St. Margs. She is the mother of any friend group and cares about her friends dearly. She can get her claws out when she needs to though, as evidenced by the scratches on the couch as you enter the college. Like any student at a residential college, Athena gets lonely when her friends aren't around, or are too busy studying to hang with her.

Vibe: Virtuous

Favourite drug: Love and friendship

Favourite Cats (2019) character: Mr. Mistoffelees

Who they're voting for this election: Undecided

Meow?: meow

Ella



Ella can be found plodding around the Student Support Centre on Ethel Benjamin Place. Ella is also not a cat, but her charms convinced me to let her be in this piece anyways. She has a calming energy, and a kind face, although she kept leaving the room when I asked her questions, which really tanked my self-esteem. She later apologised, and explained it was just because she wanted her chew toy. We spent the rest of the interview lying down on the carpet, soaking up the sun.

Vibe: Mellow

Favourite drug: Weed brownies

Favourite Cats (2019) character: James Corden

Who they're voting for this election: Greens

Meow?: woof

Bill & Bill



"Ok, this is getting a bit ridiculous" I said as Bill and Bill walked into my office, "you're clearly not cats". "We clearly are," Bill replied tersely. "You're ducks," I responded. The room got tense and Bill leaned towards me. "Shut up and write another piece on us you piece of shit." Bill turned to Bill, "Bill, babe, settle down it's ok," he then turned to me and calmly explained that it'd been weeks since they were last featured in Critic, and ever since they were almost taken away from campus things hadn't been the same between them. "We just need this, man."

Fair enough.

Vibe: Bohemian

Favourite drug: Attention

Favourite Cats (2019) character: Rum Tum Tugger/Jason Derulo

Who they're voting for this election: McGillicuddy Serious Party

Meow?: quack

How to Hypothetically Chuck a Hāngi Pit in Your Flat Yard



DIY: IT'S IN OUR DNA

By Kaiya Cherrington

Hāngi is iconic; the food that connects us to our ancestors, the best treat for all. Most importantly, forget your expensive, overhyped ham - Hāngi is the best Christmas dish, prove me wrong.

Hāngi, as we all know, takes a huge amount of work. You have to dig a hole, find the perfect rocks, get firewood, peel kumara for what feels like a million years, the list goes on. But digging a hole at home is one thing, getting away with it at your student flat is another.

Digging up your yard at a rental property usually requires permission from your landlord, some sort of consent. Tenants aren't supposed to change the landscaping without permission, but surely a cheeky, temporary hāngi pit would be fine, right? You would think so, but in 2018, some teens in Auckland got fined for digging a hāngi pit, even after getting consent, because the new owners wanted the 'grass resown' after the pit was filled in. Interesting.

One could argue that the pit is not altering the landscaping - as the dirt can be replaced after the kai is cooked. Besides, most student flats don't usually have manicured lawns, nor garden beds that a landlord would be particularly concerned about. Why should students miss out on traditional hāngi? If Castle Street flats can be absolutely munted, then a hole in the ground surely couldn't hurt.

If you were to dig a hāngi pit in your yard, of course consent would be extra safe. But hypothetically, if you were to do it without consent, the process isn't a walk in the park. You just need a shovel, spade, some mates, determination, expertise and an A+ attitude.



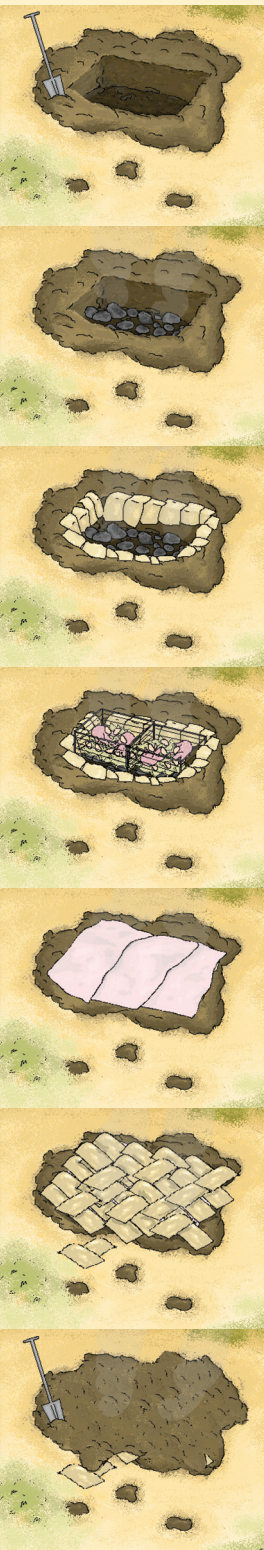
Scope out the yard - a spot clear of trees and shrubs is perfect, at least a couple metres each side away from anything that can catch fire. She needs to be relatively level, to ensure even cooking. Also, you need hāngi crates (like a big cage, or something you can drop into/lift out of the ground that will hold all of the food) so you can measure dimensions of the hole - don't want to have it all ready and then have to do even more digging.

Prep your food; line the crates with tin foil or cabbage leaves, get your meat ready (pork, beef, chicken, whatever you fancy), peel a million potatoes, kumara and pumpkin, also get your cabbage ready. Most importantly; stuffing. You need to pick apart loaves of bread the night before so they go stale, and shred it up with some veges like carrot and onion.

Next, you need your awa rocks or iron chunks from an unused railway track, good luck. You can't use any rock from the Botans, because they will explode and your exquisite food will be ruined. You need volcanic rock. Google it. You need to heat these bad boys up, stack them on a pile of dry wood (ideally a low to medium density wood. Again, Google it) and then they'll need to burn for at least two to three hours. No, a burning couch is probably not ideal, not to mention the tikanga behind using furniture you sit on. Let me know if it hypothetically works, though.

You also need to have muslin sacks at the ready, as well as some old white sheets soaked in water. Once the rock/iron fire has died and the rocks/iron are absolutely glowing, time to clear away the ashes and chuck them in the pit. Like Cardi B said, be careful with me. And by me, I mean the rocks. Use your shovel or anything else super carefully, otherwise you'll end up with terrible burns and most devastatingly - no hāngi. Line the hole with wet sacks and chuck your hāngi crates with the food in. Then, cover with sheets to keep in the steam, then more sacks, then dirt back on top. Let cook for three to four hours, it is so easy to under or over cook so... Practice makes perfect. For a more detailed step by step guide, there are super helpful videos on YouTube. Or you could call someone's uncle - I can't guarantee they will be good at explaining though. More of the watch and learn, get-in-there type usually.

As for the pit afterwards, fill it in as if nothing ever happened. If your landlord hypothetically has an issue, let them know that they need to fix their attitude real quick, or perhaps explain that they don't understand the cultural significance that hāngi has for indigenous in Aotearoa. Sad. Either way, if they are giving you bad vibes, let them know that they will not be receiving any hāngi if they disrespect your umu (earth oven) like that. Or instead give them a peace offering; 1kg of stuffing and a happy stomach.



LOCAL PRODUCE

By Fox Meyer and Kaiya Cherrington

L Hotel

Up-and-coming band L Hotel, who formed a powerhouse threesome from previous band the Shitz, have recently been hitting Dunedin stages and blessing our ears with funky covers we all know and love. Critic caught up with bassist and ex-Radio 1 host Dave Borrie after a job interview. He did not get the job.

The band describes their formation as rising from the ashes of a band called the Shitz "which some of you may have listened to". Shitz made a name for themselves with covers, and L Hotel has kept up that legacy. Early on, the band never really expected to get big, but as the Shitz gained popularity, they thought "oh yeah, writing our own music would be cool". L Hotel is made up of Borrie on Bass, Fred Richardson on drums, and Jono Everts on vocals and guitar.

Dave gives props to Jono, who is their modern-day John Lennon (presumably without the domestic abuse), in that he writes all their music. It started off with some jam seshes, but soon turned into proper gigs - four in total since the band began. The past four months have heavily involved the Snow Sports Club, and they played their first proper gig in a ski shack "in the middle of nowhere". It's ironic that the Snow Club and ski gigs play such a large role in their band, as it snowed while Critic interviewed him. With his Tuesday snow-day, Dave wanted nothing more than "to go up to Cardies and do a few bad voodoo laps of the park. Maybe break a bone. That would make my day."

Dave's favourite place he's played a gig at as L Hotel would probably be at the Ski Club's Dirtbag Ball. "It's so hard to choose from all four gigs we've played," but he reckons the crowd makes a gig, and they were "just frothing it".

Covers make up a good portion of their tracklists because everyone loves a familiar tune, especially a box in and feeling it. But Dave

reckons they never play a direct cover of a song, "we tweak all of them. Even if that just means making it faster and louder." He noted, though, that a good way to do well in Dunedin is just to play Bliss at the end of your set. "That always goes well." Describing his favourite one to play, he gave a little preview; "I love, love, love our cover of Cupid's Chokehold. It's the one that goes 'take a look at my girlfriend, she's the only one I got...' You know, that one. But we also got a cover of Desire, by Subfocus." Borrie plays the bass in the drum and bass cover, but he says "I don't actually do much in that song. Even my mum can't hear what I play."

L Hotel has recently released their "virgin" track, Sit Around, which can be found on Spotify. Dave said it "never gets old" seeing a photo of the three members on Spotify. According to a tag on Instagram, the song somehow reached "a random dad in Michigan", which was "just so cool". Dave has no idea how that connection happened, but is stoked nonetheless. "It's crazy seeing something and saying 'oh, wow, we made that'. And I'm just so proud of Jono and Fred for all they do."

All three have been students. Fred is currently studying Stats, Jono has a Masters in Physics, and Dave has a Masters in Physical Geography. "Yeah, it feels pretty weird having completed a Masters, and now I'm in a band." Fred and Jono both juggle music with employment. Dave said he handles the social media side of things "because I'm unemployed. So that leaves plenty of time to do dumb stuff. Like talking to Critic."

Ultimately, Dave wants to have the same musical impact that bands like the Eric Simpson show band, The Tuts, and Steriogram have had on New Zealand. You can listen to L Hotel and their first single Sit Around on Spotify or at their next inevitable basement gig.

Moscato, Rosé, Moscato Rosé

Do They Taste the Same?

By Kaiya Cherrington



Dessert wine, you gotta love her. Perfect for a cheeky necking before a night out, or something sweet you can sip while watching the hit movie 'Bridesmaids'. Compared to other wines, dessert wine is particularly palatable and easy to drink. But rumour has it, they kind of taste the same all around.

Now don't come at me in my DMs, wine lovers, but I kind of agree. What really is the difference? The sweetness, amount of grapes, merely brands? Wine is confusing, but all I know is that they use white grapes, sometimes with a hint of the red/purple skins for colour and taste. Regardless, Arts students - this one's for you.

Moscato is common, the girl next door, if you wish. Moscato is for those who are invited to a party last minute and need to hit New World to grab a drink, or for those who don't really want to get drunk because they have 'shit to do tomorrow'. Most are around 7 to 10%, and experts recommend this paired with seafood and fruits. I recommend you get a stronger wine. She is objectively the most bitter of the three, but they are dessert wines, so you know a sugar rush is guaranteed.

Rosé is a personal favourite as a wine dummy. She is sweet, she is pink, she is everything that you would want in a wine and more - as long as you look for the highest percentage, of course. Rosé, of the three, does indeed have the highest percentage. You'll find Rosé in the cold grasp of a person at a party on Leith, crying on the footpath, waiting for their friend to finally take them to McDonald's and put them to bed. Rosé is for liabilities and headaches in the morning.

Moscato Rosé is a stunning compromise - the Moscato balances out the sweetness, the Rosé cuts through the slight bitterness. Moscato Rosé is Hannah Montana and Miley Cyrus; the best of both worlds. You'll find this lovely mix in the form of Jacob's Creek for example, yet is only 7.5%. It is a little bit worth it; she is refreshing with a lovely cheese platter, or a good pick me up for when you just got ditched by your friends, or the person you like, and have lost all purpose in life.

The difference between these wines are obvious, but even for a regular wine drinker like me, it wasn't that easy to tell the difference in a blind taste test. This might turn out exactly the same as the bourbon cola comparison, or perhaps a random sample of people will be smarter than I am. Some friends were gathered, wine was drunk, and comparisons drawn.

For consistency, and money-wise because it's cheap, we chose the absolute legend that is Jacob's Creek for all wine tastings. Due to the different colouration the cups weren't see through, and the aim of this experiment was to find out if everyday students could tell the difference between the three wines. The hypothesis was that the majority of students would be able to, but no one really knows how this will turn out.

The method was as follows: Grab a sample of 15 friends, put the drinks into three cups. Cup 1 contained Rosé, Cup 2 contained Moscato Rosé, and Cup 3 contained Moscato. One by one I wrote down each person's response, and the answers were not revealed until every person had completed the experiment.

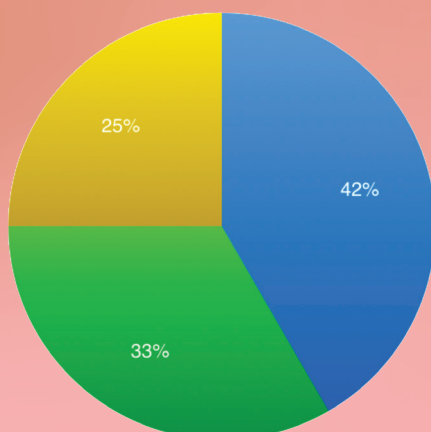
Here's some examples of students' answers:

Student #3 thought Rosé was in Cup 1, Moscato in Cup 2, and Moscato Rosé in Cup 3.
Student #6 thought Moscato Rosé was in Cup 1, Rosé in Cup 2, Moscato in Cup 3.

Measured was the amount of time each drink was identified correctly. Rosé was correctly identified the most, at approximately 66.66% of the time out of the Rosé data. Moscato followed this at around 53.33% of the time identified out of the Moscato data, and Moscato Rosé the least correctly identified at around 40% of the time out of the Moscato Rosé data.

Below is the percentage of correct identifications overall in relation to each drink, as well as the raw data.

● Rose Identified ● Moscato Identified ● Moscato Rosé Identified



	Rosé Identified	Moscato Identified	Moscato Rosé Identified
1	Y	Y	Y
2	Y	N	N
3	Y	N	N
4	N	N	N
5	Y	Y	Y
6	N	Y	N
7	Y	Y	Y
8	Y	N	N
9	Y	Y	Y
10	N	Y	N
11	Y	N	N
12	Y	Y	Y
13	N	N	N
14	N	N	N
15	Y	Y	Y
Total	10	8	6

From this data, we can come to the conclusion that all dessert wine is objectively the same when you can't see what the hell you're drinking. The hypothesis that people would know what they are drinking is partially supported, in that majority of people knew they were drinking rosé- and who wouldn't? Rosé is so common and sweet, and there is guaranteed to be a bottle at every Humanities party you go to, so it made sense. But the other two is understandable, Moscato Rosé isn't that common, and Moscato won't get you munted- a requirement for student wine. However, I am no scientist nor wine connoisseur, and am terrible at statistics, therefore for these results to be accurate it should be done by anyone else.

Wine is cheap, but wine isn't everyone's first choice. Wine drinkers everywhere, sorry that we can never be as good as you. We will never know the subtle hint of berry that the aroma brings from the swirling of a wine glass. I will continue to drink my wine from the bottle or mug. Anyway, drink up Humanities kids.



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Dave From The Maharajas

By Fox Meyer

Some people say their hero is their mum. Some say Steve Irwin. Personally, I'd go with Dave from Maharajas. The dashing young manager is just as much a superhero as any of the rest. He upholds the law, serves the community, and doesn't ask for anything in return. I've always been a big fan of Dave, but the thing is, I'd only ever interacted with him during BYOs. I couldn't be sure that he was as good in real life as he seemed on the piss. I had to know.

So, understandably, I was a little nervous when I came knocking. Maharajas walls were blue(!), not red like I'd remembered. The space inside was larger than I'd remembered. But Dave... Dave was exactly as I'd remembered.

He was once a student like you and I. He's just on his gap year. While some students would spend their gap year travelling, Dave is spending his gap year managing your local BYO. "Well, technically, it's my third gap year." He took his first gap year to help his family. "Just the one. And then someone else in my family had an injury, and I was needed again. So that became my second year. And this year, there's Covid, and our chefs are stuck in India, so I stayed to help the

business. You can see where this is going."

Dave wakes up at 5 or 6 in the morning, if he's "not too dusty". He works until anywhere between 11pm and 2am. "Every day, I get up, and I'm excited to go to work. It's what I love doing. I love serving people, I love making people happy." One night a week, he gets on the piss with mates from Otago Boys. "I figure, I go hard for five straight days, and then I get a day off. So I drink until 6 am and then get a cab home." If you ever feel like Maharajas is rushing to close, it's probably because Dave's mates have bought him a bottle of black label and are tempting him with it. "They know I like that stuff. They'll send me pictures of an unopened bottle during my shift, just waiting for me."

Some other Indian restaurants in Dunedin feature recipes from Delhi or Mumbai with added sugar, to suit the western palette. But not Maharajas. "I told my chefs to forget the New Zealand recipe, and to cook it their own way," he said. Their chefs come from Northern India, a state called Uttarakhand, which sounds way cooler and so must therefore taste that much better.

Their infamous butter chicken estimates to pull in whopping 75% of their total revenue. "It's my favourite joke. When I take orders, I'm just waiting for someone to order butter chicken. Because as soon as one person does, the second one comes. And then the third. I'm always sitting there thinking 'alright, who's it gonna be?'" For the record, it's never me. I'm an Aloo Gobi kind of guy. Indian spice, because I need the people next to me to know that I'm tough like that. When I start sweating, Dave is always quick with the water. "I love serving people. It's what I'm good at," said Dave, and he's bloody right.

His kindness has resulted in popularity. Many students know him by name. "I don't know how they remember, but I'm honored," said Dave, who remembered my name even though I have no memory of meeting him. Oops. "I love the Dunedin community", said the man who spends six nights a week taking care of intoxicated students. "People know how to look after each other."

To provide a safe space for this to happen, Dave follows BYO law. He studied Law for two years at Otago, so he's clearly an expert. "As a student, I feel like I can connect with my customers," he said. But as the manager, it's his responsibility to follow the regulations. "There's \$40,000 on the line if we get caught breaking that law. But more importantly, I feel like it's my responsibility to make sure all of these people get home safe. I don't want them leaving here and doing something silly that they'll regret tomorrow."

So when someone chundered at the table earlier this semester, Dave didn't kick the group out. He just moved them to another table and fetched a bucket. "One of the girls in that group was like 'oh, please don't kick us out, it's just him, we'll send him home'. I think she was scared I'd trespass them or something. But it wasn't their fault," said Dave. "These things happen. We all have mates that get too drunk, we all know what that's like." He laughed about the incident and reminded me that "you need to be nice to other people for them to be nice to you".

Maharajas has started to gain traction for their fucking good chat on their Facebook page (gems include: "Fear not, if you pass out because my devilishly good looks and cunning wit has overwhelmed your weak mortal body, I shall not let you fall. No, instead I shall humbly catch your puny body and revitalise it by merely holding you with my Currylicious hands"). Dave doesn't run this page, that's the job of their social media manager. But Dave attributes recent financial success to the memes, which apparently take up to three hours to create. "When we hired him, the first thing he said was that he was gonna do it his way, and we couldn't tell him 'no, that's illegal, you can't say that'. And it's worked, people mention them all the time."

For any other fans of Dave, I can advise you that stopping in to say hello is an excellent idea. He even knew my name

- which is more than I can say for anyone I've ever met on the piss. Dave exists outside of the restaurant, and your relationship with him doesn't have to end when you leave the door. He sees people walking by, and sometimes, when he waves, they look away. Dave wonders why. "You didn't have any trouble talking with me last night." Like a guilty one night stand, sometimes you just want to forget how much shit you chatted over a piping hot curry. But don't. Embrace it. Once, Dave pulled a familiar face in off the street who looked upset. "He didn't have much to say at first, but we got talking, and I found out he'd just had a breakup. But within half an hour we were cracking up together."

Dave from Maharajas is a wonderful man with a big heart and lots to say. I'll never forget my time spent with him. "I'll always be here for people," he said, as I was leaving. "I don't judge people in any way. I've been all over New Zealand, and I can honestly say that Dunedin has the best people. So if I can help you in any way, please, please come here and I'll always be here for you." Oh, Dave.









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Vape Review: The Final Review

Fuck me mate, it's the end of an era. Not only because this is the last issue of Critic, but also because the first stage of the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Vaping) Amendment Act 2020 starts on November 11. I was planning on reading the whole act, but it looked so long and boring so ceebs, but basically there are going to be more restrictions on the selling and advertising of vapes, kind of like how there are with ciggies. That means there's probably going to be no more vape reviews ever. I know, this is probably the worst thing you've heard today. It's hard to hold back your sorrow, but I'm asking for you to try. You're probably thinking "what's the point of even reading Critic anymore if there are no poetically beautiful vape reviews?", and believe me, I'm about as stumped as you are.

I kid, of course. I'm just some fucking loser that loves to destroy my lungs with nicotine and write some bullshit about "flavour profiles" every week. I highly doubt anyone reads and/or cares about this shit, but I'm okay with that. If this is going to be my last ever vape review, then I want it to be a good one. Instead of reviewing one particular flavour, I'm going to give you my overall favourites from my reviews. Although my experiences and opinions are completely subjective, you should absolutely listen to me because I'm 100% right.

In terms of all the juices I've reviewed, I don't know if I could give you my absolute favourite, mainly because they all began to taste the same after a while. The Sad Boys Butter Cookie juice is the first that comes to mind, because it literally just tasted like a lemon cheesecake in vape juice form. I think about her a lot. The Duo Salts Apple and Watermelon flavour tastes like Wonka Nerds followed

by a hearty hit of nicotine, which is a combination worth getting popcorn lung for. The Hunting Cloud Mandarin Harvest reminded me of the times of snorting Raro outside the school canteen, providing a nostalgic experience alongside my vaping. If you don't know what kind of juice to get, stick to the classics like the berries, the citrus', and the menthols. There is nothing worse than paying money for a shitty juice, and the basics will always be classics. Have a hunt around for a flavour you like, and talk to the shop assistants about what strength you should get (for the love of God stop getting 50mg nic salts). But also, try to avoid vaping. I know this review tends to glamourise vaping quite a lot because I am literally a slave to nicotine, but you should be cautious of the health risks that come with vaping. At least this way I can finish this review series with some sort of good moral compass.

There is only one last sage piece of advice I wish to give to you, the dear reader. In the words of the great 21st century philosopher M.I.A., "live fast, die young, bad girls do it well". See you on smoko.

Thanks to Vaporium and the Vape Shop for giving us the #spons vape juices to try. It's been great committing a future-crime with you <3

Tasting notes: The bittersweet symphony that's life.

Makes You Feel: Like you're trying to make ends meet, but you realise that you're a slave to the money then you die.

Pairs Well With: Taking you down the only road I've ever been down. You know, the one that takes you to the places where all the veins meet, yeah.

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EXECUTIVE



This is the last issue of Critic Te Arohi for 2020 -

- and what a year it has been. I've had a lot of ups and downs during my time as President - but I'm not feel unique in this regard. This year took us all by surprise, and exposed the challenges and inequities many students face, with or without a global pandemic.

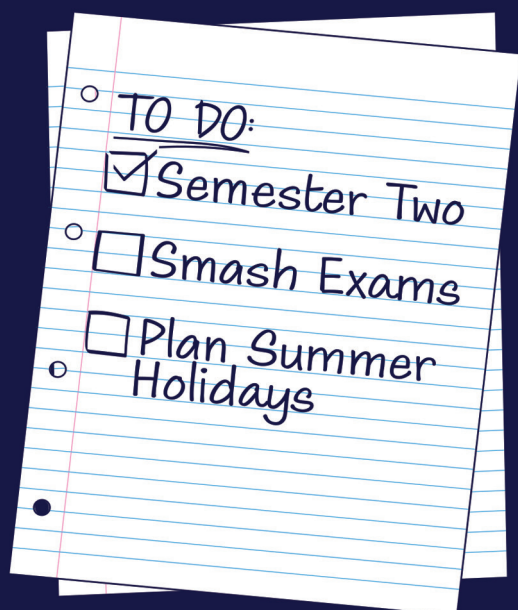
Despite these challenges, Otago students showed their mettle and the Executive rose to meet these challenges - I am so fucking proud of them. From the grade bump to launching the Pūtea Tautoko hardship fund, lockdown shifted the Overton window for what is possible from a tertiary institution. For the first time, student representatives were brought into the operational management of the University - as we move forward, it is vital we maintain this level of student voice.

We've made massive strides towards making OUSA and the University more sustainable, and this year we have been a political powerhouse: launching our inaugural Politics Magazine and Politics Week, and hosting all sorts of forums and panels with the purpose of showing the power of a well-informed electorate. With the General Election looming, it is time to show New Zealand what students stand for and what direction we want our country to go in.

Michaela Waite-Harvey - the 2021 OUSA President - and her Executive have a big year ahead of them. They are going to achieve amazing things and build on the progress we've made this year.

It's been a bloody honour being your President - I'll never forget my time with y'all. Much love xx

Jack Manning



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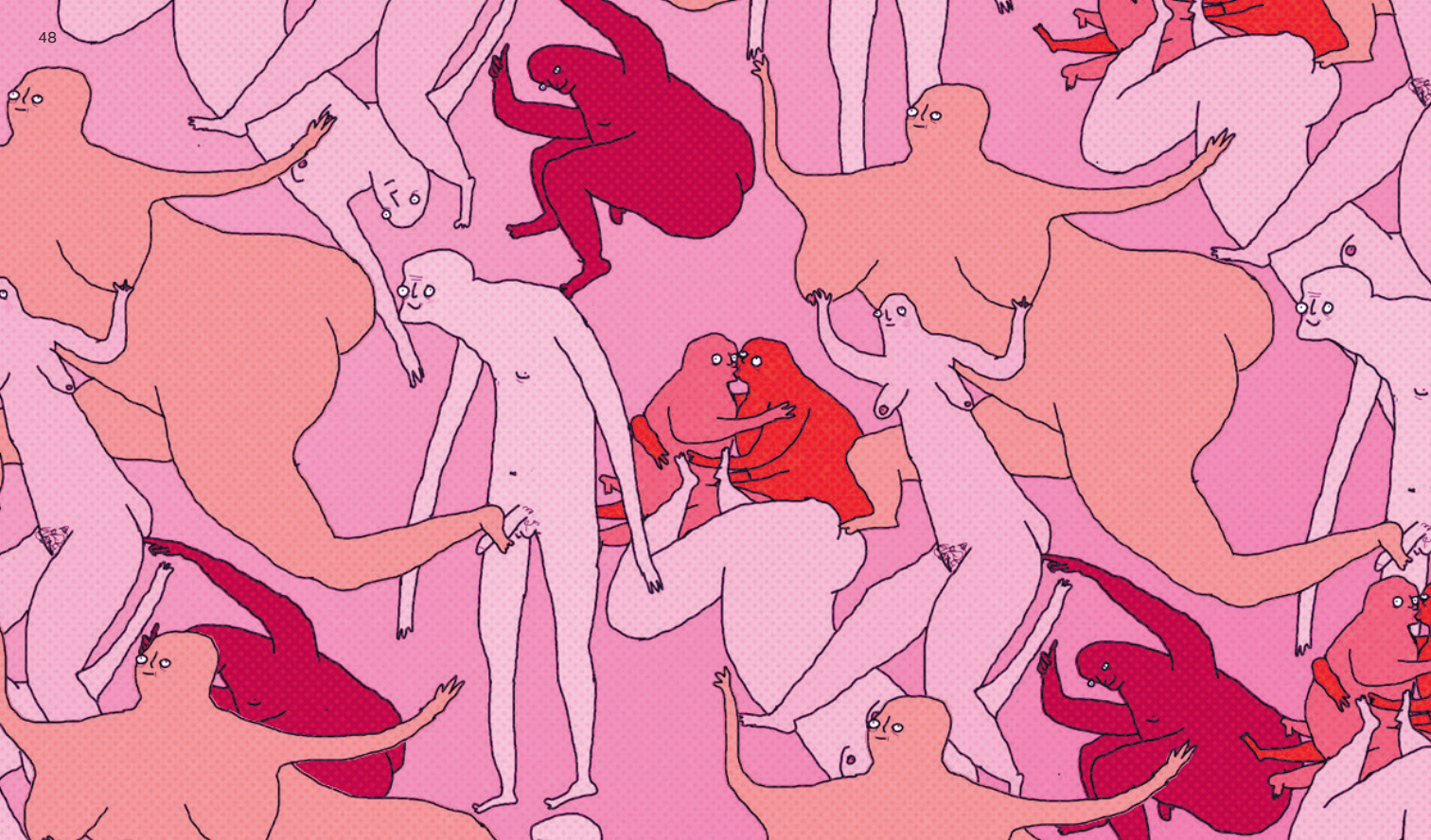
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MOANINGFUL

#1: FUCKED MY WAY INTO BOYFRIEND TERRITORY

We had known each other in high school. Back then, I was the captain of the boys' team, She was the captain of the girls' team. We also sat next to each other in English so safe to say the sexual tension was already through the roof. I barely paid attention in that class. It started as most of these things do. Her shitty boyfriend did some shitty stuff and was substantially not involved anymore. He was a nice enough guy, it's just that you tend to get classified as a shitty guy when you get caught cheating a few too many times. I take back what I said about him being nice. He was a dick, and she was, and still is an absolute queen.

It started with a text, innocent enough. A mutual friend's bday party. We decided we'd go shopping together for a gift. You know, as platonic friends, we said, lying to each other. That came and went, I bought her ice cream, she dropped it on the floor. We went to the arcade and she complimented my eyes. Classic not-first-date stuff. The trip came and went and we decided it might be better if we met up at the party. It was a pool party, I don't remember anything about the party except how good she looked in a bikini. After the party ended we took a cab to her place. Still friends, still platonic. Platonic friends make out in the back-seat of a cab ride, right?

We got to her place. The only thing I ate for the next three days was leftover pizza and pussy. Her flatmates had left for two weeks so everywhere was fair game. Ofc not her flatmates room, we weren't animals. I vaguely recall catching a glimpse of the 2011 blockbuster hit, Green Lan-

tern, starring Ryan Reynolds being played on TV at some point. This was whilst she was bent over the dining table wearing the most clothes she ever wore since the party: handcuffs and a buttplug.

We couldn't get enough of each other. Every shower ended up with needing another shower after. Attempting to watch a movie didn't last past 15 minutes.

Eventually we exhausted every available surface in the house. And every bottle of wine. We were also running a little low on condoms. (Don't be silly, wrap your willy) a quick run to the store brought some dangerously needed snacks, a fresh pack of condoms, and some gatorade. Upon returning to hers with some fresh sir we realised that we weren't nearly thinking outside the box. She had a garden and a surprisingly comfortable outdoor table.

Needless to say, I made sure that it was the best damn rebound sex a girl could hope for. We went on and off like this for a few weeks. Far too much sex, interspersed with a lot of emotional and heavy pillow talk. You'd think by the end of that I'd have fucked my way into boyfriend territory. Well I'm glad to say you're right. It's been a solid four years going strong and I love my baby girl. What I thought was crazy ass rebound sex turned into crazy ass weekend sex. Granted I tend to make sure I'm fueled up a bit more now.



CONFESSIONS

#2: Between two BOGANS

It was a sunny summer Saturday, one of the last before I returned back to dunners this year. Of course, this Saturday was not out of the ordinary as it involved some pretty hectic day drinking and the shenanigans that go along with it.

This story begins after a good old-fashioned game of truth or dare when one of the boys was dared to cut his hair in a mullet which he of course did (while oath by Cher Lloyd was playing in the background, not important, just weird). Might I mention after a box of beer I am a slut for a good old-fashioned mullet so after a few suggestive glances both ways we both knew what was going to happen and we just needed to find some place to seal the deal. This guy also happened to own one of those self-contained vans but as we are responsible drunken idiots we had to wait until the sober driver (let's call him josh) was finished doing skids in said van and was ready to go to town.

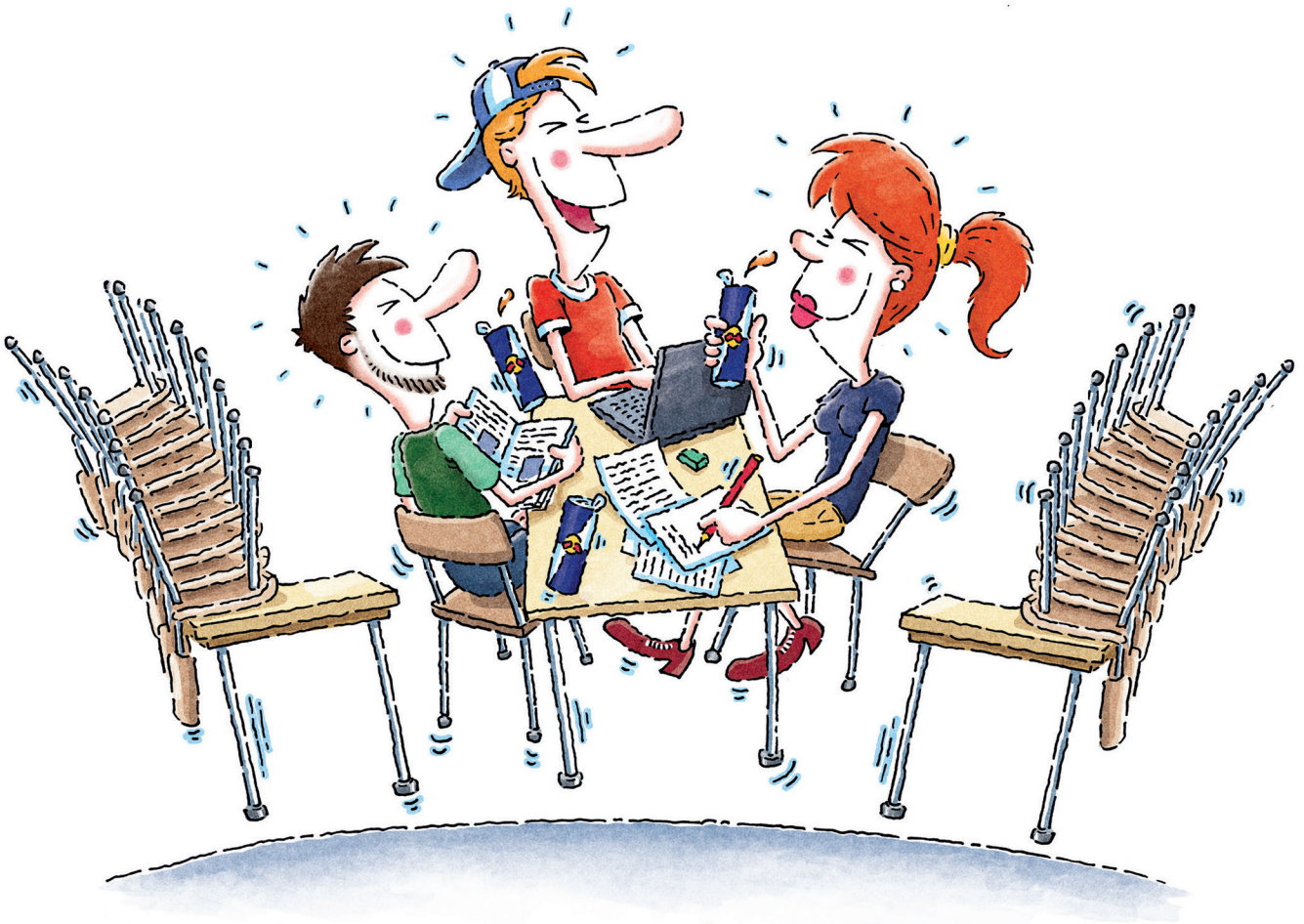
We park up by town somewhere out of the way where we can stay the night and have a few more drinks with mullet man and Josh and go hit the rark. Town comes me and mullet man head back a bit early because we're 'tired' and as I'm riding him into another dimension I hear the door open and josh comes back way less sober, gets a lighter, gives us both a high five and goes off somewhere again.

We finish up, Josh comes back and mullet man goes to buy smokes or something like that. So me being the slut I am I begin to get it on with

Josh, and as I was putting my heart and soul into giving this man the absolute blowjob of his life, mullet man comes back and proceeds to start giving me head. I thought my life had peaked right there and then until one of them suggested we try something different. Cue 5 minutes of awkward fumbling around I was then impaled while they were working both the front and back until I brought up the illusive spitroast, the gold star of disappointing my parents. I had Josh going back and forth between the front and the back while sucking mullet man off until they both finish in a record 4 and 6 minutes respectively.

We then proceed to lie there and discuss last years NRL draw while all three of us are swiping tinder until we fall asleep. I wake up the next morning in a moving van with a splitting headache and then proceed to get it on again with mullet man for half the drive home. They drop me off at mine and as we pull into the street one of them comments 'oh my parents live down here'. Safe to say I never saw either of them again.

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Aquarius

Jan 20 – Feb 18

So you're still going to uni next year? Good one. Drop out before you graduate for a laugh

Your end of year celebration: Skinny dipping in the Leith.



Leo

July 23 – Aug 22

You'll soften up this week as you realise that you'll soon be parting ways with your beloved friends. You'll also fall down the stairs at Suburbia on a night out, but no one's looking.

Your end of year celebration: Existential dread and stress on top.



Pisces

Feb 19 – Mar 20

Wake up! Fix your life, pull yourself out of the delusion that you live with before it's too late. Then watch 'Love Actually' and eat a jar of gherkins.

Your end of year celebration: Crying about leaving Duds and your breather alter ego behind.



Virgo

Aug 23 – Sep 22

Dear Diary, today you played Fortnite and/or Sims 4 all day and forgot about your upcoming Pharmacy exam. Time to rely on your photographic memory.

Your end of year celebration: Staying home, time is fake.



Aries

Mar 21 – Apr 19

What would be crack up is you committing to your last assignment and not finishing it last minute. Central Library is calling you. Jk, there's never any seats.

Your end of year celebration: Pop a manu off the St Kilda dunes.



Libra

Sept 23 – Oct 22

Take some time out of your crazy schedule and do some painting. Bob Ross who? Bob Ross you. Happy trees.

Your end of year celebration: Selling your art and buying Pepe Lopez with the money.



Taurus

Apr 20 – May 20

You've been battling lately, and that's okay. Always gonna be an uphill battle, sometimes I'm gonna have to lose. I'm talking about the Dundas Hill, don't slip.

Your end of year celebration: Going home and eating all of your parents' food.



Scorpio

Oct 23 – Nov 21

Have fun at all the red cards you're invited to and then stress cramming all the semester content.

Your end of year celebration: Fleeing Dunedin immediately and cutting off everyone.



Gemini

May 21 – Jun 20

Make like Patrick Star and get out from underneath that rock. Get rowdy this week, it's the end of an absolutely weird year and I'm requesting you do a funnel a day.

Your end of year celebration: Twerking to City Girls.



Sagittarius

Nov 22 – Dec 21

Fuck being good I'm a bad bitch, I'm sick of motherfuckers tryna tell me how to live. Keep up this energy during the week and the rest of the year. Time to thrive, you dummy.

Your end of year celebration: Sinking wines and acting up.



Cancer

Jun 21 – Jul 22

Nah you should probably buy some plane tickets home before they get too expensive, or you'll have to fly Jetstar. If you're finding a summer job - sorry in advance.

Your end of year celebration: Greening out.



Capricorn

Dec 22 – Jan 19

The end of the year in sight has you feeling all mushy inside. Kiss your friends, eat some Maharajas, and most importantly, start buying Christmas decorations now!!!!

Your end of year celebration: A spicy Lamb Korma, don't vomit in the restaurant.

BOOZE REVIEW:

BOUNDARY RD BREWERY

CHOCKA HOPA

BY CHUG NORRIS

I consumed my slab of BrB: Chocka Hopa on Tuesday night. I'm not sure whether it was the atmosphere the snow created or the stunning quality of the brewing, but the first can of beer really hit the spot.

There has been an increase in mid-tier breweries over the past few years which market themselves as a sort of people's craft beer. Examples of this sort of brewery are Boundary Road and Monteith's. I usually find with these types of beer that they do not taste that great and you can only drink one or two of them before it becomes a struggle. Chocka Hopa is like this except it actually tastes nice. As always though, I was struggling to drink it by the third can, but my experience before that point had been great.

Right off the bat Chocka Hopa smells great, there's plenty of citrus and it could easily pass as a proper craft beer. Additionally, the can has a matte finish which makes for a comfortable, non-slippery grip.

The first sip was great, it had substance. This beer doesn't go down easy like a DoBro, but sometimes that's a good thing. It's a beer you want to keep in your mouth for more than a second. There is a good compromise between being drinkable and tasty. Most of this type of beer are just unnecessarily bitter. I remember one night, early in second year, when I thought I'd be cultured and buy a box of Monteith's. I got through two and then ended up trading away the rest because they were so rough. I still wouldn't be able to smash a box of Chocka Hopa, but I'd get much closer to it.

Overall, Chocka Hopa was tasty and refreshing. The fizziness is high so skullability is not great. But, then again, you would look like a loser skulling it anyway. I was ripped off buying my six-pack at SuperLiquor for a criminal \$15. I know for a fact you can get them at New World on special for \$12. There are 6 x 1.4 standards cans which comes in at a steep \$1.43/standard, but that's still a far better ratio than Speight's or any other box of 4% beer.

I'm not a big believer in these semi-craft beers that seem to be everywhere. If you are going to splash out and buy craft beer you might as well go the whole way and blow \$20 on a six-pack. The financial ruin is part of the experience. Having said that, Chocka Hopa is competitively priced and tasty. While I struggled to drink too many of them, they were surprisingly good and could make themselves useful as a refreshing start to pres.

Tasting notes: The flavour of two DoBros in one can.

Pairs well with: Being bullied because of your drink.

Froth level: Snow days.

Taste rating: 8/10 enjoyable in moderation.



Bone Apple Teeth

with Caroline Moratti
& Alice Jones

BANOFFEE PIE WITH HOMEMADE CARAMEL

Well, this is it. The last Bone Apple Teeth. It's been such a joy to cook and write for you over the past year. Though at times the journey was not easy (especially when we live so close to Willowbank hot chips), the resulting dishes were always, always delicious. Too good not to share.

For our last recipe, we settled on a delicious gift to our readers: Banoffee Pie. The simple truth about Banoffee Pie is that, no matter how hard you mess it up, the flavours are delicious. It's cream, banana, caramel and malt biscuits, babe. A mishapen crust or badly cut bananas isn't gonna fuck those combos. You can do no wrong. Banoffee Pie also requires no baking, which is a must for impatient sluts like us. We used this pie to celebrate a dear friend's birthday—life can be so warm and wonderful sometimes. Have a beautiful summer; make the most of seasonal produce and frequently partake in al fresco dining. Love you all. Thank you for following us two gals on our cooking journey; from our small, shitty student kitchen, to yours.

Ingredients

¾ pack of malt biscuits	4 bananas
200g of melted butter	¾ cup of brown sugar
1 can of condensed milk	1 tsp of vanilla extract

Cream (buy whipped or whip it yourself) to serve

Tiny piece of chocolate (optional but is it really)



Method

1. Shove your delicious wee biscuits in a snaplock bag and with some kind of instrument—we recommend a rolling pin—crush your bikkies to a fine crumb.
2. In a bowl, mix biscuit crumb and 100g of melted butter. When mixed, add to a greased cake tin by pressing mixture firmly down. Shove this in your freezer to chill out.
3. Now onto the caramel. In a saucepan chuck the condensed milk, remaining butter, brown sugar and vanilla extract and constantly stir on medium heat. Add a pinch of salt if you're feeling fancy.
4. When a delicious golden brown and thick (around 10 mins) set aside to slightly cool for a few mins. Then pour on top of the biscuit crust, and place in the fridge (or just let it chill on the countertop if your fridge is as disgusting as ours).
5. You really, seriously can't fuck this up. But to be absolutely

- honest with you all, this isn't the best caramel sauce in the world. It's good, but maybe do the dulce de leche thing where you bake the condensed milk can in a water bath for 3 hours. Maybe just use regular ol cream and sugar. I don't know. Just being humble here I guess. Feeling the need to be open and honest now that we are finally parting. I set the smoke alarm off yesterday making toast. I don't know how to cook rice. Life is full of idiosyncrasies, like writing a cooking column and not actually having a working stovetop. You understand. Thanks for the closure.
6. Whilst waiting for this to set, slice your bananas and whip your cream. Decide that set caramel doesn't matter that much and scatter the banana and cream on top.
7. Grate a tiny piece of chocolate, for colour and fun.
8. Bone Apple Teeth!

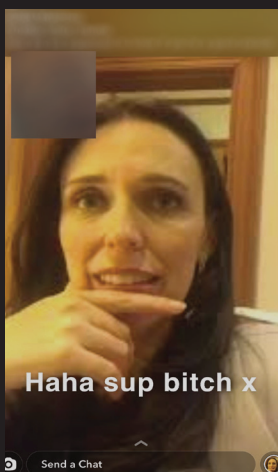
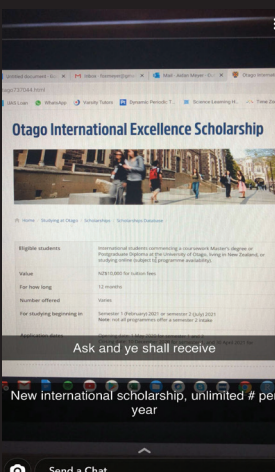
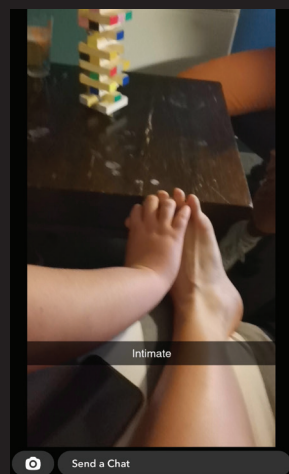
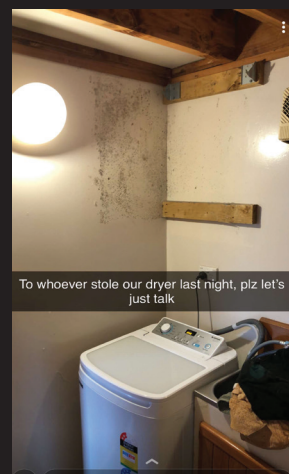
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