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LETTER OF THE WEEK

Dear Students,

I was like you once. Not that long ago. Attending lectures, living in a hall, flatting in a cold flat and budgeting to pay the power bill. I completed my science degree at Otago, and then an optometry degree at Auckland. And I went out into the world and travelled, and worked. I started to get some vague annoying symptoms but life was still pretty good. My doctors told me there wasn't anything wrong. Again and again until two years later I found myself in an operating theatre - stage 2B low-grade serous ovarian cancer. The difference between stage 1 and a 90% cure rate was growth too small to see but under a microscope. At 32 years old I sat in my oncologist's room as they told me with current treatments I likely had 5 to 15 years left to live.

I'm 35 years old now. My life revolves around regular hospital appointments and scans. I've had two major surgeries and at some stage I'll need another, and likely chemotherapy... the only question is when.

The past few weeks I have watched the rapidly changing situation overseas. And listened to the terror relayed by others with my rare cancer in Europe and now North America. Stories of overwhelmed hospitals,

cancelled appointments and an immense fear that the worst is to come.

There's so much misinformation out there, but in all likelihood the fate of people like me is in your hands. You can choose to hold virtual parties, not share drinks and to stay in bed when you have a cough, sore throat or runny nose. Or you can act like the world hasn't changed...

When you interact with our health system as much as I do, you quickly realise there isn't a lot of give. That gap below the capacity line in the corona virus graphs - that's cancer patients, car accidents, broken legs, heart attacks space in our hospitals.

It's everyone's responsibility to ensure these critical health services are available to people who need it. The government can do its part by limiting importation of cases, rapidly testing and protecting our health care professionals. I desperately hope they've done enough. But the reality is you are the part of the demographic who are most likely to have minimal symptoms and drive community spread. You will probably be ok. But a lot of others won't.

The choices you make, will influence whether your fellow students with asthma or diabetes ("invisible" conditions) end up in hospital, taking space reserved for someone else. And maybe it will be you who is really unlucky. And you'll find yourself competing in line for a respirator, with someone like me. And the doctors will have to make the decision to save your life, and not mine, because there aren't the resources to do both.

It seems alarmist. But these decisions are being made overseas, in health systems far superior to ours, right now.

So please wash your hands, party virtually, stay at home when sick and minimise all non essential contact with others. I'd also encourage you to reach out to your neighbours and create a virtual community to match your physical one. You can't always tell from appearances who the vulnerable are.

I know it's not fair that this is being asked of you. But I'm begging you. This year will pass, you have your whole future ahead of you. Others are not so lucky.

Jane Ludemann

Kia ora,

With COVID-19 crashing like a storm around the university, country, and world, I think it's important to note three things about the university environment.

1) Things are changing quickly, and staff are doing their best to ensure that they are teaching well and providing adequate services. Staff are trying to be as compassionate and flexible as they can be, and considering the low pay and high stress environment, it is important that the student body recognise that in some way.

2) Some staff are doing more work than they are being paid for. COVID-19 has pushed job descriptions to the mix. Staff should join the union (the TEU) to protect themselves.

3) Some material that could be delivered online simply isn't. Amongst some academics there is a culture of paranoia, suspicion, and skepticism about online delivery. To be blunt, their pedagogical repertoire is outdated. The university should heed the call of NZUSA and make as much material as possible available online, so that we can practice good social distancing.

Nā,
Concerned student

To the St Patrick's Day party students @ Otago Uni - should my Dad die saving you?

My Dad is a GP about to retire in Dunedin - so he's an oldie. An oldie who will morally feel obligated to come out of retirement and put himself at risk when coronavirus hits Dunedin hard. He will daily put himself and my Mum in immense danger, just as health professionals overseas have already put themselves at risk to save lives. Some have died for it.

Is one night of fun really worth my Dad's life? One night of fun that potentially helps the spread of coronavirus around Dunedin - to peoples grandparents, to that young guy with bad asthma, to that little immunocompromised kid, and to people like my Dad who will come out of retirement to try and minimise the problem you've just helped create. What if my Dad has to take care of you? You willingly put yourself at risk - should my Dad die saving you?

Yours sincerely,
Helen Bevin

How about using your platform to discourage students from partying and spreading corona you spineless gits.

Hey Critic,

Sorry to see the blind date get cut, but I've gotta say I'm also lowkey relieved. Every time I thought of throwing my hat in, I shied away from it -- it never felt like I could expect to be safe doing it, since I'm trans. That isn't a reflection on you folks at all, but god, the thought of having to send in an application with "please check the other person won't bash me when they find out I don't have a dick", y'know? I'm sorry to see it go, but I think you made the right call. I can say that I, at least, was always worried about how safe it was going to be, and that I wouldn't be surprised if other people (especially queer and trans folks, and women) were kept out of it for the same reasons. It sucked to see a thing every week that reminded me that the world is way safer for cis, straight people than people like me, and I'm glad it's gone.

Kia ora, Sinead.

I'm not an Otago student, just happen to be working on campus for a few days. Had some time free so I picked up a copy of critic and just read that blind date is closing.

Sounds like it was an exceptionally hard call but 100% the right one. Just wanted to say I hope you don't doubt yourself in that and, regardless of any backlash you may get, you're in the right for taking steps to prevent sexually harmful behaviours.

Kindly,
Michael

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Let Young People Celebrate, Even If the World Is Ending*

Guest Editorial by Jamie Mactaggart,
a second year on Castle St

If you've been online in the past week you would have seen two things. First, this Covid-19 shit is hitting the fan and second, the old people are angry at students again. They are angry because while they were buying all the fucking toilet paper, students were focused on how there is always something to celebrate, and how we want to stick together, even if the world is ending.

At the time of printing, the Government has announced a ban on all gatherings over 100 people, and are shutting the borders to foreigners. Before then, the only limit was 500 people outdoors. Students felt like it was only a matter of time before we're all shut in our flats anyway, and it felt like this could literally be the last time we get together as a group. Being together is more of a priority to us than our health.

Any reasonable person would avoid St Patty's. Not in Dunedin. St Patty's is an annual yeah the fucking boys, crisis or no. Every year without fail it stands the test of weather, politics, and old people getting angry. This year was no different. Let me explain to you all the true essence of St Patrick's, and why this day will always go out with a bang in spite of what the Government or health officials might say.

Saint Patrick, first of all, was the fucking man. He like, built schools and shit. He's the patron saint of Ireland and deserves to be celebrated like the King he is. But, more importantly, students in Dunedin have a renowned and much-beloved culture of

getting together and having a bloody good time. People from all over the country come down to Dunners to celebrate St Patty's. It's tradition. As much as it pisses old people off, I believe the world could use more of Dunedin's spirit.

This Coronavirus thing fucking sucks but so does a fuck tonne of other stuff. While everyone is losing their collective shit, China has had the cleanest air its had in over twenty years, a SECOND PERSON has been cured of HIV and abortion has been decriminalised in NZ. Seriously, chill the fuck out and have a drink.

I went to St Patty's despite everyone saying that mass gatherings are stupid. Because I wash my fucking hands, and I wanted to see all 999 of my friends before we're shut away.

To the people who feel disgraced by us: you used to be us. You raised us. Our generation gives a fuck about our mates, the earth, and our own future. We are scared about a million things a day, you just won't read about them on your Facebook feed, you only want to read about us when you are shitting on us.

But anyway, Corona fucking sucks so wash your hands, and do not repeat Tuesday's events for a while. I will not stop getting fucked up on a Saturday with the girls until the University closes and I can do my lectures from home. Thank u x

**DISCLAIMER: World is not ending.*



Exchange Students Given Ultimatum to Return to Otago

Stressful time for exchange students, also everyone else

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The University of Otago gave New Zealand students on exchange overseas two days to decide whether to return to study in New Zealand in light of Covid-19.

Alex, who was on exchange in Texas, received emails recommending she return because flights were being dramatically cut, saying there was a high possibility she might be stranded.

Other universities are offering greater support to their students abroad. Guelph University, in Ontario, Canada, provided each exchange student with \$1000 to help cover flights and other expenses. Queen's University also provided financial support for students to return to their home universities.

In an email sent on March 11 to students currently on exchange by Jason Cushen, the Director of the Otago International Office, students were reassured that "we are focused on your exchange remaining the positive experience you had planned for".

In that email the University provided students with four options. The options were: continuing the exchange with no change, continuing the exchange with a distance/online programme provided by the host university, cancelling the exchange and returning to Otago to continue semester one, or withdrawing from the exchange and making your own plans until semester two. The option to return to study at Otago expired on March 13.

Students were encouraged to "carefully reflect on these options in light of the circumstances that [they] currently find [themselves] in". The University acknowledged

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that these options would not necessarily be available to every student. Zoom sessions were scheduled for consultations with advisors.

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"We've received a few emails from them this whole time," said one student. "Whereas every other exchange student from other universities was sent home last week."

Students are not being offered any support for flights home despite the rises in international flight prices. "[There was] no financial support, not even a mention of it," said one student on exchange in the UK.

A spokeswoman for the University said that if "students' insurance does not cover their travel costs, and there are situations of financial hardship, the University will look at providing cost-recovery on a case by case basis. Emergency funding options may also be considered, if students meet the criteria." The spokeswoman also noted that Otago Exchange students have access to their Otago email addresses and can go to the Otago website for updates.

On March 18, five days after the option to return to study at Otago expired, students were sent an email advising them to come home. That email referred to the Government's travel advisory notice.

That email, also sent by Jason Cushen, stated that "Unfortunately, due to the point we are in the Otago Semester One academic calendar, the time it may take to secure a flight home, and the requirements for self-isolation once back in New Zealand, the University is no longer in a position to consider you joining Semester One classes (unless you selected this option in response to my previous email of last week)."

Andre and Zoe were both on exchange and able to take up the limited time offer to study back at Otago for Semester One. Andre said he "appreciated this option, but it's a pain in the ass to catch up on four weeks on classes."

Overall, both Andre and Zoe were happy with the University's response. "I have about seven people working with me to make sure I can enrol in Otago papers, and they're helping us coordinate accommodation with UniFlats," said Zoe.

Other students did not manage to take up the offer to return to Otago for Semester One. Alex is planning to take papers from Texas by distance.

"We can stay on exchange if we want but [Otago] would prefer if we didn't," said Alex. "This is such a stressful time for many of us exchange students overseas. It's very upsetting and I don't think there has been enough mental support."



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Students Working in Hospo Fear for Their Jobs

Students who like a late night fear for their bars

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Students working at cafes, bars, and restaurants are worried that their workplaces will close as a result of Covid-19.

"Although I know it's smart for bars to close and large social gatherings to be reduced, it's my job and I don't know if I'm going to get any compensation from either the government or my employer," said Sophia, who works at two bars close to campus. She is concerned that bars will close and she will lose her primary source of income.

"I'm just like when are you going to pull the trigger and do it already?"

Another hospo worker, Alex, was not as concerned. "Funnily enough, I'm not too scared that work will shut down," she said. "Obviously, it could definitely be less income which sucks, but I guess I can pull

out some more living costs and that can be a 'tomorrow' problem."

All the hospo workers Critic spoke to had noticed a decline in customers compared to a normal week. None of them had received reassurance from their employers about what would happen if cafes, bars and restaurants were forced to close due to Covid-19.

Alex had noticed changes around the workplace. "We've really upped sanitising every single thing that anyone touches," she said. "Menus come back and they're wiped down immediately. We haven't been busy enough that this has caused a disruption."

Larissa also works in hospitality. She said that she was "not overly concerned" but "it depends how serious it gets". She said that because she also "work[s] in the health profession as an Oral Health student," she is "in this environment of having to treat everyone as

infectious anyway".

Alex said her overriding feeling was that "no one knows anything" at this point. Sophia said, in reference to the government's economic plan to handle coronavirus, "I know that something has been released about it but I don't know what that means or if it means anything for me."

OUSA President, Jack Manning, said that OUSA are currently "working through scenarios to make sure [OUSA] can continue to best support students in light of" the virus. "We recognise that the developing situation with Covid-19 may lead to students facing financial insecurity, and any student who is concerned or impacted should contact Student Support."

"We're all just waiting [for them to close bars]," said Sophia. "I'm just like when are you going to pull the trigger and do it already? Because we're cancelling a lot of events which isn't really sustainable."

Lecturers Sneak Lectures Online Against Uni's Wishes

Other Uni Wishes Include: This Whole Corona Thing Going Away, Everyone to Respect Their Elders and Betters, and for Three More Wishes

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Some departments and lectures across multiple divisions have reportedly "pushed the 'go' button" on distance learning, despite the University telling them not to. Students are praising these acts of rebellion.

A limit of 100 people attending indoor events was announced by the Minister for Health on Thursday. A University Spokeswoman confirmed that lectures were exempt from this ban.

For the past week, the University has told departments to "prepare" to go online, but has not made the call to cancel physical lectures. Before the 100-person limit on mass gatherings was announced, Critic was contacted by staff and students from multiple departments claiming that their lectures would be taught online with or without the University's blessing.

Departments caught trying to go online have been scolded. In a message from the Vice Chancellor to her Pro-Vice Chancellors, which filtered down to other staff, Harlene Hayne said it "is not okay for

some departments to push the 'go' button for distance teaching independent of a University-wide decision - this only causes confusion for our students, their parents, and our staff."

Some lecturers are risking punishment nevertheless, saying they would "never forgive" themselves if they got their students sick. Another lecturer is doing it to avoid community transmission between students who may already be sick. The University said students who are currently sick are already being told to stay away from lectures.

"having lecturers go out of their way for us makes me feel like they not only care about our learning, but also our physical and mental wellbeing..."

The University said they are "working tirelessly to monitor the situation" and that the staff have been "gear[ing] up for online learning".

A spokesperson also said, "We do want to reassure you that the University is planning for all scenarios that could occur with this situation and we will provide updates ... as quickly as possible. We cannot state strongly enough we are prepared." The University has a "special section" in their Covid-19 website for students, which is being regularly updated.

One student whose lecturers have moved class online asked to remain anonymous to protect their lecturers. They said, "having lecturers go out of their way for us makes me feel like they not only care about our learning, but also our physical and mental wellbeing ... I think this is really important for students who have health concerns for themselves, as well as their flatmates, families and other students at uni."

Despite knowing that the uni is preparing to go online if required, this student is "disappointed that the uni itself hasn't been more proactive in giving all classes at least the option to go online without repercussions to lecturers and/or students. We pay them a lot of money to keep us safe and to learn productively."

OUSA Endorse Mysterious “Charter” That You Are Not Allowed to Know About

Don't worry, it's probably nothing and won't prove to be incredibly significant later down the track

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The OUSA Exec has endorsed a “Charter”, the name and contents of which are confidential and will remain so until further notice.

Wikipedia defines ‘Charter’ to mean the “grant of authority or rights, stating that the granter formally recognises the prerogative of the recipient to exercise the rights specified.”

This definition is excellent because it sounds terrifying, and students should be terrified that their elected representatives are endorsing secret agreements that may or may not affect the daily lives of students. Although to be fair, Critic is pretty sure that nothing the Exec does will ever affect the daily lives of students.

OUSA President Jack Manning would not answer Critic's questions about who created the “Charter”, when it would be publically available to students, or even why it was confidential in the first place.

Here are some charters that exist and the likelihood of them being relevant to the confidential charter:

Anglo-Saxon Charter

Very Unlikely. We can rule this one out because it comes from the early medieval period in Britain.

Charter Colony

Likely. This refers to a type of small British colony that is chartered to an individual or company. Suspiciously, Jack would not rule out that OUSA may separate from New Zealand and become its own republic.

Charter Boat

Unlikely. Water is scary and has sharks in it.

Congressional Charter

Very Unlikely. Some U.S. law thing that was issued to groups until 1992. We're pretty sure 1992 was a while ago.

Municipal Charter

Vey Likely. Much like a charter colony, but not at all. This is the legal term for a local governing body, like a city or a town. Arguably much more likely than OUSA being able to become an independent country.

Chivalric Charter

Unlikely. The holy vows of medieval knights are tragically neglected in this den of sin and vice.

Charter (chart maker)

Likely. “These charts are trash! Remove them from my sight and send for the best charter in the land!” OUSA Finance Officer Josh Meikle absolutely did not scream at a serf, knocking the delicate golden tray of sweetmeats out of his hand as he did so.

University of Otago Student Charter

Very Unlikely. Doesn't seem relevant.

Students Still Waiting for StudyLink

“They will starve and I will laugh” cackles Studylink personified as an anthropomorphic crow

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A large number of students are still waiting for their first Studylink payment to come through, despite a month passing since classes began.

One student called it “a fucking stitch up”, another student suggested “maybe Studylink needs to employ a few more people so that they can stay operating at least standard business hours?”

Jason Dwen from Studylink, who has a very long job title but ultimately manages client service support, said that Studylink has “finalised 90% of all applications” received before the deadline of

16 December 2019. For the slack cunts who were late, only 70% have been processed, and 7% still require study verification from their respective tertiary institutions.

One student called it “a fucking stitch up”

Dwen said that Studylink are currently experiencing “a higher number of calls than expected” and that additional staff have been put in place to help meet this demand.

Many students told Critic they were waiting 45 to 180 minutes on the phone to talk to someone

at Studylink.

Students affected said that the University of Otago is responding well to their concerns, and have reassured individuals that they will not lose access to lectures or Blackboard. One student said “Shoutout to the uni finance department for calming my nerves”.

Studylink asked anyone experiencing financial hardship to get in touch. While you are on hold for an hour, consider contacting Sage at OUSA Student Support, who may be able to help too.



Tenants caught in battle between Cutlers and CrestClean

Critic promises to dispose of any decapitated cat heads people are stockpiling

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Several students who rented with Cutlers in 2019 are waiting to receive their full bonds back because of a dispute over cleaning bills.

A group of six tenants were issued a cleaning bill for \$879.50 by Cutlers Property Management. That bill has turned out to be just one of many large bills issued by CrestClean. Cutlers is currently disputing the large bills with the cleaners.

Connor, one of the tenants from that group, said that Cutlers told him \$500 of the bond would be held at the bond centre. The bond would be released when they came to an agreement about how much money the tenants were willing to put towards the \$879.50 bill.

The bill was broken down into three parts. \$15 of the bill was for replacing light bulbs, \$140 was for replacing mouldy curtains, and \$724.50 of the bill was for cleaning.

Connor disputed the bill. He believed that the flat were being taken advantage of by Cutlers or the cleaning company or both. He said he would have been happy "paying a few hundred" but the current bill was "ridiculous". He also said the condition of the flat was "better than when we took the property on".

Connor believed the large bill was related to the sale of the property to a new purchaser at the end of their tenancy.

The tenants were told that the bill from CrestClean was actually for \$1,486.38, and that Cutlers had already reduced the price by over \$600.

Philip, a 2019 tenant in another six-person flat managed by Cutlers, ended the year in a similar situation. "The bill was for around \$1,400 which is ridiculous for the amount of work we put in to cleaning the place before we left, especially considering the state that the 2018 tenants had left it in when we first moved in."

"Unfortunately these are not normal circumstances," said Matt Cutler. He said that they are "currently in a dispute with [CrestClean] regarding a large number of invoices that are extremely excessive".

He said that "[f]or this particular property the owner is currently still liable for the full \$1486". However, they acted "to try keep the tenants from being victims of this dispute without putting the landlord too far out of pocket".

"Holding back 25% of the bond until we had a legitimate invoice to work off was the fairest course of action." He said that if "this dispute doesn't look likely to be resolved in the next few days then we'll have to come up with a way to process any bonds that currently have portions held in dispute because it isn't fair for tenants to be dragged into this."

Tony Kramers, Regional Director of CrestClean Dunedin, said "We were instructed by Cutlers to clean the flats to an agreed high standard as requested by the property managers themselves and no budget was specified". He continued that "we are incredibly disappointed in how our reputation has been questioned over this work".

He claimed that "Cutlers were furnished with a schedule of our hourly rates" and agreed to those rates. Tony said that CrestClean's standard hourly rate is \$45 plus GST per hour and per person of cleaning, and that Cutlers had asked them to work on public holidays for some properties, which is charged at a higher rate.

Tony told Critic that their staff have had to deal with some "horrible and unacceptable sites" when cleaning up messes left by tenants, including one case where the head of a dead cat was found in a cupboard.

Tony concluded by saying that "you can be reassured that we will not be around to help in 2021 so the landlords and tenants themselves can clean up their own disgraceful messes."

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New Vending Machines Filled With Ice Cream

Critic would like the next round of vending machines to serve rotisserie chickens with a claw hand

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New ice cream vending machines have appeared in the Link, the Business School, and the Science Library.

When first introduced to campus at the start of March, the vending machines were empty. By March 11, they had pricing. The vending machines are now filled with ice cream products, ranging from Magnum Ego Caramel to Rainbow Paddle Pops.

The prices of the ice creams range from \$1.50 to \$5 for a single ice cream. Some students were

excited by the prospect of buying a Magnum on campus, but "annoyed" by the high prices.

"They suck ass and I hate them, that's my informed opinion,"

One student called them "unnecessary and really way too expensive," while also noting that the campus shop nearby the machine in the link sells ice creams at a cheaper price.

"They suck ass and I hate them, that's my informed opinion," said another student standing beside the machines in the Link. "Art History and now this?"

What else will you take from us Harlene?"

Other students noted that the machines themselves do not seem fully purpose-built for the products they offer. Once purchased, the ice creams drop from their holdings and fall to the bottom of the machine for retrieval. This leads to a potential ice cream breakage, particularly for Magnums with their chocolate shells.

The University did not respond to a request for comment about these new vending machines, because apparently they have better things to do with their time.

Everything is Cancelled Including Keep Cups

Dispensary will not dispense into keep cups because you're bad at doing dishes

By Erin Gourley

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Dispensary Cafe is refusing to fill keep cups because of Covid-19.

Both Dispensary cafes (the cafe on Albany Street and the cafe in the Dunedin Hospital) have implemented the new policy. The new policy was implemented on Monday 16 March with a notice attached to the cabinet and the counter of the cafe.

The notice reads "we are taking some new measures around Covid-19". The cafe acknowledges that "it is our responsibility towards our community and customers to contribute and act accordingly".

"It's just being very cautious, but if it's gonna help then we want to do it."

"We have super stringent procedures on our side of the counter around hand washing and sanitising, if your orders take slightly longer as a result please bear with us."

"It's just being very cautious, but if it's gonna help then we want to do it," said one of the baristas from Dispensary. "Obviously it's sad with the paper cups, because we're very environmental normally."

Keep cup user and Dispensary fan, Jasmine, said "it pains me to see Dispensary ban reusables". She is concerned about the environmental impact of disposable paper cups. However, she understands that it is a precautionary measure to minimise the spread of coronavirus.

Cafe Albany and other university cafes have not banned keep cups, instead encouraging people to wash their cups properly before bringing them to the cafes. Their sign reads: "we ask that you please WASH AND DRY YOUR KEEP CUP AND LID". Other cafes near campus have not adopted policies around keep cup use and Covid-19.

"I think it's good to see the care being taken about hygiene," said Jess, who we talked to because she was drinking from a keep cup on Union Lawn. "If cafes think a ban is the best option then I trust that they know what they're doing."

"I get it, the public just learned how to wash their hands for the first time," Jasmine said. "It'll be too much for them to handle if they're just learning how to properly wash dishes as well."



AUSA Copies OUSA's Covid-19 campaign 🤔🤔🤔

Both students' associations are still afraid to say the word "fuck"

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The Auckland University Students' Association (AUSA) has launched a covid-19 campaign that looks almost identical to OUSA's.

AUSA President George Barton admitted that AUSA had copied the ideas. He said in defence that "if we're going to look for originality then perhaps we need to remind ourselves of what the famous Roman playwright Terence once said when he opined 'Nothing is said that has not been said before'".

OUSA commented on the Instagram post "BAAAAA" followed by two sheep emoji.

The awareness campaign from AUSA featured three posts on Instagram with the phrases "Wash your f*cking hands", "Don't touch your face or hug others", and "Do sneeze into your elbows".

The letter O in the words 'Do' and 'Don't' was represented by an emoji.

OUSA's campaign was released one week before AUSA's posts appeared on Instagram. It also featured the phrase "Wash your f*cking hands", but the asterisk was replaced with an emoji in OUSA's version. One of the distinctive features of OUSA's campaign was the 'censoring' of the vowels in swear words with emojis.

OUSA was not too upset that its campaign had been copied. "We love being trendsetters and watching others follow," said Ingrid Roding, OUSA's communications manager. "It would appear a few messages [from AUSA's campaign] are exactly the same in design and message."

OUSA commented on the Instagram post

"BAAAAA" followed by two sheep emoji. Critic understands that the comment implies that AUSA are like sheep, because they have followed OUSA's campaign, and sheep are followers.

With the original OUSA campaign, Ingrid said that OUSA "wanted to re-enforce crucial messaging, but in our own tone".

George admitted that AUSA "did draw inspiration from OUSA's campaign and other sources." He said AUSA were "big fans" of the work OUSA does.

George encouraged Critic to "look at the bigger picture" of raising awareness about covid-19. He said that students should be "reminded that the little things - washing your hands and staying at home if you're feeling sick - really do count."

Turf War in the Hunter Centre

Medical students do NOT want to interact with BComs

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Medical students are unhappy that the University is allowing non-medical students to book rooms in the Hunter Centre.

"I don't understand why commerce students are taking over our building when they have their own"

The University took over administration of the Hunter Centre from the Division of Health Sciences at the start of 2020. By bringing the Centre under the jurisdiction of the University, the rooms in the Hunter Centre can be booked as part of a wider pool that includes the Central Library, Health Sciences Library and other buildings in the University.

That means the clinical spaces unique to the Hunter Centre and designed for use by medical students can be booked by any student regardless of their degree.

"OUMSA as a student support organisation have found that this transition has caused several significant difficulties with our initiatives which focus on student welfare and education," said OUMSA President Anu Kaw.

"I don't understand why commerce students are taking over our building when they have their own," said one medical student in the Hunter Centre. Another student said "I'm trying to learn my clinical skills but I can't while other students

are hogging all the rooms".

Anu said that the changes also have an impact on OUMSA's approach to welfare. "We try to promote healthy eating and collegiality by providing our students with fresh fruit and healthy snacks during stressful times of the year (such as examination periods), and also encouraging to bring home made snacks to share within their tutorial groups." OUMSA has not been able to provide those services because the University does not allow consumption of food or drink in spaces within the University pool.

Anu said that there has not been any clear communication from the Hunter Centre administration or the University at any point in this process.

The University did not respond to Critic's request for comment on the issue.

Which Squiddies Chip Bag is the Best Value for Money?

A statistical breakdown

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Squiddies: an Otago student institution that supplies chips (and other things) for students of all dispositions and dietary requirements.

Squiddies has an impressive range of chip bag sizes available. The question: which one gets you maximum chip for minimum cash?

Using the statistical computing program R (thanks STATS115) and data collected by Critic staff, I have created a graph comparing the Grams per Dollar to Price of Chip. A pop poll of students in the shop itself revealed that shoestring fries are the favourite, so this is what we tested. We approximated that 10 fries is equal to 17 grams (± 1.4 chip variation).

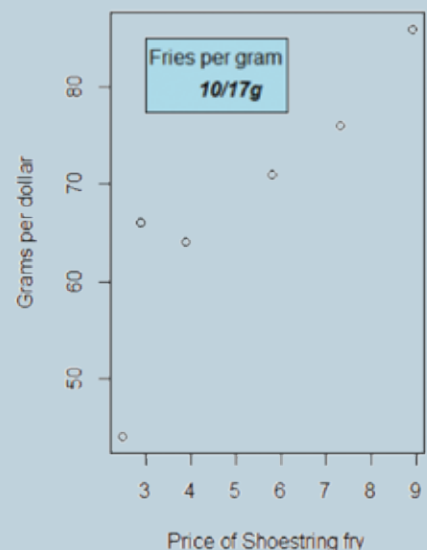
The largest increase in value from packet to packet was between the \$2.50 bag and the \$2.90 bag, with a \$0.40 price difference and

a 60% increase in the price to chip ratio. This means that your extra \$0.40 will increase your chip consumption by over half.

From the \$2.90 bag to the \$7.30 bag the progression in value is a constant increase of 5 grams per dollar, and from the \$7.30 to the \$8.90 bag, there is a 10 gram per dollar increase, from 76 g/d to 86 g/d.

This confirms a significant difference between the most expensive and second most expensive. With a \$1.60 price increase and an 80% increase in g/d, your best option is just to bite the bullet and get the big boys.

This wasn't that surprising, but also it meant Critic got to munch on a lot of chip, so all in all a successful experiment.



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Otago Students' Perspectives on Covid-19

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Otago students are "scared", "concerned", and "feel as if [their] whole lives are about to come to a standstill" over the recent Covid-19 outbreak.

Last Tuesday, students came together to celebrate St Patrick's day in what many considered the final send for months to come. These celebrations went on despite crowds of 500 or more people being banned, recommendations for social distancing, and the University of Otago issuing a condemnation of student celebrations the evening before.

Instead of assuming that all students are thoughtless shitcunts, Critic hit the streets and asked students directly what they think about Covid-19, the hysteria, and the precautions they need to take.

For students Phoebe, Pippa, Camden, Claire and Sophie, the hysteria seemed to start off as a "joke". They likened it to when Trump was elected as the U.S. President - it seemed funny, impossible, "and then it happened".

One of the girls said that the situation felt "weird", because suddenly they and their parents are no longer financially secure. "So many companies are being shut down, and my job is being closed. I don't know what's going to happen." Another student said they were "kinda worried" about going home for Easter for their parents' sake.

Jenna, whose family is in Dunedin, is hesitant about even visiting. "I'm not concerned about [my health], but I am about theirs."

Sophie's main concern is that she feels others can't go home, or shouldn't go home. "My flatmates are thinking about leaving, which is really emotional ... I'm not concerned about catching it, and the disruption that comes with that, but I am worried about my grandparents." Jenna, whose family is in Dunedin, is hesitant about even visiting. "I'm not concerned about [my


health], but I am about theirs."

Lucy is also concerned about her family's health, and said "people not taking it seriously is fucking me off ... when it's at arm's length, no one cares, but soon it's gonna be right in front of our face."

Both Sophie and Alex are on the brink of self-isolating. Sophie said "the unknown is really scary and it'd be good to know what the plan is." Alex said "it feels like the life has gone out of uni."

Mitch said he was concerned, but that because there is such an "awesome community" here that "I think it'll be all good". Daniel said the same thing, but added that "We are well prepared at this time. There is no need to overreact, but we should avoid ignorance ... we can't make calls out of fear and we can't let fear dictate life."

That being said, "it is easier to be ignorant," Daniel said.



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"it is easier to be ignorant," Daniel said.

Some students, like Elliot, remain "unstressed" by the situation, although these students acknowledge that they are "not the target for the virus".

Nevertheless, students can feel that something is coming, and that things are changing. Lucy described it as being "like Limbo".

Many students are "gutted" about Hyde being cancelled, and believe that it is hypocritical that social events are being condemned while uni is still running. Daisy "hopes" that uni will be cancelled soon. Ethan is "worried about keeping up" with studies if uni moves online, as "they've been talking about it in like every single lecture." Lucy is scared that studies will be cancelled altogether.

As of writing this, the Ministry of Health has just banned indoor gatherings of 100 or more people. Schools, including tertiary institutions, are exempt. The hypocrisy is not lost on students, who said, "that is bullshit" and "how can the uni tell us not to party together, but won't put our classes online so we don't have to sit in spitting distance of like a dozen people?"





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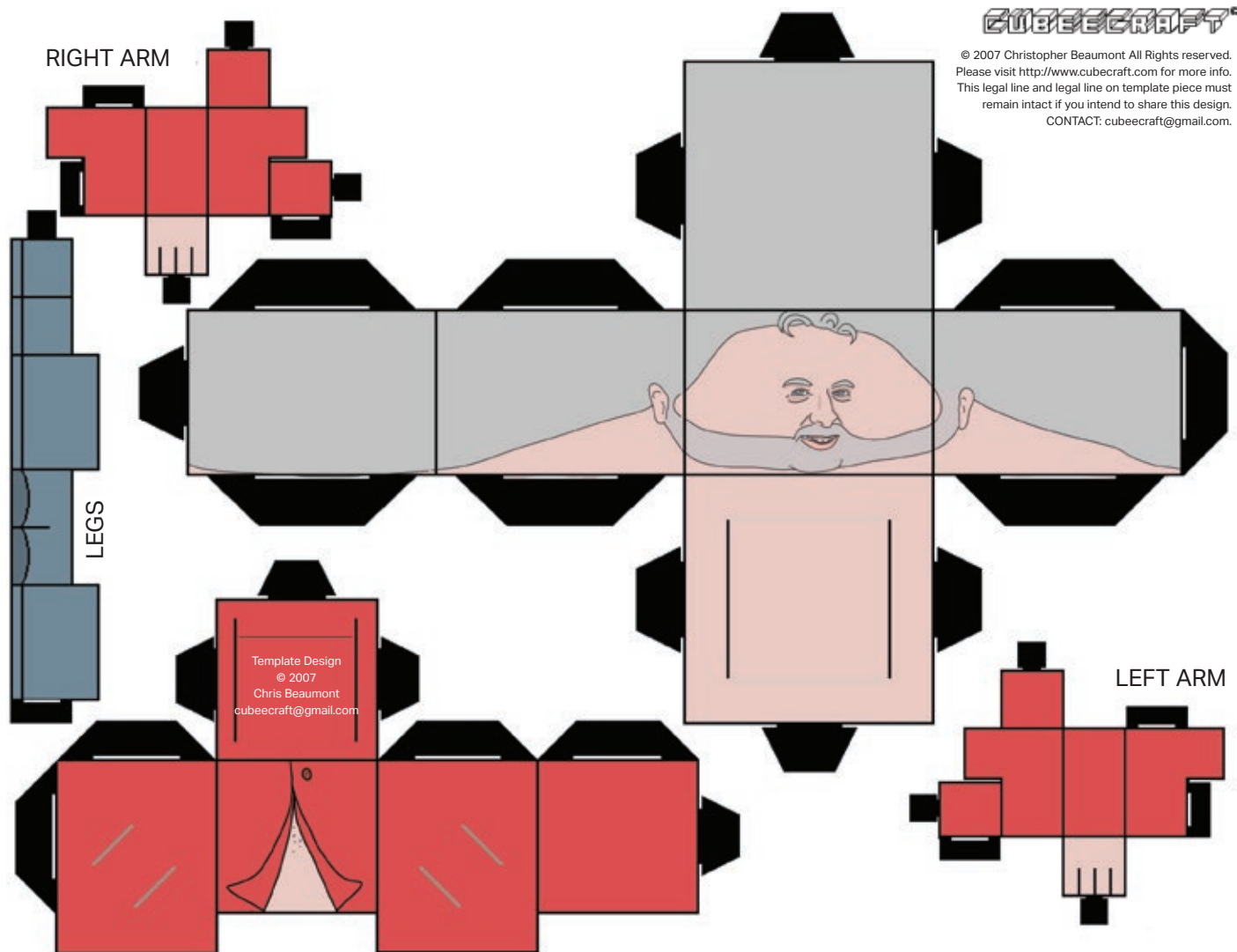
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THE EXPLOITATION, DEGRADATION AND MISINFORMATION IN STUDENT HOSPITALITY

BY ANNABELLE VAUGHAN

Getting a part-time hospitality job is like being a first year in a hall. Not all do it, but for most people it is an inevitable and expected part of the University experience. From the outside, casual waitressing, bartending, cleaning, and serving, all seem like perfect, simple side-hustles to our 40-hour study weeks. However, Dunedin has a nefarious underbelly of seedy hospo employers, little job security, harassment, abuse of power and just other general shitty things that employers seem to think they can get away with.

Well, to all those exploitative, scummy, money hungry employers, your time is up.

While at Otago Uni, Josie* worked in a hotel for well over a year. During this time, the job became “a part of my identity. My co-workers were my friends and I enjoyed my job - the late nights, rude customers, and all.” Despite how ingrained the job had become to her life, she said she was “driven to resignation” not because she was suddenly financially stable or didn’t want the job, but because her workplace had “become toxic” by a change of management. She described one new manager as being “egotistical and manipulative”. Being a more senior staff member, she challenged some decisions that were being made, and suddenly found her once-stable hours were now lacking. Still, she stayed.

It wasn’t until she was denied a pay rise “despite being a committed, valuable, qualified employee who had been loyal to the company for well over a year,” she said, that she knew enough was enough. She believes she was denied not for her performance, but because of his “personal dislike” of Josie, which she believed was “blatantly obvious through repetitive comments, lack of hours and messages to other staff members”.

She asked herself what anyone else would - do I tolerate it, or leave? “At the time I was too scared and anxious to take it to senior management,” she said. She couldn’t imagine they would take her word over her older, male manager, particularly as she was only a student and this was his full-time job. “I lied,” she said, “I told them I couldn’t balance the job with university anymore. I didn’t say the real reasons.” Josie said this remains one of the “biggest regrets” of her life.

The relationship between employer and employee is one which, at a surface level seems simple and straightforward. But beneath the surface it is often riddled with tension, the desire to please, and the silent hierarchy of who is above the other. Hospo takes these dynamics but puts them on crack. As a low level employee, you are at the bottom of the food chain. You get given the worst jobs and the most inconvenient shifts. The harassment you are subject to by customers is always above your pay grade.

Why? Because they know students need these jobs to get by and maintain financial security. Being aware of this necessity, and to a degree, desperation, employers can get away with almost anything when it comes to young people.

Much like Josie, plenty of students turn to working in hospitality because it seems like the easiest, most flexible option. But the problem is, when students begin working in hospitality jobs, it is common for employers to sometimes take advantage of the perceived naivety and low confidence possessed when starting such a position. Why? Because they know students need these jobs to get by and maintain financial security. Being aware of this necessity, and to a degree, desperation, employers can get away with almost anything when it comes to young people.

Pat*, who was a cleaner for five years in total, also described feeling pushed out of her job. A Dunedin local, she started work while still in high school, and was "stoked" that they kept her on as a university student. "I didn't know how employment law worked, or how they couldn't just fire me for being a university student." She claimed that her workplace had gone through several students and her manager, also a family friend, often spoke about how unreliable and untrustworthy students were as employees. She said her two cleaning shifts had always been on the weekend, but once she began university, she requested to move her shifts to the weekday, now that she didn't have to go to high school and had more free time. "I remember my manager implied that I was being selfish. She seemed genuinely confused about why I wanted to keep work and study for the weekdays and have weekends off. She kept telling me how if I stopped working weekends, I would be forcing someone else to work weekends and not be able to see their kids."

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"I ended up sticking to weekends for the next three years. She eventually convinced me to move to weekend night shifts, so that other workers with families could be home with their kids. I did every Friday and Saturday night for two years." Pat said that she was made to feel disposable, and "never dared" to complain. Before there was a \$50 increase to Living Loan payments, she was left with \$20 a week for food after rent and bills. "I missed out on 21sts, 50ths, hanging out with friends on the weekends. I felt trapped. I'd met this woman when I was a literal child and felt like I couldn't say no to her."

Pat added, "semi-often, like once, maybe twice a month, someone would bail on an 8-hour morning shift and I was told that I legally had to stay at work, because it was company policy for two employees to be on shift at any one time. We were incredibly understaffed so I would always have to do the 16-hour shift, too. I could never convince someone at 6am to come into work, shockingly."

She eventually left when eight months had passed since the minimum wage had been increased, and they still hadn't been given a pay rise. "I finally opened up to my co-workers about how fucked everything was, and realised that we had all just been suffering in silence, and were all being guilted into working overtime. I was super mentally unwell at this point from all of the stress that I never pursued the back pay I was owed. I was just happy to get out."

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Chloe, a bartender, said she was desperate for a job after her first year. "I had my interview, got given the contract and started the next day," she said. But within a short amount of time, Chloe began to experience the same story which is true to many others. While juggling full time study, she was working 20 hours a week. She asked for and was denied fewer hours. The shifts became understaffed and stressful, due to the roster being looked at from a financial standpoint. When it got too much for some, resulting in emotional upset, management failed to empathize. After being there for a year and considered a senior staff member, meaning more work and responsibility, she finally plucked up the courage to ask for a pay rise. This was denied. Chloe said being denied the request showed how little her time and effort was valued by the business. She felt "exploited and completely taken advantage of" by a business who didn't value her as much as she valued it. Although she considered resignation, she decided against it. She was too reliant on the financial stability it provided, and it was a risk she couldn't take, despite the working conditions.

Another former waitress, Anna, experienced something far too similar, but was not paid a dime for her work. After working at a restaurant for a brief period of time, she was forced out. They employed her on the basis of a "paid trial" to see if she was right for the position. However, when it came time to pay for her time, they refused. She contacted the company asking for her pay, but they soon blocked her. She eventually had to take them to court. "I was scared. Working in Dunedin, in this industry, everyone knows everyone and it could potentially harm future jobs," she said. She didn't receive the full amount she believed she deserved, but was happy that the employer didn't get away with it.

Anna said that despite working a variety of hospitality jobs, this was the first time she had stood up for herself. It was her familiarity with hospitality that gave her the courage to do so - therein lies how so many students get taken advantage of. Almost every student Critic spoke to began their hospitality job in their first year, and was often the first job they'd had. Young people often aren't aware of their basic employment rights. Even though your employer or manager is "above you," said Anna, it doesn't give them an excuse to be a dick on a power trip. "You are at the bottom of the food chain, you don't want to piss them off or screw them over."

Yet, the exploitative saga continues. Another student, Bekah faced the same problems working in hospo. She worked a kitchen hand job over one summer in order to make some extra cash. But from day one, it was sketchy. She was never put on a contract, but was still getting paid. This is very much illegal. Although she was getting paid, this still led to confusion and instability, especially when she injured herself on shift. Because she was not put on a contract this meant the employer wasn't liable to help cover medical costs and claiming ACC was a difficult task. Not only this, but she was never issued breaks nor received any proper training. "They just throw you in there," she explained. People who couldn't keep up were fired, she said.

The problem is, these employers are still getting away with this irresponsible and oftentimes illegal behaviour. So, when is enough enough? How can it be stopped?

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Give Nothing to Racism:

By
Naomii Seah

A YEAR ON

An investigation into student life as a person of colour, a year after the Give Nothing to Racism campaign came to campus

On 15 March 2019, a white supremacist terrorist walked into a mosque during Friday prayer and gunned down 51 innocent people, injuring 49 more. It was the kind of news that sent a whole nation into shock. Most people remember exactly where they were when they heard the news, and will remember for the rest of their lives. There was nation-wide action, with a government recall of automatic weapons. The Give Nothing to Racism (GNTR) campaign, launched by the Human Rights Commission in 2017, had a nation-wide resurgence and reinvigorated push behind it. The campaign found its way to campus. There were posters on billboards, speeches, and people were sharing things on social media.

The University of Otago was the only tertiary institute in New Zealand to have ever run a specific GNTR campaign, according to a spokesperson from the Human Rights Commission (HRC). The HRC said the University also attended a hui this year to help inform the development of a second phase of the GNTR campaign.

That doesn't change the fact that many minorities feel that their daily lives have gone unchanged, and that, in Dunedin, these discussions and meetings have amounted to exactly the opposite: Do Nothing About Racism.

Ethnic Person, White Space

For students who are people of colour (POC), being of a non-Caucasian ethnicity is a significant part of their lives in general. Their time at university, and in Dunedin, is no exception.

André* noted how much of a "white space" Dunedin is, and that although you aren't necessarily "treated unfairly" for being brown, there are microaggressions nevertheless. He said POC are made "conscious of the fact that [they are] not white... I suppose it's an 'othering'."

'Othering', in its most simplified form, means to 'be made to feel different', or like an outsider, and has negative connotations. Akshana* has been made to feel like an outsider since her first year at university, when someone in her hall told her "I'm a rich white boy from Auckland, so I don't need to remember how to pronounce your name properly". Once, at Student Health, she claimed a doctor wrote down her ethnicity as Indian, despite correcting them to say she is Singhalese. She claimed she was told, "don't worry, it's pretty much the same thing". A friend still calls her 'Linda', even after Akshana told her not to, as she didn't like it, giving the excuse that Akshana's real name is inconvenient for her to learn. Once, when she was walking down the street, a group of "bogans spat at [me] from their car and told [me] to fuck off". Akshana said that although there are good things about being POC at Otago, she feels as if she "now has to let [racial harassment] go". She's too "afraid of societal repercussions" to speak out about her experiences.

Ciaran* believes that racism at Otago is a self-fulfilling prophecy: that "the University doesn't do anything to combat [racism]" because no one reports racial harassment, because there are no clear procedures around reporting this harassment. Therefore, the University may genuinely not know how much of a problem this is.

Sean* said that “compared to the rest of my life, I don’t see much of a difference [at university].” Shreya* agreed, saying “I feel the same, but that might be because my friend group is very multicultural as well.” Harrison* said he “usually feel[s] the same. But with coronavirus coming around, [I’ve noticed] more instances of people saying racial slurs.”

Sarah* felt she was treated differently because she wore a hijab in her first year. She felt “really excluded from university activities” because of the drinking culture, not to mention she was often stared at and asked “dumb questions”. Once a person on the street even told her to “go back to Pakistan, go back to where you came from”. Another time, Sarah claimed her hall served ham in the dessert by mistake without telling the Muslim and vegetarian students. Apparently, the hall then gave them all ice blocks for the following “few weeks to make up for it”. Sarah, who wasn’t a strict Muslim at the time, said she was lucky. She said “if someone was seriously Muslim, that’s a huge thing”. Also, that the mistake was “offensive because you’re paying so much fucking money to this hall”. Sarah also had Muslim friends who “would pay for the food but wouldn’t go to the dining hall, because the food wasn’t meeting halal standards”.

Aisha*, who attends the Polytech, and is also a Muslim student, said, “at the start [of my time in Dunedin] it was negative. People would stare at you. [I would] get people looking [me] up and down, especially because I wear the hijab.”

As an international student, Rayna* said she felt “lots of support” from the University in many areas, but not for racial harassment. She has felt constantly demeaned by “white people culture”, and has had her mannerisms constantly compared to white girls. She said if she ever felt racially harassed on campus, she had no idea who to go to.

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University Support For POC?

Many POC have noted that although white people were surprised when the Mosque attacks happened, most members of the POC community were not. The attacks happened, the GNTR campaign was given a new life, and many student POC on campus thought that their lives would improve because of it.

“On paper, the University does a whole lot of things [to support students],” said Akshana. But a year on from the campaign’s presence on campus, she believes the University is “posturing, and are not dealing with the deeper issues [of racism]”.

Eight out the ten POC students we spoke to did not know who they could go to in the University for support, nor were aware of any policies around reporting. André believes that a year on from the GNTR campaign, there is no longer a push for campus to change. He believes the University is too “institutional and impersonal” to turn to; likewise, Akshana believes the University should be doing more to push the anti-racism agenda. Ciaran noted that he would only trust a Jewish liaison with a racial complaint, but no such individual exists on campus. André said much the same: that even with diversity hires at the University, it’s still a mostly white staff, making it difficult for POC to trust the administration.

“The ignorance stems upwards,” Ciaran said. “I think it’s New Zealand as a whole that has a problem with that blanket racism, casual racism” and that “the Give Nothing to Racism campaign is good”, but that supporters of this campaign need to work at fixing their casual racism “all the time”, not just “in the moment”.

He also said that “it’s almost a little bit two-faced. I think people did [the campaign] out of the goodness of their heart, but I don’t think they realise that everything else [that POC deal with] is there.”

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els that nothing has changed since the GNTR campaign. She, André, and others believe that people have paid more attention to spreading the message, rather than taking heed of what it means and how behaviours should be changed. André remembers a hotline to contact at the time, and that there had been a “big effort” in posterage, but that ultimately Dunedin “went w it was”.

ampaign and discourse immediately after the shooting, Ciaran said that “I think there has been tangible differences but they’re arily helpful”. He gave the ‘Punch a Nazi’ movement as an example, and said “the messaging around racism doesn’t actually ople of colour or minorities”.

d that “people have forgotten about it pretty quickly” and Sean, Shreya and Harrison all said that they felt “the level of casual s stayed about the same”.

ome students did feel the culture at university had changed following the GNTR campaign. Sarah said she “can’t remember er showing their support like that” and “people were more open minded and wanted to make sure Muslims were more included”.

aid that “I lived in Germany during the refugee crisis, and I experienced more bullying and racism there than in NZ”. He said that shooting, I didn’t experience any racism or bullying. In fact, the opposite. My experience has fortunately been very positive.” s that the campaign “had a lasting impact on the community. The event raised awareness about the issue.”

that “over the years, [the attitude towards Muslim students] has changed, especially after what happened. People have e aware of us, people like us, people from different cultures.” She said “people will come up to [me] and ask me questions. eople it’s really annoying and repetitive, but for me I personally enjoy it.”

ere’s “a lot more support. I don’t want to say they weren’t understanding before, but after what happened they opened a lot s for a lot of communities.” She also felt “the campaign had an impact. The campaign definitely did its job. [It] made people ther cultures and diversity here in Dunedin.”

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University Response

heartening to hear that some POC experienced a positive impact, it seems that the majority of other domestic and international nts are feeling disenfranchised with the University.

acted a University spokesperson for comment. They pointed us to their Ethical Behaviour Policy and the Code of Student hey said, “Alleged racial incidents will be investigated by either the Proctor” (a white man) “in the case of student incidents, Resources for staff employment matters. Any disciplinary actions would be case-dependent. The matter could also be o the Police for investigation.”

nts, matters can be reported to; the Proctor’s Office, Human Resources Managers, College Heads, OUSA Student Support, or s Cop.” A quick scroll through Human Resources Managers reveal predominantly white, blonde faces, and a google of the p reveals another white man.

sperson also stated, “The University has a responsibility to be a good employer. While we don’t have specific racial sensitivity e do have training on how to be a good employer and include issues such as bias.”

ources for POC and religious minorities include “the Māori centre, Pacific Island Centre, the chaplaincy team and residential The same residential colleges, it seems, that apparently don’t meet halal standards and put ham in their desserts.

, when asked what policies have been changed in the wake of the Christchurch Mosque shootings, the University stated e been no policy changes”.

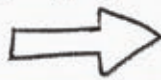


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MEMBERS OF THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN CHRISTCHURCH WALK PAST A MURAL BY A LOCAL ARTIST AT THE AL HUDA MOSQUE, IN CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND, ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 15, 2020. IT IS EXACTLY A YEAR AFTER THE TERRORIST ATTACKS THAT KILLED 51 PEOPLE AND INJURED DOZENS MORE. A NATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS CANCELLED OVER COVID-19 FEARS, BUT THIS DID NOT STOP PEOPLE FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS FROM VISITING THE SITE OF THE ATTACK. PHOTO: AIMAN AMERUL MUNER INSTAGRAM: @AIMANAMERUL

AMERICAN EXODUS



BY FOX MEYER



Over 48 hours, countless American exchange students had to decide: stay, or go? Many had no choice at all.

MARCH 14TH:

Eight confirmed cases of Kiwi Covid. Jacinda Ardern announces that all overseas arrivals in New Zealand must self-isolate for 14 days. Hundreds of American students in New Zealand watch as their country descends into a toilet-paper wasteland. In Aotearoa, these students are mostly worry-free: happy to be with their friends, ready to support their family from afar, and glad to be isolated on this remote island. Purely by chance, their choice to study in New Zealand has provided them with one of the safest havens in the world from this pandemic, and life here seems to be normal.

MARCH 16TH:

It's been 48 hours. Rugs have been swept out from international feet. Their sense of security has been shattered, but not because of an Aotearoa outbreak: scores of American students have been contacted by their home universities or study abroad programs demanding their immediate return to the United States.

Most of these students have been given a dubious choice: come home now through international airports and finish this semester online, or come home, drop your Otago papers, and count this semester as a hiatus (you still gotta pay for it though). In other words, here's the choice facing many Americans at Otago:

1. **Come home now, and go fuck yourself, you're finishing online.**
2. **Come home now, still go fuck yourself, but you can also go fuck your degree if you like.**

Not much of a choice, is it? Especially considering that American universities seemed to have overlooked the crucial fact that - at the time of going to print - Otago hasn't moved to online classes. The responsibility of managing this semester's credits has fallen squarely on students' shoulders: "we've had to go to our profs independently. We could just be fucked," said one American exchange student.

The move is being done under the guise of "student safety," but many feel like it's an effort by the institutions to cover their own asses.

"Oh, I absolutely believe this is just a liability issue. They just don't want us dying of coronavirus on their dime. It's okay if we catch it once we're back in the States, that's not their problem anymore," said another student.

One university sent an email threatening that any students who decide to stay abroad will be charged with something called a 'Conduct Violation'.

The recipient of the email said "Conduct violation? I don't even know what that means."

Citing border closures, St. Lawrence University (SLU) directed their students to return effective immediately, saying that they aim to ensure no interruption towards a student's degree. Despite citing "health and safety" as their "top concern," SLU has reportedly threatened to rescind the visas and healthcare of any of their students that choose to remain in New Zealand.

It's pretty hard to believe that this recall is fueled by the goodwill of corporate education; in what seems like a knee-jerk reaction, they're about to send hundreds of healthy students through multiple international airports, straight to the heart of one of the most haphazardly-handled pandemic responses in the developed world. It's hard to believe it's not satire when your university tells you: "Hey, we care about your health, now go visit an airport during a pandemic."

This news hasn't been uniform, either. Not all American universities are issuing the same guidelines to their students abroad; while there's been a total recall of Americans from some European countries, some students in "safe" countries - like New Zealand - have been offered a waiver if they wish to stay. Some of these institutions are providing last-minute travel costs, solutions for transfer credits, and reimbursements for the international fees paid to Otago. Some aren't. Very few of these schools are giving students a choice. In the words of one American exile faced with covering her own expenses: "It's total bullshit."

A counterexample: the Singapore Ministry of Education announced in a 1-page press release exactly what measures would be taken: all students abroad will be flown home, screened, and treated, regardless of where they're studying. It's understood as a public safety issue, and no threats have been made with regard to their degrees. Singapore has suffered 0 fatalities. These students report that they expected this response, that it seems fair across the board, and there's no room for confusion.

The most popular explanation offered by American institutions is a concern that their students will be stuck overseas with no option to return home. With the impending shutdown of international flights, many students fear getting stranded far from home, and institutions such as the University of Vermont (UVM) cited the uncertain future of air closures - rather than health and safety - as a chief concern (though UVM did not force their students to return).

Though the concept of getting stranded in New Zealand without active airlines is daunting, there are worse places that these students could be stuck, and many have expressed that they feel their agency has been stripped away. Along with UVM, Middlebury College is one of the few institutions that did not explicitly require its students to come home, though they would “certainly support” the choice to do so. They’ve offered a flexible grading policy this semester, giving their students some responsibility in the decision.

When faced with choosing between risking international travel or abandoning her degree progress at Otago, one Canadian student has devised her own solution: “Fuck it, I’m transferring. I’ll just stay here.”

British students are beginning to be recalled as well, and they’re not happy about it either: “I just feel like a bit of a loser for not staying. Like, I feel like I should just say yolo and stick around.” There’s a popular sentiment amongst those facing forced exodus: “it seems riskier to travel through airports than to just stay here. I’m from Cali, their confirmed cases are in the triple digits. I’m safer here.”

At the most depressing BYO I’ve ever attended, Americans painted a picture of communicative chaos. Some students have received as many as six emails from their home institutions in 24 hours, each providing different instructions and offering different demands:

“They sent us an email last night [March 15] saying we had a choice [to come home], because New Zealand wasn’t too serious. Then I woke up to an email this morning saying I had no choice. I fly this weekend.”

If Otago doesn’t go online, this student will be robbed of a semester of her degree, with no plans for reimbursement. Her university hasn’t seemed to notice that.

American students have spent the last two days waiting for news from home.

One by one, American universities are issuing recalls. “I’m going in and out of panic mode. It feels like the Hunger Games: who’s next?”

Who’s next? Who gets to stay? Whose degree is in jeopardy? How many friends will they never see after tomorrow? How many have already left?

As I interview a sombre group of students, one receives an email in real-time. It’s one email in a series of many. This one reads: “This email supersedes all prior communication and must be answered tonight.” She, like many others, has just been given the choice of finishing her semester online or dropping out.

Students in New Zealand are being forced to choose between academic upheaval and the very real possibility of becoming an active Covid risk to the family members who will be picking them up from the airport.

By the time this reaches print, most of the students you’ve heard from will be in the United States. They’ll have risked international travel on their way back to families in a country with a fully-fledged outbreak. Their degrees will be up in the air. They won’t even get this copy of Critic.

"I've done my crying. No more tears until I leave."



HOW TO TAKE FEET PICS



For those of you whose casual employment is drying up and who are thinking about ways to make money from home by selling pictures of your feet, Critic has you covered.



THE FEET:

Literally any feet will do. The more natural, the better - leave those beautiful little toe hairs alone. If you are worried that your feet are too weird or gross looking, don't be. Weird and gross feet are genuinely a thing that people are into. That is no excuse for poor foot health, though. Keep those dirty sluts clean. Invest in a good scrub or foot mask and a pair of those nail clippers that have a convenient nail file attached.

THE SETTING:

Get comfy, you may be here for a while. The perfect shot takes time, and you don't want to rush the work because you are sitting or lying at odd angles. There are many specialty pics you can take, and Critic recommends getting creative with your setting. So many foot models do it from home, if you mix it up a little the clientele will appreciate it.

THE PROPS:

You can just take a raw dog photo of your feet, but we recommend actually doing something with them. If you're on a bed, for example, why not curl your toes in the duvet, or pull the sheets apart? Get some fabrics with different colours and textures to play with. If you pick a setting where you can get messy, we recommend using the fruit or veggies that your flatmates were planning to let rot in the fridge.

THE LIGHTING:

The more, the better. Some photographers will tell you that natural lighting is the only good lighting. Your instinct is correct: they're being pretentious. You can't guarantee good natural lighting, so don't worry if you have to close the curtains and switch the light on. A good tip is to bring a lamp with you wherever you shoot so you can adjust the lighting angles if need be.

THE SHOT:

Composition is the most important part of photography. You can have all the right pieces, but a shit shot will mess the whole thing up. Critic's photographer Aiman suggests to play with as many different angles as you can, regardless of setting, props, and lighting: every new angle makes for a completely different (but sexy) foot story.

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Follow us on IG: @uopisa.otago to keep up!

Mauri and Warm Pacific Greetings

University of Otago Pacific Islands Students Association (UOPISA) would like to say a huge malō 'aupito to all who made it to our annual Leadership Weekend 2020!

We are so grateful to have shared space with all 8 Pasifika cultural and academic associations on BOTH days!

Our Pasifika associations began as a way to unite the Pasifika student community, some are as old as 20 years and some who have yet to celebrate their very first birthday!

Leadership Weekend is an initiative that began in 2019 where executive officers from all Pasifika associations come together for 2 days of workshops. In these workshops we build on our strengths and have talanoa on experiences. This is to support each other in gaining the confidence to take on these leadership roles as well as being reminded of the mana and potential in our teams. We are so excited to work with you all this year!

If you want to know more about any of the associations please reach out. We welcome any and all questions with open hearts.

Metaki Mā'ata Otago!

ACADEMIC:

Pacific Islands Law Students Association, PILSA
Humanities Otago Pacific Students Association, HOPSA
Pacific Islands Health Professional Students Association, PIHPSA
Science Students Pacific Islands Association, SSPIA

CULTURAL:

Otago Cook Island Students Association, OCISA
Otago Tongan Students Association, OTSA
Otago Samoan Students Association, OSSA
Otago Melanesian Islands Students Association, OMISA
(official IGM and establishment on 23rd Mar)

WHICH DRUG TESTING KIT ARE YOU?

EZ test for Ecstasy
(The Marquis)



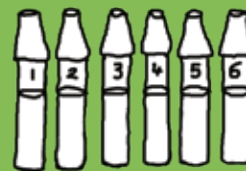
- Budget
- Simple
- Colours change if bad (trippy)
- MUST use before any other test

Dance Safe Simon



- Only bought in bulk
- Chaser after Marquis
- Detects Meth
- Weird name

EZ test for MDMA



- Requires admin
- Pretty Smart
- only cares about purity
- Basic name

SEAGULLS: AN EXPOSÉ

By Sophia Carter Peters



Seagulls, the resident shit cunts of almost every city in New Zealand. Despite interacting with them on a daily basis, there remains much unknown to the general public about them. How long can they fly? What are their intentions? Do they have a supportive father figure?

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One of the biggest questions is, why do they stand on one leg all the time? Cursor Google searching revealed a potential reason, that it allows them to conserve body heat because they don't have any feathers on their legs, reducing heat loss by half. Seems like a reasonable explanation, for a normal bird perhaps. For our resident assholes, however, I don't believe it for a second.

Here's the real deal: those little bastards do it for sympathy. Every time you walk past a bird with only one leg, what's your first reaction? Pity. They know that we are weak and will use that to their advantage. Your human instinct to be the hero overpowers all rational thought, and although you may not know it, they're wearing down your defences.

Slowly but surely, your evolutionarily programmed hatred towards them will wear down until they're mere blips in your vision. Right where they want you. Then one day, you'll be innocently walking through uni with some Squiddies chips in hand and that's when they'll strike.

Armageddon has nothing on these rats of the sky as they channel their dinosaur ancestors, beady eyes trained on your snacks.

To survive their merciless tirade, your wits must always be about you. They dominate the land, sea, and sky, leaving no location safe from an attack. Fortunately, moving targets are harder to narrow down, giving you the highest chance of escape. Eating outside? Not on their watch. A single crumb falling on the ground and your lunch becomes ground zero.

It has been suggested that they communicate over long distances telepathically, as there is no other way they could gather at such speeds. Faster than you can blink, you're surrounded by countless fluffy snack assassins. Their sharp beaks glinting, your fingers are nothing more than a slight intrusion onto a tasty morsel. Your food is the target. Your life is merely collateral damage. The only mode of survival is concealment, keep your food out of sight, move swiftly from one building to another. Never make eye contact, they can see your fear.

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I thought it important to hear the other side and spoke to OUSA President Jack Manning. "Greedy capitalist pigs," was all he was willing to provide at this point, which only strengthens my fear that this is beyond what we had feared. The administration knows, but they are in far too deep now to stop it. Dunedin's Mayor, Aaron Hawkins declined to comment. His silence speaks volumes.

Now we get to the meat of the issue. Seagulls may not be operating independently, but rather part of a larger scheme against the people. Have you ever considered the fact that there are no seagulls in buildings? Only in the vast expanse of the outside world, somewhere that can be wandered free of charge. Now, what is in the buildings? Businesses. Places where people spend money, often at well-established food spots.

We are being violently herded inside in a flurry of pointy beaked barrages. Regardless of whether you brought your own food, you will be tempted to grab just a drink or bag of chips. Seagulls are vessels, prodding the general public inside to contribute to the backbreaking capitalist agenda.

Agents of the bourgeoisie, masked with feathers and rage.

The question remains, why don't we just kill the sneaky raptors and move on with our lives? Unfortunately, people have already had this idea and the seagull population in New Zealand has

reduced by 80% in the past 30 years. The collective hatred of seagulls has been detrimental to our ecosystem and unlike more invasive animals (possums, cats, people, etc.), they are, unfortunately, vital to the environment.

One species, the Red Billed Gull, is more endangered than our beloved Albatrosses, the largest of the bois. They aren't supposed to be eating our chips and attacking our snacks, most of them eat krill, a marine invertebrate. The increasing ocean temperatures are driving away the krill, forcing the seagulls to become the malicious sky rats that we know and despise. Their status as the villain is unwavering, but every bad guy has an origin story.

[Editor's note: Critic's official stance is that Seagulls are good boys deserving of chip and love. But all student opinion is welcome in this magazine.]



WHAT TO DO IN SELF-ISOLATION

BY HENESSEY GRIFFITHS

Everyone is freaking out about Coronavirus at the moment, buying mass amounts of toilet paper and hand sanitizer, just in case. The fear of the unknown has taken us over. What if it hits Dunedin? What if you get it? What if everything gets shut down and you don't have enough supplies to last you for whoever knows how long? The big buzzword going along with this is self-isolation. People who are sick or have just arrived in NZ from countries with COVID-19 are being told to self-isolate for two weeks. This involves staying away from areas where you are exposed to other people, like uni or work, and minimise amounts of human interaction. In a way that kind of sounds like a luxury, staying at home and just vibing out. But it's pretty easy to get a bit stir-crazy while doing so.

As luck would have it, the Coronavirus hysteria has peaked right as Fresher Flu season has started. I have fallen victim to the latter. In an effort to try and not get anyone else sick with this stupid cold, I've been self-isolating. I'm already so fucking bored. It's hard to try and come up with things to do when you're cooped up in your shitty student flat all day and night.

Disclaimer: Covid-19 self-isolation doesn't always mean you literally can't leave your flat. If you have only come in contact with someone from overseas, not you yourself coming from overseas, then you can go for a walk and stuff so long as you keep your distance.

TIDY YOUR FUCKING ROOM

C'mon, you've been putting this off since you first moved in. I know you still have at least one box or bag that remains to be unpacked, so now is your time to do it. You've been using the excuse of having lectures all day to avoid doing your washing, but now you literally have no excuse. See those dishes sitting in your room? Wash them, you piece of shit. Get out some of those anti-bacterial wipes that your flat bought in O-Week and clean your skirting boards. Think of the luxury of being able to self-isolate with fresh sheets on your bed. You've got nothing else better to do, so just suck it up and vacuum your goddamn room.

DO YOUR READINGS

You know how you bought that textbook, or how Blackboard is full of those PDFs for you to download? Well, now is your chance to actually sit down and read them. You can't go to uni anyway, or head to your mates to fuck around, so you might as well use this time to catch up. I know, it sounds boring as hell and the last thing you'd want to do, but thank yourself later. Fuck it, why not even start that assignment that's due in two weeks? Just because you're sick doesn't mean you shouldn't get that paper. Make your readings interesting by doing them while feeling whacked out on the various cold and flu tablets you take. Open your third eye while you read about Donoghue v Stevenson.

GO ON OMEGLE

Self-isolation gets pretty lonely after a while. I mean, you can't really talk to anyone but your flatmates, and by now you're probably sick of them. But what if there was a website where you can meet and talk to new people without that physical human interaction? You probably haven't been on Omegle since that sleepover you had when you were 16, and I'm sure there are just as many penises now as there were then. Regardless, you can use specific keywords to connect with people with similar interests - chuck 'coronavirus' in there and make a friend with someone else self-isolating. If even that fills your screen with chodes, make it into a fun game and count how many you can see. Who knows, you might even just find the love of your life on there, all from the comfort of your own bed.

CREATE YOUR OWN SMALL START-UP BUSINESS

The stock market is in complete disarray at the moment, but don't let that stop you. YouTube has videos about anything, including how to start your own business. Make the most of this free time and get those creative juices flowing. You and your mates probably have that one idea for a business that you came up with whilst cooked, so make that dream into a reality. Be your own boss in your early 20s, dip into that Kiwi Saver and use those years of half paying attention in a commerce lecture to good use. Stop being a slave to the man and follow your dreams. Invest, invest, invest.

OVER-ANALYSE EVERYTHING THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED IN YOUR LIFE UP UNTIL THIS POINT

If you are actually sick while in self-isolation, your sleep is probably fucked up from coughing, and stuff. Just stay awake. Use this time to reflect on everything you have ever done in excruciating detail. Remember that time you were a total dick in front of your crush and ruined your chances of being together? Marinade in that moment. That time you said "you too" after a waiter said "enjoy your meal"? Replay that situation in your head in full vivid detail over and over again. Forget all those mindfulness apps and meditation and use this time to overthink your whole existence as a human being while listening to some Frank Ocean. Who cares what the future holds. Put your energy into focusing on your past and every cringey or embarrassing detail. It's so healthy, trust me.



JUST THE TIP

THE VIRGIN SAPPHO, 2ND YEAR

I. Need. A gf. I've tried several dating apps, I've tried striking up conversations with any girl who gives off queer vibes, but the ladies aren't vibing with me. O wise one, how do I woo myself a woman to spoil and cuddle and keep warm in the winter?

Auntie Ai-ya says: Firstly, be yourself. Work on yourself first, find a hobby, do some yoga, idk it's up to you. Join some clubs, maybe roller derby, there's always Sapphics there. Secondly, red lipstick always seems to work for me. Head out in your sexiest lesbian pants and some power red, and some girl outside Suburbia will probably grab you and kiss you. (Oliva, if you're reading this, text me back xx). Oh, and the bar XYZ has resident queer nights now so maybe try your luck there.

NOT YOUR DISHWASHER, 1ST YEAR

I feel like I'm always the one emptying and filling the dishwasher. How do I get my flatmates to do their own dishes without being a bitch?

Auntie Ai-ya says: Honestly, just be a bitch. Set some boundaries. If they're going to act like a child, treat them like one. Mom voice on, y'all.

Sinbad adds: Do it in person, too, even though confrontation sucks. Even if you send a very reasoned message over the group chat, it's going to come off shit.

SHY ROMEO, 2ND YEAR

I've been told I'm a reasonably good looking, sweet guy countless times (flex) but for some reason, whenever I'm around girls I'm remotely interested in, I freeze up. It's like I go from cracking jokes and having yarns with the boys to barely being able to string together a sentence with the girls. A man's out here trying to secure the bag but how do I get over this awkwardness?

Sinbad says: Have you tried just talking to more women? Like ones you don't want to have sex with? Girls just want to be treated like one of the guys – they want to hear those same jokes and yarns. We're not aliens, we're into the same bullshit. Next time you're with a girl, figure out what latest Netflix show you're both into and talk about that.

REGINA, 2ND YEAR

I am a girl. How do I get intimate with a girl when I'm not drunk? The most I've done is make out both sober and when drunk, but girls terrify me so I have never been able to do anymore. TIA x

Auntie Ai-ya says: Find a girl you trust and who understands, and start as slowly as you need. It could be holding hands, watching Netflix together, mutual masturbation, swapping (clean) sex toys etc. Girls are definitely terrifying but that just means you're growing. Face your fears babe, you can do it. Lesbian Tinder might be an option, or head out to a queer space and unleash yourself.

FRUSTRATED FRESHER

I feel like such an outsider in my hall. Everyone's found their groups and nobody seems interested in meeting new people. I wanna talk to people about what they're studying and have interesting chats but it feels like such a narrow minded environment. How do I find my people??

Sarah Tonin says: Try and meet people outside your hall. Sharing the same roof doesn't mean you'll share the same interests. Tbh, these friend groups are going to fall apart by second sem anyway, and by then they'll have signed a BFF forever xx flat and be stuck living with each other for another year, hah. Don't fall into that trap. Find some OUSA clubs to join.

HONGY, 2ND YEAR

Studylink still hasn't confirmed my allowance. I am so hungry and so poor. What else can I eat that isn't \$2 noodles?

Sarah Tonin says: OUSA Student Support have food packages you can pick up (5 Ethel Benjamin Place). Also, the Polytech has a community vegetable garden that you can pick from for free. There's lots of roosters in the peninsula, and duck eggs in the Botans. If you're brave enough, you can dumpster dive. You can try and bust into a hall for free. Also go to Māori Hill and steal from those people, they're so rich, they can just eat their money. Eat the rich.



Want to deal with a dick flatmate, problems with your studies, or want tips on how to woo your latest Tinder match? Your anonymous concerns will be addressed by a panel of Critic's life coaches.

JAMES, 1ST YEAR

My boyfriend saw my cock and doesn't want to have sex with me because he hates foreskin. How do I convince him that my foreskin makes sex better, not worse?

Allen D'Generate says: You can't convince someone to have sex, so if this is their line in the sand, then don't go getting cut for him. If he likes you, he should like you, foreskin and all. If you think he is worth the argument, then tell him about how your foreskin is full of nerve endings that make sex more pleasurable for you. Not to mention, it is very flavourful and adds a whole new dimension and mystery to your penis.

REALLY WANT TO START FOKIN' AROUND BUT I'M SHY, AND 6-MONTH DRY SPELL

Auntie Ai-ya says: Go on Tinder and find a rando who is attractive but you don't care about. Case in point: I fucked my lecturer's son after a 3-month dry spell, and when I developed a crush on someone, I fucked his friend instead. Get out there, there's plenty of horny fuckers around who'd be happy to take you. Depending on the situation, drop your standards. Alternately just don't fuck. Buy some sex toys and invest. Love yourself, baby.

THE COLONEL, 3RD YEAR

Nobody puts their fucking takeaway trash in the bin.

Sarah Tonin says: Collect everyone's trash while they're out and then put it in their rooms. Alternately catfish your roommates into thinking a date's coming over, so they'll clean.

TIRED, 4TH YEAR

Had a falling out with my flatmate who brags about being a purebred white person. Seriously. They went into detail about breeding and I told them I felt uncomfortable about the words they were using, but somehow is convinced that they are a victim, because apparently me being uncomfortable is an accusation that they are racist (which I never actually said). How do I live with someone like this? Do I move out? I'm so sick of Dunedin's culture of racism and not being able to call it out. All I do is hide in my room and feel so denied and alienated.

Auntie Ai-ya says: Just move out. You don't need this kind of negativity in your life. It's not your job to educate someone on how they are being racist, even though a lot of POC feel as if that's their burden. They're obviously a grown person, and if they can't be bothered to listen to POC that they claim are their friends, then they're not ready to flat with one. As one POC to another, look out for yourself. Having to explain racism over and over again to someone who is being willfully ignorant and obtuse is exhausting, and isn't worth your time or energy. If they're really your friend, they will understand both the need to move out and also realise how their behaviour has affected you in time. If they don't, be comforted knowing there are plenty of other people out there who would love you as a flatmate, brown and all.

JUST BE HONEST, POST GRAD

How to trust someone again?

Both of my exes cheated on me which led to a lot of mental health issues. I was in therapy but I have been discharged as I am better (yay!). One main issue that I am still dealing with is that I can't trust anyone, including my current partner. He's an amazing guy and tried relieving my anxiety by saying "you have to trust me when I say that I would NEVER cheat or disrespect my partner like that" but my exes also said similar statements and they still lied and went behind my back. They were both long-term relationships and I invested so much in them but still ended up getting hurt. Now I have this dilemma and cannot seem to believe anyone when they say they won't ever hurt me. Maybe I shouldn't be in a relationship with this ongoing issue but I ended falling over heels with this amazing guy who treats me with mad respect. I really want to believe his words. To anyone that have experienced with trust issues, how did you deal with it? How can you tell if someone is being genuine?

Auntie Ai-ya says: If your current partner wants you to trust him and understands your past, he will work through these issues with you. Just tell him "I can't trust you yet, but that's not your fault, and I'm working on it." And if he is a genuine guy, he'll understand and be there for you while you regain your ability to trust. Just make sure you're communicating openly and check in with each other.

Also, remember that you have value whether or not other people have treated you as such.

KEBAB HOUSE

A COMPREHENSIVE ESSAY OF REASONS WHY I WOULD DIE FOR THIS FAMILY #NOTSPONS
BY KAIYA CHERRINGTON



Operating a family business can be tough. Long days, commitment to work, and family time 24/7. Yet somehow, a few full-time students and their father run a kebab shop specialising in Afghan food in a place that is very different from Afghanistan: North Dunedin.

I decided to sit down and talk to two of the students that run the shop as well as study at uni.

The Kebab House originated out of every student's favourite pastime - procrastination. Hamid, a current student studying Anatomy, put the books down and scrolled on the net looking at flats. He kept going back to a listing of a church and laughed, thinking "who would have a food shop in a church?" Apparently, they would. Having an uncle in Christchurch with a very popular Afghan restaurant "it just made sense, our family is known for Afghan food", so their father leased it and the whole fam was in.

The Kebab House is different than any other Middle Eastern food around these parts, and is the most southern Afghan food place in New Zealand. They serve meals such as the traditional kebabs on rice, HSP (halal snack pack/hangover snack pack) like meat on chips, and souvos (wraps). There is no other way to describe how other places just don't do it like the Kebab House - all I can say is that it's so good they can take my course related cost money any day.

But how do they do it? The shop is open for dinner Tuesday to Sunday and they still have to make time to study their Med and Science degrees - not to mention they barely spend any time at their own house.

Hamid said "I call people between classes, talk to stakeholders, chase up the suppliers". Any break he has, he is the business guy.

His sister Ma, who is in her first year of Med, said that it was hard throughout First Year Health Sci because they were open from 12 to 9pm every day, until

they readjusted their system. Now if the shop isn't busy, they'll crack open a book between work breaks and fit in some study time.

The shop had humble beginnings. It had some wear and tear, and was given a bit of love. It transformed to the homely place it is now, revamped with new paint and dining tables, solely by the hard work of a typical brown dad with his rickety ladder and DIY. Hamid said his family "just wanted it to feel like we have invited you to our home, because that's the best way to have Afghan food".

Sometimes the pressure of running a family business can be too much for a student, but they knew what they signed up for. Hamid reckons "it's our responsibility, we decided to do this as a family", to which Ma agreed. They see the benefits of running a small local business because the connections they make with people are so rewarding; sometimes they have "lab dems and lecturers come in", most likely to order them an HSP with extra chilli sauce for a lil spice. The work also gives them a well needed study break, letting them switch off and not stress about other things.

In 2019, three weeks after opening, the Kebab House sign their father made was stolen by a mystery person. They didn't seem to mind too much, their dad told them to "not worry about it", and Hamid and Ma said they "hoped at least whoever stole the sign named their flat the Kebab House," because that would be amazing. They never found the sign again.

But I, for one, am outraged, and have formally opened an investigation. I will find you. You'll regret this. Because again, I would die for the Kebab House.

The Kebab House is based in a former church on Dundas St and has answered Dunedin's prayers. I have reached out to a God for comment and they said "yummy very good 5/5 gorgeous family".

bone appétit

with
**Caroline Moratti
& Alice Jones**

HOW TO BE A BOUGIE BITCH AND MAKE FOCACCIA

Not to be corny, but making bread is an activity that has brought me unrivalled joy throughout my life. A handful of ingredients and a few hours will yield a delicious loaf to share and fill an entire house with the cosiest, most comforting smell. This focaccia recipe is really, actually, truly easy and is the perfect way to wind down after a day of worrying about the fall of modern civilisation as we know it. At least we'll probably always have bread.

0. Wash your hands.
1. Place one mug of warm water in your biggest mixing bowl. It should be warm to the touch but not hot. The temperature of breast milk, if you've had the pleasure. Sprinkle one dessert spoon of yeast on top, followed by a sprinkle of sugar. Bread science: the warm water wakes up the sleeping yeast and the sugar feeds it.
2. Wait until the yeast is foamy on the top of the water and add the first mug of flour. If the yeast didn't foam after about five minutes, the yeast is dead or the water was too hot, start again. Anyway, mix in your flour with a big wooden spoon until it forms a smooth, gloopy mess. Add a few big glugs of olive oil and a teaspoon of salt and mix together.
3. Add your second mug of flour and mix again. This is a very wet dough so we won't be kneading this fella. Just vigorously mix the dough with your spoon for a couple of minutes to work the gluten.
4. Cover the bowl with cling film or a clean, wet tea towel and leave to rise. You can leave at room temperature for one hour or in the fridge overnight if you want to bake in the morn. Don't wait any longer, though, or you could get sick.
5. Once the dough has risen it should be very soft to the touch and have large bubbles in it. Add a few big glugs of olive oil to a baking tray (ideally rectangular with sides) and flop the dough onto the tray. Press the dough down with your utensil so it is flat and reaches all sides of tray. Then, grab (with your clean hands) the dough and flip it over. This will ensure the top of your dish is smooth and covered in oil.
6. Use your finger tips to press cute lil dimples all over the dough, then drizzle more olive oil on it. If this whole thing is starting to feel erotic, it's okay, it's not just you. Add whatever toppings you like, but at least some salt and cracked pep. Turn the oven to 220°C, but leave the bread on the bench-top to rise for another 30 minutes. It's a good idea to time this meal around hour of power because the oven will be on high heat for about an hour.
7. Chuck your loaf in the oven for about half an hour or until the top is golden and crunchy. Make sure to always bake your bread on the middle rack so that the top and bottom are both really crusty.
8. Once out of the oven, sit your hot tray of bread on top of a cooling rack (or an unused stovetop element if you don't have one) for 10 minutes before slicing it up.

Enjoy it fresh and warm with your flat mates, or use it as sandwich bread for your lunches. Fuck it, eat it all yourself as a midnight snack. I'd recommend just adding garlic butter, or dipping it in more oil and dukkah. Look at you, bitch, you're so fancy.



Ingredients

1 mug of warm water

1 dessert spoon of active dried yeast

2 mugs of flour (plain or high grade)

sprinkle of sugar

1 teaspoon of salt

1/3 cup of olive oil

Toppings (optional): rosemary, sliced black olives, black pepper, flaky salt.

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Aquarius

Jan 20 – Feb 18

Your chakras align this week as you realise it's time for a personality adjustment. And to buy a meal that isn't Maggi noodles.

Your childhood TV show to watch this week:
Caillou the annoying bald fucker.



Pisces

Feb 19 – Mar 20

Water season is gone but now you'll flourish. Wash your socks and change your undies... Treat yourself.

Your childhood TV show to watch this week:
Catdog.



Aries

Mar 21 – Apr 19

It's Aries season fire time let's get hot!!! Your aura is gonna bring you secret admirers. Have some shower sex, surely your flatmates won't mind you using their shampoo as lube.

Your childhood TV show to watch this week:
Rugrats.



Taurus

Apr 20 – May 20

Defreshion season is approaching so keep on top of your mental health. Have a self-care day. Eat a whole Cheesecake Shop caramel mud cake and do 10 sit ups to make up for it.

Your childhood TV show to watch this week:
Blues Clues.



Gemini

May 21 – Jun 20

Your brain will probably feel durrrr this week. Combat this by actually listening durr-ing your lectures. Otherwise I'm telling your mum on you.

Your childhood TV show to watch this week:
Pingu noot noot.



Cancer

Jun 21 – Jul 22

Wash your towels. Having a wash and then using your towel doesn't actually clean your towel. You detty pig.

Your childhood TV show to watch this week:
SpongeBob Squarepants.



Leo

July 23 – Aug 22

Your friends mock you only because you are the fake person they always wished they could be – it's hard having fans sometimes.

Your childhood TV show to watch this week:
Hey Arnold! With that big ass head.



Virgo

Aug 23 – Sep 22

The best things come in three; a failed paper, chlamydia, and an unmatched on Tinder. Take care of yourself and maybe see a doctor.

Your childhood TV show to watch this week:
The Powerpuff Girls.



Libra

Sept 23 – Oct 22

Not much to say about you this week Libra. Only that you need to fix yourself. Come back when you have gotten over that fresher that is too young for you.

Your childhood TV show to watch this week:
Bob the Builder.



Scorpio

Oct 23 – Nov 21

This week will bring you luck and good fortune. It will also bring you an Uber Eats order when you're hungover in bed on a Friday arvo.

Your childhood TV show to watch this week:
Hi-Five.



Sagittarius

Nov 22 – Dec 21

Your crush in your lecture won't look back at you so stop staring. Got an eye problem?

Your childhood TV show to watch this week:
Bear in the goddamn Big Blue House bitch!



Capricorn

Dec 22 – Jan 19

I'm over you, Capricorn. Seasons have passed and you continue to disappoint. Maybe I'll get me a fire sign- at least they can spice it up. Take a good hard look in the mirror this week.

Your childhood TV show to watch this week:
JoJo's Circus, you clown.



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MOANINGFUL CONFESSIONS

Last summer, I did what any bored and horny gal does and tried to get validation from random Tinder guys. I swiped on a dude who seemed pretty cute, but a bit of a shit cunt - just my type. We talked for a bit and then decided to go out for a cheeky afternoon drink. After a few too many beers and him raxing quite a lot of my darts, the chat was good enough that we decided to continue the conversation back at my place. We indulged in the most romantic gesture of all, and smoked a few cones while watching Bon Appetit test kitchen. Things started to get heated, a bit of light cuddling and leg touching, and then it got interesting.

Now this dude was an expert in good shit chat. Like, he talked absolute nonsense but you couldn't help but love it. Classic tanned dude, shit stick n pokes, a good sense of humour - what is there not to like? But while we were cuddling, he decided to tell me "by the way, I'm a bit of a dusty root". Now me, just wanting to be choked and have some sort of meaning in my life, thought "surely you can't be that bad, right?".

It was quite bad.

We started making out, and I think he was trying to figure out if I still had my tonsils or not given how far his tongue was shoved down my esophagus. We both prefaced that we both liked it rough and dirty, so this fucker started biting my lip to the point where it was swollen afterwards. I thought I could look past it, give him the benefit of the

doubt because we were both cooked as all hell. I go down on him, and give him one of my outstanding blowjobs (the key is a lot of suction and utilising your tongue). He then returns the favour and starts fingering me so aggressively that he must've pulled out one of my unfertilized eggs. He treated my clit as if it was a fucking breath's first night on the dj decks, I thought I nearly saw a fire start. After less than two minutes of him going to town on me and a few fake moans, we got onto the real deal. We tried a few positions of him on top, me on top, then he asked if we could do doggy.

To this day, I'm still speculating about what happened next. He goes to put it in, and I feel a lot of weird discomfort. I realize, this dude has fully shoved his dick in my asshole without any warning or preperation. I turn around and tell him "wrong hole". He apologises profusely, and then tries again. Yet he misses AGAIN and sticks it back in my fucking asshole. Whether or not this was on purpose, I don't know. I tell him get again that I wasn't down for that stuff given the lack of notice, and he apologies. However, the amount of beers and wacky baccy we had caught up on him, and it didn't want to work for him anymore, so he just passed out in my bed until he left for work at 5am. At least he was a good big spoon though.

So basically, if someone ever tells you that they're a bit of a "dusty root", take their word for it.

**THIRSTY
THURSDAY**



**WHEN THURSDAY
NIGHTS GET
SEXY**

BOOZE REVIEWS

Cold and flu supplements to mix with your leftover St Paddy's
day whisky and a little bit of RedBull

I thought that cocktail - 'Quarrantini' – that was making its way around social media was fucking revolutionary. I decided to test out other cold and flu supplements that could work as cocktails. They all tasted bad. The least bad one was the blackcurrant Fisherman's Friend mix, which was only about a 5/10. You're welcome.

'WITCH DADDY' POTION

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Vapourium Stratus - ANZAC

Believe it or not, I am somewhat of a patriot. At least when it comes to biscuits. I have tried multiple Anzac flavoured vape juices, and I can honestly say that none have come as close to what Vapourium offers. I think this one has done our fallen soldiers proud, boys.

Before you go out and stock up, though, just know that when I say it tastes like ANZAC biscuits, I mean it, and that isn't always a good thing. For the first day or two it was fine, but any longer than that and I swear my fingers began turning into yummy little bikkie chunks. Everything around me had become ANZAC scented. I would wake up in the morning and gag at how sweet it was. But hey, you might be into that.

- TASTING NOTES:** If someone else ate an ANZAC biscuit and burped in your face.
- MAKES YOU FEEL:** Like you are 7 with your parents in the Pak N Save bakery aisle.
- PAIRS WELL WITH:** Respect for the troops.

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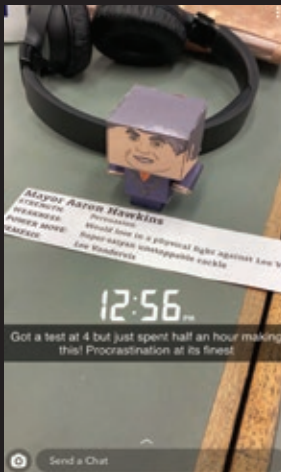
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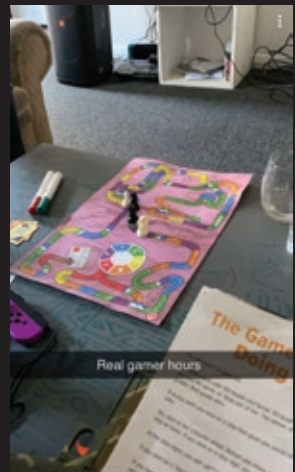
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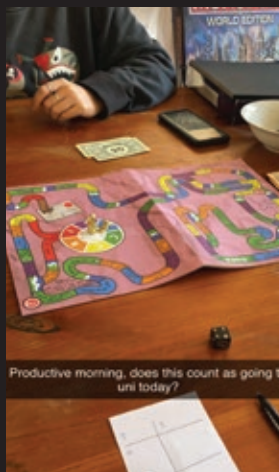
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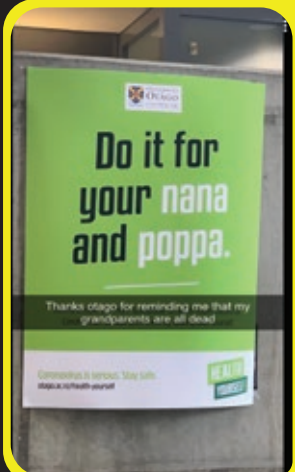
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