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LETTER OF THE WEEK:

Sometimes it feels like the world is falling apart. Palestinians are being killed by Israeli colonisers. Myanmar has had a coup, ruining the progress they made after their one democratic election in 2017. People around the world are dying of a virus that has affected many aspects of the way we live, leaving us questioning capitalism, globalisation, and all the things we thought were true.

Oh yeah, and the WiFi in the Robertson SUCKS. I'm writing this on Word after spending more than half an hour trying to connect because I can't exactly email you without WiFi. This has happened to me every time I've been in the Robertson in the last few weeks, and I want to know why. Yeah, it's a first world problem, but it's the only problem I've listed here that actually comes under the realms covered by your (occasionally) top-notch journalism. If you can investigate the #conspiracy that is Huawei not accepting the university WiFi, then you can find out why it doesn't work at all (at least for me and one flattie, our other flattie is sitting next to me and hers is fine) in the most underrated library on campus.

Dear Editor.

Last night, like many students, I was eagerly staring up at the sky to watch the super flower blood moon total lunar eclipse. I'd braved the near-freezing temperatures outside and was ready to be rewarded with the sight of a lifetime.

Unfortunately, just as the last bit of moonlight was fading away, some arrogant, inconsideratte, rude, disrespectful, impolite, ignorant, barbaric, uncultured, self-centred and uncivilised degenerates decided to let off their fireworks to celebrate the occasion. The absolute audacity to ruin such a rare moment will infuriate me to the end of my days.

I'm extremely unhappy, as now I'm pretty sure I have frostbite with nothing to show for it. Keep the fireworks to November 5th and let me gaze upon the stars in peace.

Cordially, Galileo Galilei

Dear Critic, my one and only true love

If you have a Huawei phone that isn't working on Uni WiFi try looking for a setting like 'Private DNS' and turning it off, or setting the DNS to 8.8.8.8 for Google's servers.

Can always hit up Student IT, they'll try not to judge your choice in phones.

Kind regards

SuperCheddar, the Covid Spreader

Dear Critic

Exam time and the aftermath was rough for myself a couple years back, and the responsible thing for me to do would have been to drop out and move back home.

Wasn't that easy giving up, so I went part time to one paper, then two just so I could get loan living costs, then flunked both.

If anyone reading this ends up in a similar boat, put yourself first, however that may look. Uni isn't going anywhere

Sincerely

Enlightened Scaffolder

If the Uni needs money for sanitary bins in the mens cubicles then surely they just fire the proctor, we can look after our own bongs.

Here's the maths: Based on your statistics from 'most bathrooms on campus now have sanitary bins' and an assumption that the proctor earns 200k a year, if most bins (womens disabled) cost 4478 a month then the remaining bins (mens) might cost 80% of that or 3582 $\,$ so if we dumped the proctor then we would be able to fund the bins for 55 months. Alternatively, they could buy 500 ounces of weed and gift a joint to each of their treasured students.

Gotta blast.

Jimmy Neutron

Dissertation? More like miss-all-my-deadlines-ation. Ha! Amirite?

Yours sincerely. Fucked























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DIVE

9PM



Howdy folks and welcome to the Critic Tabloid! Oh boy, oh boy, do we have some salacious stories for you in this one! We've finally lost all sense of direction and become an actual rag! We've filled this bad boy right to the brim with some piping hot scoops that were legally obtained through legal phone tapping and long distance photography.

Some may say it's immoral to make a tabloid and that we should remain committed to journalistic principles of fairness and balance, but to that I say: BAH HUMBUG! Tabloids are so much more fun. We get to use ellipses and exclamation points with abandon, along with all-caps, like a boomer who has just discovered Facebook! You could write an entire magazine while very high and no one would be able to tell!

The Critic Tabloid has a longstanding history of entertaining its readers with total rubbish, broken down into smaller and more digestible chunks of dross. On top, we like to throw a sprinkling of more rubbish with some grainy photographs, usually the kind that objectify or shame women. Zing!

For all of you out there who say "but the kind of journalism you're doing just isn't responsible! Being sexist and racist all the time isn't cool!" Just think about that. Are you trying to suggest that we should have some filtering process before we publish things to make sure they're not harmful? That sounds like blocking free speech to me! Who's on the wrong side of history now, hmm?

So in a way you see, by publishing utter shite that has not gone through any fact-checking processes at all, or drivel that means nothing when you think about it for more than the time it takes to read the (unnecessarily long) headline, we are upholding journalistic principles of fairness and balance. Really, the Critic Tabloid is the last bastion of free speech in a world of WOKENESS and CENSORSHIP.

Plus, how would we sell ads to all these wonderful free market companies if we weren't catering to sexists and racists! Think about that!

It's so much more easy, profitable, and enjoyable for us to make a magazine that requires no selfawareness or editorial standards. And that doesn't seem like a problem at all, because we're so distanced from our role in society that we're no longer capable of self-reflection.

Read on for some spicy stories! You won't believe what happens next!

P.S. We're bringing back the blind date, resuming advertising with advertising from alcohol companies, and we are super, super, SUPER excited to announce an exclusive partner deal with British American Tobacco who have secured EXCLUSIVE naming rights for the next 69 years of the Critic Tabloid. Welcome to the British American Tobacco Tabloid, for a better tomorrow.

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Protest! Dunedinites Show Up in Support of Palestine

Palestine protest "could use more voices"

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Amidst chanting and handmade protest signs, Rawaa Elhanafy made her point clear: "From the land to the sea. Palestine Will Be Free."

Rawaa, a third-year Pharmacy student, was one of the organisers of the Dunedin March for Palestine. She and hundreds of others marched down George Street on Saturday, May 22, to express their solidarity with Palestine. "This is not a war; this is a genocide," said Rawaa. She emphasised that "it is not a conflict", because the strength and funds between the two sides are totally different.

She said that the support from Dunedin's local community has been incredible and heartwarming, but more voices are needed.

"The support that we have gotten from over the past two rallies was flattering, but the fight must continue. As we have seen in the past, a ceasefire is not the answer. One thing we could learn from the past 73 years is that the only person I believe that could make a change is God. I pray to God everyday and wish that one day my family and I could see the unification of my Motherland," said Rawaa.

Rawaafirst arrived in Christchurch in September 2009 with her family. She said that following the news from afar has affected her mental health. "I could not bring myself to class. Assignments started to pile up, but here I am, worried about

my grandparents and cousins in Gaza. It has been confusing and tiring. I didn't want to be around people, I just wanted to be by myself," she said.

"Every time this happens, it always makes me angry. It makes me feel suffocated. Yes, being in New Zealand, Alhamdulillah [Praise to God] we are safe but watching the news from here makes me feel angry and scared."

"I might sound selfish but I wish I was back in Palestine with my bigger family and friends. At least we can all go through the hardship together. Nothing is worse than being happy here in New Zealand when you know that your own people are suffering back home. If I look away, that is called privilege," said Rawaa.

The recent unrest began during the last ten days of Ramadan last month when Israeli police in the city blocked off the Damascus Gate, a popular gathering place for Arabs during Ramadan. Jewish settlers tried to evict longtime Arab residents of Sheikh Jarrah, an Arab neighborhood of East Jerusalem. Israeli police raided the al-Aqsa Mosque, Jerusalem's holiest site for Muslims, located on the Temple Mount, which is also the most sacred place in the world for Jews.

Hamas, Palestinian militants, fired hundreds of rockets in response to Israeli attacks. The

Israeli military, with far more resources than the Palestinian, has launched hundreds of airstrikes and amassed thousands of troops and reservists along the border.

The unrest ended in a ceasefire on Friday May 21. 248 Palestinians were killed, including 66 children and scores of fighters. More than 1,900 were wounded in Gaza. In Israel, 12 people, including one soldier and two children, were killed by Hamas.

"Palestinians have a right to self-defense against Israelis," Rawaa said.

Some believe that this is a religious matter, but for Rawaa, this is not about inciting hate between religions. "I am not here to start a religious war. There are Palestinian Muslims and Christians that stay and live together on occupied land. Both face the same atrocity from the Israeli government. Not all Muslims are terrorists, and not all Jews are Zionists. There are many Jews that have publicly spoken out about Israel's wrong-doings."

Social media has played a huge role in spreading the news from Gaza. Hashtags such as #FreePalestine and #SaveSheikhJarrah have flooded social media with information and ways to help.

From the writer, #FreePalestine



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North Dunedin Pests Targeted In New Research Project

In other news, half of Critic's staff have mysteriously disappeared

By Denzel Chung Chief Reporter // denzel@critic.co.nz

City Sanctuary volunteers have been installing backyard traps in student flats on Castle and Leith, as part of a research project investigating attitudes towards community trapping in Dunedin.

Critic Te Arohi joined Kate and Toby, two volunteers, as they installed their 27th trap of the day in a Castle St flat. Resident Kate said she wasn't told about the operation, but was pretty stoked at the idea of free pest control. "We saw the stuff about rats on the news, and it made us kind of worried ... We don't have the safest flat. It's kind of old," said Kate.

A "pretty hearty" Goodnature A24 rat trap, which is self-resetting and Wi-Fi connected, was drilled into place by Kate as she explained the basics to the flat's residents. The whole process took all of 15 minutes. Most of the 15 minutes was taken up

by health and safety warnings: "Don't stick your finger up it," "don't test fire it to show off to your mates," and "don't try to unscrew the pressurised gas canisters, because they'll just spin round and waste all the gas." Despite looking suspiciously nang-able, "they're NOT nitrous," she emphasised, and at \$10 each they would be terrible value as a cream charger anyway.

City Sanctuary installed the traps as part of a project studying attitudes towards community pest trapping. They've placed the traps in three Dunedin suburbs: Bougie Māori Hill, middle-class Caversham, and North Dunedin (you can probably figure out where we lie). Their aim is to get traps in 10% of their target suburbs (that means for Studentville, 85 flats). Half will get the fancy-pants A24, with the other half getting a bog-standard

Victor Professional mousetrap. Kate suspects people will like the A24 much better, but they also cost \$180 each, plus \$10 for the nang — whoops, I mean, gas canister. The ol' reliable Victors are only \$7 a pop.

While the City Sanctuary team seemed keen to go all night if they needed to, it was a Saturday evening on Castle. Parties were kicking off and the team decided to pack it in. "Everyone's drinking, it's highrisk for traps, and we want people to remember what's happened," said Kate.

With 28 traps installed in just three hours, though, they were confident of a job well done. Anyone interested in hosting a wee pest trap of their own can go to: https://www.citysanctuary.nz/northdunedin.

Study SLATED as Bullshit by Demented Grad Students

"FAKE NEWS!" screams postgrad community while government FAILS to restore postgrad allowances for fourth year running

By Fox MeyerNews Editor // news@critic.co.nz

A study released last week surveyed 4,499 Kiwi students to see if their mental health got worse when they worked on their PhD's. The data said: no, their mental health was not affected.

"You've gotta be fuckin' kidding me, right?" asked Dan, a fourth-year. "Is that some sort of April Fools headline? Every single grad student I know is fucked in the head. Except maybe two." The study examined PhD student mental health over the course of their degree, but the press release about the study spoke to "graduate students" in general. "Talk of a graduate student mental health crisis is abundant in academic and popular media, but a University of Otago study has found no evidence of one in New Zealand," read the release.

"Oh man, that fucked me off. When I saw that headline, I was mad. So, so mad," said grad student Kaitlyn, who is weeks out from submitting her thesis. Kaitlyn said that in her fourth year, "myself and one other were doing masters, and nine or ten others were doing honours. All the people doing honours had part time jobs to start, and all of them had to drop their part time work halfway through the year. The pressure was just too much. And these are grad students, like, they chose to be here. They're motivated."

The study attributed the "lack of a mental health crisis" to a more relaxed PhD track than a student might experience in the US or Europe. "That might

be true," said Kaitlyn, "but it still fucks me off that they put "graduate student" in the headline. Because that's just absurd." She said that of all the grad students in her cohort, "almost all of them" have had to extend their due dates because they couldn't keep up. "All I could think about when I read that headline was: 'I have literally developed a panic disorder over the course of my graduate degree.' God, it fucked me off."

The study concluded that there was "no evidence" of a mental health crisis amongst New Zealand's graduate students, and that "poor mental health is not an inevitable consequence of PhD study in New Zealand."

Clocktower SILENT During Super Duper Blood Moon, Panned for Refusing to Take a Stance

Shocking! Clocktower refuses to give comment on the super blood moon and whether it was cool or underwhelming

By Alex Leckie–Zaharic NewsReporter // alex@critic.co.nz

There was trouble in paradise on Wednesday as the clocktower failed to chime for most of the day.

To the dismay of the student population, the clocktower's ringing was absent on the eve of the super blood moon. Built in 1879, the bongs of the clocktower have graced the ears of hundreds of thousands of students. Amidst the deafening silence on Wednesday, students across campus urgently reached out to Critic asking "what the fuck is going on". Critic Te Arohi had no idea, so we turned to the University's Communications Department.

According to Property Services Division Director Dean Macaulay, the ominous silence of the clocktower was due to nothing more than a simple power surge. He told Critic that "a Property Services Division electrician discovered a power surge had tripped an automatic safety mechanism designed to protect the clock from any damage during power surges. The electrician manually reset the mechanism so the chimes have been reactivated."

One student told us "I feel like the ghosts of Vice-Chancellors past are about to come through the Gates of Hell." However, at the time of publication, no such spectres have been sighted drifting through campus.

The clocktower has resumed service, tolling endlessly, setting the beat to the feet of first years and grad students alike. Any demonic presences that managed to escape during the bell's downtime have been reminded of their contractual obligation to return. The clocktower declined to comment on this story.

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Tutes and Dems Plead Poverty, But Will It Fall Upon DEAF EARS From RUTHLESS NEOLIBERAL UNIVERSITY?

Strong fiscal management felt more like "a shot to the nuts with a straight up taser:" a brave CELS420 demonstrator BREAKS HIS SILENCE

By Fox Meyer News Editor // news@critic.co.nz

The Otago Tutors and Demonstrators Network has collected a lot of data. It found a lot of things — namely that most tutes and dems think they aren't paid enough.

The Uni changed the payscale for these positions, so pay now depends on commitment to the paper, not prior experience or qualifications. Tutes and Dems in their first year of experience were most likely to say that these changes were "probably good" (27%), but that could be because they don't know any other options. But tutes and dems who had been in the system for at least a year were sure that these changes were "definitely a bad thing" (47%).

Lots of people didn't even hear the news about changes to their own pay. About a third of people heard about the change from their department or

HR, and the rest heard from announcements made by the people who made this survey, or read it in Critic Te Arohi (hey, that's us!)

Data suggested that tutes and dems end up working for free a lot of the time, which comes as a surprise to absolutely nobody who has held these positions. Only 35% of tutes and dems got paid for all the prep work required to be an effective educator. This is stuff like reading the papers that you're meant to help explain. Critic suggests that they just don't read these papers, because it's not like their students are reading them either. 5% of tutors and demonstrators straight up didn't get paid at all for their prep work.

The resounding majority (85%) of tutes and dems thought that the minimum pay rate ought to be a living wage, which it is not. Currently, any tutor or demonstrator making minimum wage who does extra work is technically getting paid below the minimum wage. Less than 10% of people 'strongly agree' that they are satisfied with their pay rate.

Lennie*, a veteran tutor, told Critic "I'm not shocked by these results. The way tutors get treated between departments seems completely random and lawless." He felt like the Uni "thinks they can get away with inconsistent conditions and treatment because most of us are students and we don't know our rights."

Attendees of the meeting echoed confusion about their contracts and expressed a shared sentiment that things ought to be better, but that they weren't quite sure how to make them better. In the meantime, the Tutors and Demonstrators network is working to figure out how to do exactly that.

University RAGE at Heavy Handed Government Policies, Polite Bureaucrat-Speak Mask Comes OFF to Reveal COMPLETE BREAKDOWN of Relationships at Education Coalface

"Damn, you like people looking after freshers? Ahaha that's crazy, maybe you should try looking after these 'learners' yourself, you massive. Fucking. Pricks": shocking revelations in alleged anonymous internal email by emotional junior staffer employed by Uni in secret internal communication shenanigans leaked by Critic's secret source

By Alex Leckie-Zaharic News Reporter // alex@critic.co.nz

Last week Critic wrote about OUSA's submission on the Government's new policy around tertiary students, and the gist was that while they liked the vibe, they didn't like the details. The Uni seem to agree, saying that the Code is "eminently sensible" but also has a lot of problems.

OUSA seemed to think that the policy treated students like babies that needed to be coddled by institutions. The University chimed in this week with a similar statement, mostly echoing OUSA's opinion and noting that the proposed Code seems very one-dimensional in focusing on freshers and nobody else.

In a statement, provided to Critic by the University's Director of Strategy, Analytics, and Reporting David Thomson, the University said that it was "supportive in a general sense of what the Code [of Pastoral

Care] is seeking to achieve" but that it "risks pushing universities to take an even greater interest in students' lives beyond the academic."

Specific aspects of the Code that the University is concerned with revolve around the focus on freshers as opposed to the diverse groups of students at the University, like mature students, senior undergrads and postgrads. Thomson also noted that the proposed policy "does not acknowledge the issues that institutions and students face because of an overstretched public health service, and a severely overstretched mental health service." He said that the University's submission on the policy will mainly revolve around these issues.

It's promising that the University is noting that the implementation of government policy will put them at loggerheads with students, which will hopefully

lead to less interference overall. The policy also threatens to heavily punish tertiary institutions for failing to protect student wellbeing, which again forces the University to be heavy-handed in its interactions with students — something which they don't want to be, according to Thomson.

The Uni also doesn't like the overuse of the term "learner" in the Code, but noted that it's been used frequently in other Government documents so it's unreasonable to expect that to change. Overall, the University mostly agrees with OUSA on issues in the code, and hopefully the shared sentiment from New Zealand's oldest university and its students' association can sway policymakers in making improvements to the Code.

Transphobic Leaflets Left by Losers SLAMMED by Literally Everyone Who Isn't a Twisted Far Right LOONY

No jokes as hate-filled propaganda pamphlets piss on propriety

By Erin Gourley

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Over the past few weeks, transphobic pamphlets have been appearing on noticeboards around campus.

One student has reported the pamphlets to Critic Te Arohi twice. Both times, the pamphlets were put up on the Hunter Centre noticeboard. On May 12 they said "we noticed some rather gross propaganda protesting against the upcoming bill around sex self–ID, it was the second time we'd seen something on the pin boards there. We were wondering if it's been noticed anywhere else, or whether you have any ideas as to who is behind it." It is unclear who is putting out the pamphlets, but whoever it is has now put the same pamphlets up three times after they were taken down.

This is part of a trend in New Zealand where TERFs (Trans Exclusionary Radical Feminists) are campaigning against the Self ID Bill which proposes to make it easier for trans people to officially change their gender. To protest this Bill, they spread misinformation about how trans people are dangerous or damaging to women. The pamphlets they put up are full of this kind of messaging. They are titled "Sex Matters: Say NO to sex self-ID," and include comments like "Women are a fact, not a feeling."

Property Services Division Director, Dean Macaulay, said that the University's Facility Managers do not regularly monitor the content of noticeboards. "Our Facility Managers rely on building occupants to alert them to any sensitive material on the noticeboards

that may need to be removed, and receiving your query has triggered that process," Dean said.

"We have now checked all the Dunedin campus noticeboards for the posters — to remove them — but have not found any." Dean encouraged students to contact the Uni about "any noticeboard material they deem insensitive or hat

The student who alerted Critic to the pamphlets had also informed the convenor of the Hunter Centre and the Dean of the Medical School. "I'm hopeful that something actually happens," they said.

If anyone knows who is behind these pamphlets, please contact critic@critic.co.nz.

ECONOMIC LIPOFILLING: Landlords Rub Hands Together With Glee and Lick Lips Lasciviously at 2022 Riches as Jacinda and Grant Let Loose the MONEY PUMP

Leith St Lads' lament: "LUBE UP LIBERALLY for LEVIATHAN LIVING COST LEAP LARCENY"

By Sean Gourley Staff Writer // sean@critic.co.nz

Student allowances are set to increase by \$25 in April 2022. Most students can be confident that this change will see a similar rise in rent across most of Dunedin.

The average increase in rent for next year appears to be between \$10 and \$20 per person, according to the students interviewed by Critic. This represents an 8–14% increase in rent for the majority of North Dunedin.

One student, Bella, whose rent is increasing from \$140 to \$160 says "We're not sure if the increase is due to the market or because the landlord had to replace several walls in the flat due to water damage." But some have seen \$15 increases without any improvements to the liveability of their flats. Another student, Grace, says her rent is going up despite her "not being aware of any" major alterations.

According to tenancy services, the 2021 median rent for a S bedroom flat in Dunedin North is \$800, or \$160 per person.

Under new changes to the Residential Tenancies Act, Landlords can only increase rent once every twelve months. Other than this, landlords have total freedom to increase rent unless tenants can prove in the tenancy tribunal that their rent is 'significantly higher' than other similar properties in the area.

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National Coordinator of Thursdays in Black: SHOCK RESIGNATION

The scandal that wasn't: Critic Editor excoriated for CAREER-ENDING faux pas

By Erin Gourley Critic Editor // critic@critic.co.nz

The Coordinator of Thursdays in Black Aotearoa, Jahla Tran-Lawrence, has resigned. Thursdays in Black Aotearoa will have a by-election on 17 June to find a new leader.

Thursdays in Black is a student-run campaign that aims to prevent and respond to sexual harm in universities and polytechs in Aotearoa.

Jahla handed in her notice on 12 May. She told Critic Te Arohi that "I need to focus on my studies — I am doing my PhD and need to dedicate more time to it." That's exactly what the Thursdays in Black Aotearoa Facebook page told us. Turns out that was because Jahla runs both accounts, so Critic Te Arohi had essentially messaged her twice to ask why she quit. "I run that account so unfortunately it's just the same thing!" she said. Oops.

If you're keen to apply for Jahla's old job, a position description is up on the NZUSA website. "The role is 7.5 hours per week and will run for a fixed term from 17th June to the 31st of December 2021," according to a post on the Thursdays in Black page today.

The members of TiB will vote in an SGM to elect a new coordinator. The coordinator works out of the NZUSA National Office, but can be based anywhere in Aotearoa.

Peace-Loving Professor Pans Parliamentarian for Lukewarm Take on KILLER ROBOTS

NZ's Minister of Disarmament is keen on disarmament but only as long as it's literally anyone else

By Adam Currie Contributor // critic@critic.co.nz

Last Wednesday, Hon Phil Twyford gave a lecture on disarmament in Archway Two. It was mostly attended by politics nerds and mature students. Twyford is the Government's Minister of Disarmament and Arms Control.

Twyford spent most of the time talking about his work to stop "killer robots". He said that while the government was in principle opposed to all autonomous weapons, in reality a compromise had to be made, although he did note that there is "a line which shouldn't be crossed." Critic hopes that the Government get the line right, for all our sakes. Killer robots don't sound nice.

After his speech about killer robots and international plans, Critic asked him a question about how he will work towards "disarmament" here in New Zealand. Twyford defensively replied that "my role is purely international ... the military is an important part of New Zealand's place in the world ... There's no thinking going on that challenges those military fundamentals."

Professor Richard Jackson, Director of Otago's National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, slammed Twyford for his refusal to talk about NZ's military. Jackson said it was

"disappointing that despite the irrelevance of military forces in providing security from the threat of climate change, pandemics and terrorism, and despite the high social costs of maintaining a military, there is no serious discussion within the current government of moving towards a more progressive security structure which doesn't rely on an old Cold War military paradigm."

Critic decided that was academic speak for "wtf haven't you got rid of the military already?" which is a fair question.

"I've changed," Sobs Veggie Boy in Teary Tell All Interview

"The coffee machine made us do it": staff claim management manipulated by maniacal coffee appliance

By Fox Meyer

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The cheapest coffee in town will now costs more than a coin, as Veggie Boys raises its price by a dollar. A regular is now \$3, and a large comes in at \$4.

The price increase comes during a change of management. Supreet, the new manager at Veggie Boys, told Radio One that the previous owners used a "very rickety coffee machine" that was stressful to use, broke down often, and "sometimes served bad coffee" (Critic can confirm that it often served bad coffee). That machine's now gone, and a shiny new one will be dishing out hot bean juice for the foreseeable future.

A new machine costs somewhere between six and nine thousand dollars, which is part of the reason that Veggie Boys are charging more for a cuppa. "To be honest, [the price increase] does not cover our costs," said Supreet. Labour, beans, milks and maintenance all run a high price tag, and the store had considered ditching the coffee option all together.

After "a lot of brainstorming", new management at Veggie Boys decided to keep coffee onboard. New syrups, new beans, and a new machine all combine to "keep serving our student community and other customers."

Beatrice said "well that's probably good, at least from a health and safety perspective. Gotta stop people from drinking that shit coffee. It was dangerous. Now I'm willing to try it again."

If you were happy with your cheap but marginal \$2 coffee, you weren't alone. Even if the drip was shit, "customers didn't complain because coffee prices were too low to complain about," according to Supreet. If you can't be fucked coughing up an extra dollar for a better brew, maybe it's time to re-examine your priorities.

A SORDID TALE OF SQUALOR: Landlord Binned Bottle Collection ... Or Did He?

"I'll NEVER offer cheap rent again," huffs host hosed by Tenancy Tribunal after heaving heaps of bottles

By Denzel Chung Chief Reporter // denzel@critic.co.nz

A student had their bottle collection wrecked by a landlord who "did not believe they were still on the property at the time," according to a Tenancy Tribunal ruling. Their landlord has hit back, saying "the Tribunal has got it half-right".

Louis' tenancy for his Grange Street flat was meant to end on Thursday 3 December last year. Being a decent and organised soul, by Tuesday, he had already begun packing and moving his stuff into his new flat. Little did he know that on that day, his landlords, Michael and John Kinraid of Scarfie Flats, had also decided that they could enter and start throwing shit out.

When approached for comment, Michael Kinraid claimed "the flat was empty for a whole month," and that they left a note under their door that Sunday saying they would begin renovation work in the "middle of the week". Louis, for one, claims

Kinraid "didn't message if anyone was still staying ... How was it empty when I was there with my bed and my stuff all ready to move?"

"The stuff I had been organising was all thrown back into my room, in a complete mess, along with my flatmates' stuff and rubbish." A couch was moved outside and left there; Kinraid claims this was for Louis to pick up later that evening. Records state that this "destroyed" the couch, because yes, if you leave a couch outside, it decays.

More shockingly, though, Louis' bottle collection, which was special to him, "each with its very own story" had gone missing. While Kinraid emphatically denied throwing it away, Louis said some of it had "went missing, or was mixed with rubbish". Most heart-breakingly, his prized, pricey bottles of Samoan-made Vailima beer were gone, consumed by the intruders. "I felt furious and full of anger as

to why anyone would do this, who would have the slightest idea to move a tenant's belongings," he said.

With this de facto declaration of war, Louis and his flatmates went for the nuclear option and consulted the Tenancy Tribunal. It was a "scary process," he said, but his righteous anger was vindicated on 13 May this year, when the Tribunal awarded them \$400 for removing the furniture and the bottle collection, and another \$750 in "exemplary damages" from the landlord breaking the law (i.e. entering without permission before the end of the lease). However, the rest of the \$1,800 bond had to go to the Kinraids for "unpaid rent".

Kinraid, for one, was defiant: "Do you know how much that flat was? \$110 per week for the whole year, for a flat 30m from the Information Services Building. Do I feel ripped off? Absolutely. This is why I'm never offering cheap rent ever again."



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Yikes! Blood Donations Still Restricted for Trans Women and Gay Men

NZBS denies that centuries of medicalised discrimination is a skeleton in the closet

By Erin Gourley Critic Editor // critic@critic.co.nz

The New Zealand Blood Service are reviewing their approach to gay and transgender donors this year. A trans student at Otago, who was a frequent plasma donor before they transitioned, said that "it's just fucked at the moment."

Another student noted that the Blood Service ad campaigns imply that everyone can donate, when that's not the reality. "It can feel really demeaning when they phrase it as if young people are lazy and selfish and aren't donating blood, whereas in reality we're just too gay," he said.

Under the current rules, gay men and trans women cannot give blood if they have had sex with men within the past three months. This restriction used to extend to all gay men who had been sexually active within the past year, but that was reduced to three months on 14 December 2020.

"All current available scientific research shows a three–month deferral allows current state of the art testing systems to safely accommodate the window period between a virus being contracted and it being detectable," said Francesca Chan from the New Zealand Blood Service. "We are currently planning a review of how we welcome and support gay men, transgender and non–binary people in our donor centres and through our donation processes."

Milly, who is a student at Otago, said that the screening process for donors made them feel "unwelcome" once they began to transition.

Milly said that as soon as they told the Blood Service that they were going on hormones, they asked "have you done any sexually risky activity in the past like three months? That's the question, sexually risky activity is code for: have you had gay sex?"

They said that there are three assumptions with

that, all of which are incorrect. First, it assumes that trans women are straight and have sex with men. Second, it puts trans people in the same category as gay men, which isn't the case. And third, it assumes that there is some benefit to asking that question as the very first step, over the phone, before doing a personal interview.

"Over the phone there's absolutely no reason to ask that question because in the interview, the predonation interview, they ask you on the little form and then they test everything, every single thing of blood because you can't trust straight people either," Milly said.

"There's no benefit to asking that over the phone other than to make me feel less likely to donate because I don't want to be treated like I'm inherently sexually risky," they said.

They don't think that the individual people are transphobic, but "structurally they have to be transphobic [by asking those questions] ... if that's how they are told to be on the phone, then it makes me less likely to donate in person. Why would I fucking bother doing that?"

Milly said "it's dehumanizing, you know, being basically told by the medical system that you are degenerate."

Francesca from the Blood Service said that "[t]he evidence around the safety of donor screening alternatives based on individual behaviours is evolving and we hope that the picture will become clearer in the next two years."

On the Blood Service's justifications for the limitations on donations from gay men and trans women, Milly said that "there is a reluctance to critically analyse the medical system ... when you talk to doctors about it, often there is an instinct

to defend the medical system. And part of that is saying all these are the medical justifications for it, ignoring the fact that those medical justifications came about in a cultural atmosphere of homophobia and saying that gay people will just die of AIDS."

"It's easy to say that the doctor's recommendation isn't based on homophobia, but it's just not true," they said.

Dr. Peter Saxton, who wrote the "Summary for the gay community" of the Blood Service's changes to donation policies for men who have sex with men (MSM), wrote that: "Since certain blood-borne viruses like HIV are more common among MSM than in other groups, others acknowledge that deferral is a blunt but pragmatic way to minimise risks to blood safety, based on current technology." He also noted that a study will begin this year to "see if it is possible to identify 'low risk' MSM who might be able to donate."

Francesca from the Blood Service said "it's important to know that NZBS does not discriminate against anyone on the basis of their gender identity, sexuality, race, or religion. All our deferral polices are based on the best scientific data available both from here in NZ and countries we benchmark our practices against, and are in place to ensure the blood supplied to our patients is as safe as practicable."

At the start of the year, the UK lifted the threemonth ban on donations from gay men who have been sexually active, moving to a policy that focuses on individual sexual behaviour. Gay men and trans women who have been in an exclusive relationship for more than three months can now donate blood in the UK.

Struggling to stay awake? Try:

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Reading the Daily Mail for a week really made us appreciate the ODT

The Daily Mail, famous for their dodgy journalism, love the fact that the BBC are in trouble for dodgy journalism.

For those who thought BBC hypocrisy and double standards could not sink any lower after the Martin Bashir scandal, its coverage of the death of Max Mosley was something of an eve-opener.

You can just feel their glee at the BBC's expense.

So why did the BBC, normally so keen to highlight any hint of historical racism, report Mosley's death as if it marked the passing of a paragon of virtue?

Forget the Nazca lines! Huge spiral covering 100,000 square metres found in India's Thar desert may be largest drawing EVER made, experts say

The Nazca lines? Never heard of em.

Roman Protasevich's Russian girlfriend, 23, appears in her own leaked confession video from detention in Belarus amid fears the pair have been tortured after being seized from hijacked Ryanair plane

This is about a kidnapping but they still found a way to make it sexist.

Of mice and zen: Psychedelic compounds can drastically reduce stress in mice, study finds

A headline worthy of the ODT.

The collar, originally dark brown velvet or cord, is now fawn. And while the pockets still have their stud fastenings, they have clearly been patched up (and even the patches now have holes).

Of all the things they could roast Prince Charles about, the Daily Mail have gone with the fact that he repaired a jacket and still wears it when he's gardening. They've written an entire article about this scandalous revelation.

An Inspector calls... at The Falcon in Northants after its transformation by the 'Mystic Marquess' and his sex therapist wife (but he blows hot and cold about the property)

Ah yes, let's make this boring story about someone renovating a building about the unnamed sex therapist wife.



There's an entire section of the website called "femail" where all of the links are in pink instead of blue. Women are not allowed to read the rest of the Daily Mail.



PRESIDENT Michaela Waite-Harvey

Kia ora e te whanau

OUSA are currently working on lobbying the government to extend access to the winter energy payment to students. We're currently the only beneficiary group that doesn't have access to this, it's \$20 a week we wouldn't have to pay back and we all know students in Dunedin need it. We also all know the \$25 increase to student entitlements in Budget 2021 is not enough. With rents for 2022 skyrocketing and our flats still being fucking cold we're asking the government to front up to help students pay to heat our flats.

One thing I want to ask all of you to help me make this case is to let

me know how much your landlord is putting up rents for your flat for 2022. Some students have come to me saying their landlord is increasing by \$40 per room next year without making any improvements. This is really dodgy in my eyes and I want to make government aware that not only are they not giving us enough money, but that our landlords are unfairly increasing rents and something should be done to stop that.

So, send me through info on your flats 2022 rent increases to president@ousa.org.nz so I can let old mate Grant Robertson know about it.





WEEK 12 CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS:

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DOWN:

1. Twenty-five 2. Tornado 3. Neutral 4. Risk 7. Plausible 11. Detective 13. Omnipotent 17. Crucial 18. Annoyed 21. Hard

WORDWHEEL ANSWER: Tornado

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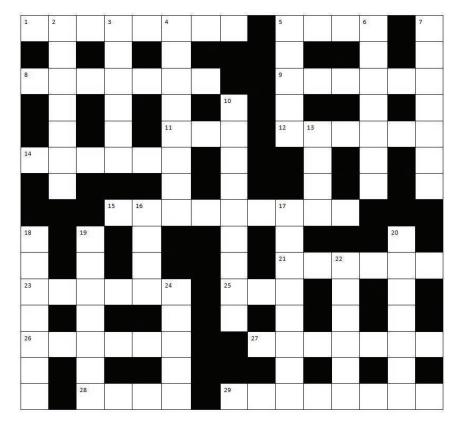
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CROSSWORD



ACROSS:

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- 5. Word that fits in front of flake, ball and man (4)
- 8. Politician who was on Dancing with the Stars: David _____ (7)
- 9. Choice (6)
- 11. Beige (3)
- 12. Place of worship (6)
- 14. Severe injury (6)
- 15. Trip after a wedding (9)

- 21. Similar to ice cream (6)
- 23. Chewy sweet sometimes in the centre of chocolate bars (6)
- 25. Alien vehicle (3)
- 26. Cartoon character whose dog is called Snowy (6)
- 27. Chilled out (7)
- 28. Harry Potter character: ____ Lovegood (4)
- 29. Short personal story (8)

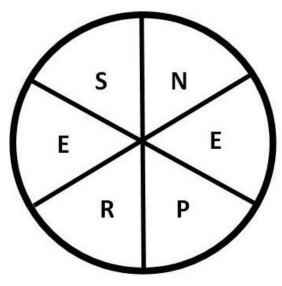
DOWN:

- 2. National Park in the North Island: Te ______(7)
- 3. Port city near Oamaru (6)
- 4. Maunga (6)
- 5. Vertically challenged (5)
- 6. Talk quietly (7)
- 7. Admit (7)
- 10. Unknown author (9)

- 13. Currency of the European Union (4)
- 16. Killer whale (4)
- 17. Outdated (8)
- 18. Crazy person (7)
- 19. Diary (7)
- 20. Answer to Wordwheel (7)
- 22. Incentive (6)
- 24. Pacific Nation whose capital is Nuku'alofa (5)



WORD WHEEL



Insert the missing letter to find the word that runs either clockwise or anti-clockwise around the wheel.

MAZE



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

There are 10 differences between these images.





BOMBSHELL interview reveals SHOCKING details of Bill & Bill's messy divorce

The Bills have divorced, Critic Te Arohi can reveal. When first contacted for comment, Bill insisted the divorce was amicable, but a later interview shows that the truth is far more complicated. We sat both ducks down for an exclusive tell-all interview. Shit hit the fan, and the truth finally came out. Read on for more.

"We still love each other and will remain close friends. There are no hard feelings or drama, it's simply just time for us to go our separate ways in life," Bill Billsbury told Critic. But shocking confessions from anonymous former associates and other inside sources paint a very different picture.



Bill and Bill have made a name for themselves as fashion icons, food critics, and queer heroes. Bill Billington released a branded line of male colognes, with fragrances including "The Leith After a Storm" and "Castle Street Gutter", while Bill Billsbury has put out two EPs to critical acclaim.

Critic interviewed the pair in August 2019, under their aliases Samuel L Quackson and Quackie Chan. Soon after, they were crowned the "Best Dressed Couple on Campus". But these stars burned quick and hot. The Bills had reached their highest heights, and there was only one way to go: down.

The couple were marred by scandals in 2020, including an alleged kidnapping and a public meltdown. In July, the Otago Daily Times recorded Bill and Bill on a rowdy day in town, walking around central Dunedin, causing a scene at Kiki Beware, and allegedly intimidating a human baby. The viral reports drew ire from Bird Rescue Dunedin, who believed the ducks should not be wandering around George Street with such swagger.

Bill and Bill were relocated to Tomahawk Reserve in what many supporters described as "a birdnapping". A campaign by avid fans that has since been compared to the international #FreeBritney movement convinced OUSA to informally adopt the couple. They managed to return to campus relatively unscathed, although both Billsbury and Billington refuse to talk about this traumatic period of time.

Late in 2020, the influential couple muscled their way into an interview with Critic on a piece focusing on the stray cats of North Dunedin. When they were told they were "clearly not cats", Bill Billsbury flipped out. "Fuck this, fuck you," he quacked, shaking. "I'm sick of this fucking town anyway." Eventually his husband calmed him down and they apologised to Critic, explaining that the stress of their relocation, and their relative lack of publicity and fame during the second half of 2020 had taken a toll, but they "were working on it together."



To top it all off, an inside source leaked to Critic Te Arohi a secret phone recording obtained from Student Health through covert (but definitely legal) methods that shed new light on the situation. We interviewed the Bills to see if the anonymous rumours were true. But little did they know, we had a bombshell to drop of our own.

Critic sat down with the Bills to ask about their situation. At first, they denied allegations of trouble, but Billsbury grew increasingly agitated. "No, there's something going on," he finally said. "We're not birds of a feather anymore. Bill is growing apart from me. There's nothing I can do, and I don't know why."

Unbeknownst to the Bills, Critic knew exactly why. Critic obtained audio recordings of a woman on the phone with a medical professional. She was overheard seeking medical advice about the gestation of a half-duckling baby. Critic denies allegations of phonetapping.

We played them the tape.



But it would seem that they didn't work hard enough. After a tough 2020, rumours spread in early 2021 that there was trouble in paradise. A colleague of Bill Billsbury said that Billsbury had complained to him about seeing less and less of Bill Billington in recent weeks. "All he goes on about is how his husband is constantly coming home late, never making time for the two to frolic together anymore, and was always spending far too much time at the office. Personally, I reckon he's busy at the pokies."

A resident of Unicol, where the couple like to waddle on their nightly walks, confirmed that the two ducks are having a "rough patch", and that "they fight all the time." "It often keeps me up at night" she said, "I can't sleep knowing the things I've heard them quack."

In a mysterious call to the Critic newsroom, an anonymous source accused Bill Billington of cheating on Billsbury. When pressed for more details, the source whispered "there's another woman. That's all I can tell you." Without another word, she hung up the phone.

Billsbury was stunned. Billington broke the silence. "I guess there's no point in denying it," he said. "Our marriage was falling apart anyway. I just wanted some action. She was right there, and we had been drinking, and one thing led to another, and I just ... well. I suppose you can see what happened."

After this shameful confession, Billsbury spat back "I don't see how you could do this to me! To us, Bill. I can't even look at you anymore. Is this why we've been so distant recently? Was our entire fucking marriage a sham? I left Fiona for you!"

But the tape wasn't done. Further audio reveals that the woman, presumably on the phone with the avian equivalent of family planning, struggled to identify the father of her child. "I actually don't know who the father is," she told the listener, "I just know that he was about 45cm tall, dark, and handsome, and his name was Bill. Oh and his dick was shaped like a corkscrew."

"You fucked a human woman Bill? What the fuck is wrong with you? How did you even find a fucking corkscrewshaped condom?" Billsbury screamed at Billington. Billington looked away. "I have needs, Bill. Human needs. There's only so much waddling around in mud and eating scraps I can handle. Harlene treated me right. I can't help it. This is who I am."

The last time a human-animal celebrity romance got this much publicity was in The Bee Movie (2007).

Fearing backlash, the woman on the phone decided to quit her position and move to Australia. She intends to keep the child. Reports suggest that this woman played some sort of higher role in University administration. Nothing more is known about the woman, her whereabouts, or what she plans to do with the duck-child.



"You fucked a human?"

A close friend of Billsbury revealed to Critic that, in recent days, Bill and Bill have met up on numerous occasions in the dead of night. "They definitely haven't resolved what happened between then and they won't exactly be getting remarried anytime soon. Billsbury is still furious and he has every right to be in my opinion," the friend said, "but I guess the cold Dunedin nights get lonely for everyone, so they're still, well, corkscrewing. Just fuckbuddies though."

Critic Te Arohi could not reach Billington or Billsbury for comment on this final twist. It is understood that divorce court proceedings are ongoing.





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Critic Te Arohi offered to treat two lucky flats like the British Royal Family. Instead of providing them with billions in inherited wealth and a sense of ownership over entire countries, we followed them like paparazzi for a few days and made wild and problematically intrusive speculations about their personal life that The Sun, The Daily Mail, and TMZ could only dream of. Very little of what you're about to read is true, but it sure makes for two scandalous stories.



The flat boast about their high scores at Dunedin's toughest pub quiz, but maybe it's because they're getting a little help from Aunty Google. We spotted Drew doing something sly on his phone during the toughest round of the night.

We watched Drew come back from one of his three daily runs and gym trips to make a protein shake. Gotta keep that hot bod in shape, but it looks like he's getting a little extra help from a mystery powder. We saw the athlete crush up a pill and pour it into his shake before sitting down to play competitive e-sports. He swears that he's "not doping" but we have our doubts!



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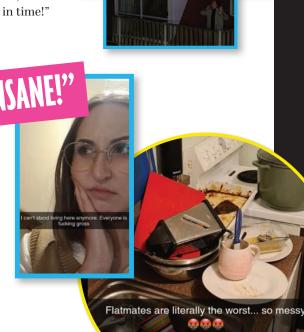


Grace: Another Week, Another Meltdown

Always the drama queen, we spotted Grace on her balcony late at night, bottle in hand. She was having a heated argument with a mysterious caller, who we couldn't identify because we couldn't tap her phone in time. She spotted us and rushed inside, but not before we heard her say "I know it's long and hard, and I know it's gonna fuck me this weekend ... I just don't think I can finish in time!" Sources close to her told us that she has an assignment due Monday.



Leaked snapchats from Annalise show that all is not well inside Granger Things. We camped out late at night to catch some drama, and what we found shocked us. Annalise was seen consoling a distressed Iain ... holding what appeared to be a pregnancy test! That would explain Iain's trip to student health, as well as his recent trips to the chunder bucket. But parent-to-be or not, his mess in the kitchen is still driving Annalise up the wall. We detect tension brewing, along with Iain's baby!



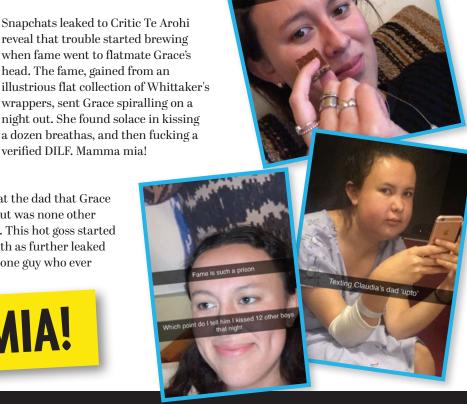
QUANDARIES ON QUEEN? Queen Street flat brimming Queen Street flat brimming with sex, drama, and conflict

Grace, Claudia, and Lizzy's living situation seemed stable at first. But our determined reporters soon found that scandal was lurking just below the surface of this supposedly "quaint" and "friendly" flat.

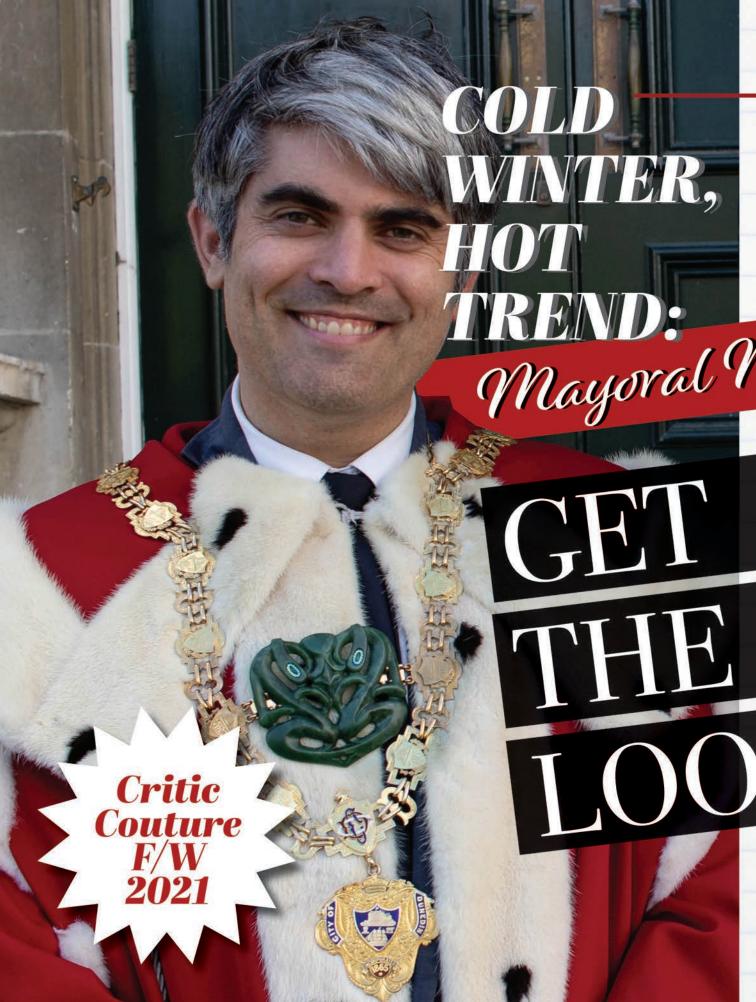


Salacious rumours started to spread that the dad that Grace had hooked up with on her wild night out was none other than the father of Claudia, her flatmate. This hot goss started to seem more and more like verified truth as further leaked Snapchats reveal Grace pining over the one guy who ever treated her right: Claudia's dad.

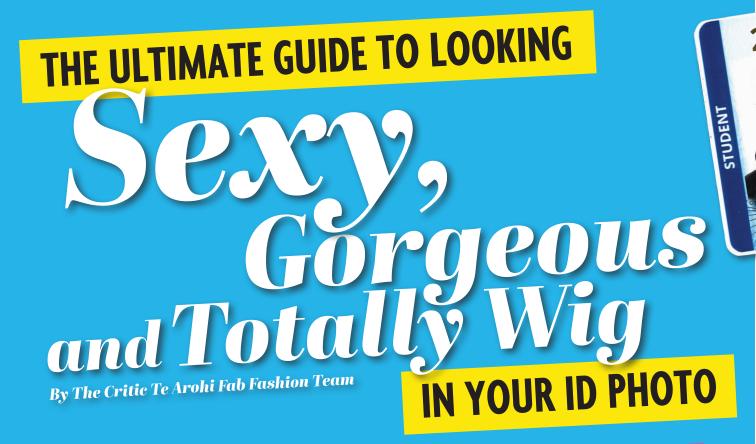
MAMMA MIA!











Ew. Honey, you are so un-fleek right now. How do you get into Unipol looking like that? No, don't answer. Of course you don't go to Unipol. Your ID photo is in shambles. Don't fret, though — we'll turn you from "naasss queen" into "yaaasss queen!" with these trendy ID photo tips.

Lighting

The ID office lighting is mega naff. You're tired, you're hungover, you feel like ass, and the bags under your eyes exceed Air New Zealand's 7kg limit. Get steezy by hanging up some \$9 Kmart twinkle lights to set the mood.

Environment and atmosphere is everything, and nothing is smexier than unethical megacorporations! Make love to the camera. A TikTok ring light will complete your influencer chic.

Composition

This one is simple. The golden ratio, phi, is a compositional line that will make you look fire AF. To calculate it, divide your ID photo lengthways into a line of two parts, (a) and (b), so that the ratio of the larger section (a) to the smaller section (b) is equal to the ratio of the whole length (a+b) to the larger section. Therefore, a /b = (a+b)/a, which equals 1.618 — the golden number.

As long as you remember that $_{\phi} = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$, you'll be a mazeballs chic.



Special Effects

No fog machine? Achieve eleganza extravaganza by blowing a phat vape cloud. No vape? Bye bye Instagram filters, hello cigarette filters. A big waft of smoke makes you look cool and epic.

Wear Your High School Leavers Hoodie

You want everybody to know that you are sprightly and supple, so advertise your youthful vigour by wearing your highschool leavers' hoodie. Make sure to wear it backwards so that CLASS OF 2020 is visible to all. This will get you a sugar papi in no time. You don't want anybody to mistake you for a nasty, haggard, second-year-plus year old crone.

Critic Hot Tip: If you are 23 or above, your life is already over.

If it's Bad, Ask Them to Redo It

Look, listen to me. It doesn't matter how long the line is. This is your MOMENT, hunty. If you look totally uggo in your ID photoshoot, you are legally allowed to have it redone as many times as you need. Print out this permission slip and show it to the photographer if they argue with you.

Critic Hot Tip: Queues are temporary. IDs are forever.

Hold a Big Fish

It works on Tinder. It will work in your ID photo, too. Get a big fish and hold it for additional sex appeal. The size of the fish is directly proportionate to your dowry, so know your worth and don't be afraid to be bold with it. Trout are mainstream and boring, unless you can get your mitts on the giant one from Gore. Try a beluga sturgeon or tiger shark instead. While you're at it, drive your Hilux into shot as well. Just tell the photographer to get a wider lens. Don't forget your camo, you stud, the ladies love it.

Bedazzle It

Diamonds are a girl's best friend. Glue diamonds to your ID card and it will be positively blinding.

Auction Off Parts of Your ID for Sponsorship

There is nothing more in vogue than capitalism. This is your chance to get a head start on paying off that student debt you'll be drowning in soon enough. Advertise yourself on TradeMe prior to the photoshoot and allow the highest bidder exclusive rights to your smokin' hot image. New World cap? Speight's onesie? "Talofa, Party Vote National" tattooed on your forehead? The sky (or at least, SkyTV) is the limit.





Invite All Your Friends

You want people to know you have friends, right? Get your besties to squeeze into the shot with you. Totally #squadgoals! Staff will have a fun time trying to figure out which one is you.

Critic Hot Tip: Pick friends who are much smarter than you. The old examination supervisor lady will get confused when checking your ID, and your mate will be able to take your scary BSNS112 exam for you when the time comes.

Bonus Critic Hot Tip: Pick friends who are smarter AND uglier than you. Hot stuff!

Ghosts

You want an aura of mystique and enigma. What better way than to portray yourself as a tormented Victorian woman haunted by her dearly departed husband, tragically lost at sea? A ghost in your ID photo can be achieved through a number of means. Number one: move around a little bit when the shutter releases. It will look like you are possessed by an anguished spirit. Number two: if possible, ask the photographer to take the picture with long exposure. Have a friend enter the picture long enough only to be visible as a faint apparition. Number three: Photoshop in a mysterious orb post-production. Number four: find an actual ghost. This can be accomplished through ouija board, seance, or hanging out in the Moot Court.

You can also achieve a UFO by getting a friend to throw a frisbee in the background of your photoshoot. Wig!

It's true, isn't it? For some reason, you just look so much cuter with the Snapchat dog filter covering up ¾ of your face. Go the extra mile and craft yourself a fursona. Now 100% of your face is vastly improved. You have the entire

animal kingdom to pick from. Everybody loves a heckin' chonky doggo though!

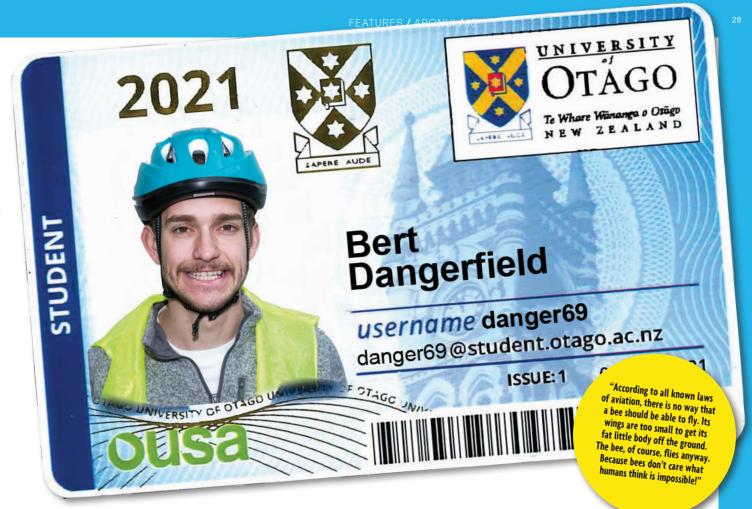
Fursuits can go for up to \$3000, so this is also a stylish way to show off your wealth. Furries are incredibly rich. Niche furry inflation porn doesn't come cheap.

If you can't afford a fursuit, any funny costume from Look Sharp will show everybody what a hilarious and relatable person you are. Dress up as Nintendo's beloved "Super Workman Red", or his slightly less beloved brother, "Super Workman Green". Sporting an orange jumpsuit and staging your ID shoot as a mugshot will show everybody who the toughest guy in HSFY really is.

Look Intimidating

Uni is a dog eat dog world. One key to getting a head start as a fresher is looking tougher and scarier than anyone else in your ID card photo. You can get creative here. You might draw a scar, wear an eyepatch, or carry a knife. Another classic method is to simply give the creepiest stare possible. Don't blink, and whatever you do, don't smile.

Critic Hot Tip: Another way to look intimidating is by being completely naked in your ID photo. There is nothing more frightening than a fully naked man. Nobody will know, since it's only a headshot, but the aura will permeate nonetheless.



Don't Say Cheese

Saying "cheese" when the photographer takes your photo is so 2006. Instead try out one of these trendy phrases:

"Babaganoush"

"There is no ethical consumption under capitalism"

"HELP! FIRE!"

"I'm too sexy for my tractor"

"According to all known laws of aviation, there is no way that a bee should be able to fly. Its wings are too small to get its fat little body off the ground. The bee, of course, flies anyway. Because bees don't care what humans think is impossible."

Have a Mullet

I checked the regulations, and you are actually legally required to have a mullet.

#KylieJennerLip challenge It

If you're a mayo monkey with the lips to prove it, do a quick #KylieJennerLipChallenge before your glamour shoot to really plump those puckers. Grab a shot glass, pop it around your mouth, and give it a succ. Mwah!





Accredited health guru Gwyneth Paltrow has realised that Goop, her alternative lifestyle brand, isn't accessible to people on a budget. What a shock! She advertises things like gold-plated vibrators for the low, low price of \$5000. We understand that some people don't care about their spiritual health enough to spend thousands of dollars on it. Those people deserve to experience Goop too. In the spirit of making Gwyn-Gwyn's hot and extremely evidence-based tips available to everyone, we've found budget alternatives for some of Goop's products.



[Insert big disclaimer from Gwyneth Paltrow because she doesn't want to get sued again!]



The Jade Egg is well-known because Queen Gwyneth was sued for making unsubstantiated claims about its health benefits on the Goop website. The Goop Wellness page says you should: "Insert the egg into your vagina and feel the connection with your body by squeezing and releasing the egg." It recommends doing these sessions for at least fifteen minutes a day.

If you want to put an egg-shaped ball in your vagina, we recommend using the inner plastic container of a Kinder Surprise. That way you get a chocolatey treat before doing your Kegel exercises! Plus, with the hollow inside of the plastic container, you can fill it with whatever items are going to give your vagina spiritual fulfillment, whether that's photographs of your ex or some cuttings from succulents in your garden.

Kinder Surprise: \$2.20, comes with chocolate and a toy Jade Egg: \$90, no chocolate, no toy





Goop recommended this back in 2015 and it was controversial, because someone tried to do it at home and burned their vagina on a boiling hot pot of herbs. Never fear, we believe you can make it work. With a bit of care and a bucket you should be able to steam your vagina and raise its temperature to way higher than is natural, because of some dubious natural health benefits that no one has studied. Sound good?

Our recommendation is that instead of going to a fancy spa and sitting on their "throne" that they built specially for vaginal steaming, you take a jug of boiling water and pour it into a bucket along with whatever herbs and herbal teas you happen to have lying around the flat, and let the herbs steam their way into your vag. It's a refreshing way to invigorate your vagina on a cold winter's evening.

DIY herb bucket: \$4 for some parsley or chives from the supermarket, the comfort of your own home V-steam Spa Treatment: \$70 for 40 minutes, no homely comfort

Psychic Vampire Repellent



Goop's website advertises vampire repellent, a spray that wards off bad energy. "If there's a more pleasurable way to banish psychic vampires, we don't know it," the website says. This seems overly complicated, because everyone knows that warding off vampires, whether psychic or otherwise, is simple.

The whole idea of this repellent seems to be based on the misconception that garlic is not a sexy smell. This is incorrect. We suggest that instead of using this expensive spray, you rub yourself with crushed garlic to ward off the vampires. Everyone that loves garlic bread will think you smell great, and you'll rid your life of those pesky vampires.

Masterfoods Crushed Garlie: \$3.50, will smell like garlic bread Psychic Vampire Repellent: \$37.00, does not smell like garlic bread

Pillo Sex Pillow



Goop is extremely progressive and likes to remind you that sex is good. They also like to remind you that in order to have good sex, you need to spend \$130.00 on a pillow from their website to "help you hit the perfect angle." If someone doesn't know how to hit the G-spot, this weirdly shaped pillow is unlikely to help.

What's the alternative? Just use a different pillow. Briscoes sells many pillows, most of them for less than \$130.00. You might even already have a pillow. You may not realise this, but you can use that pillow for sex as well.

Cotton Firm Pillow: \$24.99 from Briscoes, can use whatever pillowcase you like Pillo Sex Pillow: \$130.00, weird shape with only one pillowcase

Gemstone Heat Therapy Mat



As a budget alternative, try placing some cool stones you found on the beach on top of an electric blanket. Comfort and style in one heat therapy mat!

Electric blanket with rocks: Electric blankets are on sale at Briscoes for \$45! Rocks are free **Gemstone Mat:** \$1369

Mushroom Hot Cacao Tea with Reishi



"Some of the coziest bedtime rituals involve chocolate. And this one is made more soothing by a dose of reishi mushroom," says the Goop website.

We assume that this is essentially like making hot chocolate with shrooms. They may not serve the same purpose in terms of getting you to sleep, but you might get a spiritual awakening instead.

Shroom Hot Chocolate: Essentials Choc Chips Dark for \$1, Anchor Calci Yum Flavoured Milk Chocolate for \$1, Shrooms for free, gets you high Mushroom Tea: \$27, does not get you high





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Barry was born to netball champ Patrick BonGlover and shotput legend Monica Irving. They put Barry in the gym immediately. From the time he could see more than a meter, they only fed the baby after he sank a cup. And bitch cup didn't count. His parents said that Barry's upbringing "in no way affected his mental state as an adult. He's a big boy who can make his own decisions. This isn't our fault."

Barry trained religiously. He was known to practice at strange hours, preferring to train at 3am. He said it gave him a "psychological edge" to know that he was training while his opponents were sleeping. By the age of 16, he boasted a record of 196-1. He avenged his only loss six times. Barry was known to stay at the table for hours at a time, not even leaving to pee.



Barry won the world title at the age of 18, the youngest ever to do so. By this time, he was starring in TV commercials, doing the talk show rotation, and travelling overseas. He earned major sponsorships from Marmite and Swanndri, and began his famously unsuccessful antineutering campaign with the iconic slogan "balls back, baby". He also married surf and gardening heartthrob Tabitha Turner. He was at the top of his game, but everything was about to change.

A year into holding his title, Barry lost the use of both his hands in what is widely speculated to have been foul-play. The chemicals in a hand balm administered by a manicurist turned out to have nerve-damaging properties. Barry narrowly avoided a dual amputation. Doctors told him that he would never play again. Despite their orders, he attempted a defence of his world title in Palmerston North. He lost. "I just can't believe that, of all places, I lost it in Palmy," said Barry. Many say that this was the beginning of the end.

Without the discipline of training, and on a heavy prescription painkiller regime, Barry took a turn for the worse. "I could've handled it if you fucking paparazzi pricks would let me heal in peace!" he shouted at us. His lawyer (who we paid for) denies that any of his behaviour was induced by the stress of media attention from a young age. His marriage to Tabitha Turner quickly unravelled, and the two divorced less than a year after his accident. "It's entirely the media's fault," she said in an exclusive interview. "I loved him. We could've handled it if we had some peace." As if! We all know that celebrities are born crazy.



In the years following his divorce, Barry was known to malinger around Dunedin, challenging randoms to pong and blowing a gasket when he inevitably lost. He eventually was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct and common assault when he punched a ping-pong player in the link for "not playing the game right."

Barry was destined to be a nutjob in the end. But before he inexplicably cracked, he gave the world some of the most memorable sporting moments in history. His crowning achievement, a trickshot off a passing seagull, will forever be on the highlight reels, right next to the video of him vomiting on a fan.



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TRAMP TRASHY OR STAMPS: ICONIC?

BY EILEEN CORCORAN & MOLLY WILLIS

Love them or hate them, lower back tattoos are back. But is there a justified reason for the ink's bad reputation, or is it just good old-fashioned sexism?

Worn by the biggest and best icons of the 2000s — Paris Hilton, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, and Kate Moss to name a few — the tramp stamp lives alongside jeans under dresses, ultra skinny scarves and velour tracksuits as an absolute hallmark of the decade. But why does the lower back tattoo evoke such strong reactions, even today? What's the deal with it's comeback?

According to Wikipedia, lower back tattoos came as part of the growing number of women getting inked up in the 1990s. Before this, tattoos were uncommon on women. The tramp stamp was often sported with low rise jeans and a high rise g-string, together forming the iconic whale tail. They were somehow simultaneously high-class and trashy, sported by millionaires and A-list celebrities as they drunkenly stumbled between clubs in front of paparazzi.

Maybe it's just the hindsight bias, but one thing is blatantly obvious about the labelling of lower back tattoos as tramp stamps (or slag tags, if you watched Skins at age 13). It's overtly misogynistic. The phrase might be outdated now, but tramp is just another word for slut, and to call a woman a slut is just another way of shaming her for having any sense of autonomy or pride in her own sexuality.

The rise of the modern influencer (thanks, Paris) via social media has afforded women more control over who has the power to sexualise them. How women represent their own sexuality is more and more on their own terms. Maybe this has contributed to the return of the lower back tattoo amongst the it-girls of this decade? Five years ago, lower back tattoos were arguably limited to middle aged women, and existed only as a reminder of decades past. However, just like tiny sunglasses, slip dresses and baby tees, the tattoo seems to be on its way back in. Instagram influencers such as @sydn4sty and @meicrosoft rock the stamp, as does Critic Te Arohi designer Molly.

Molly says her tramp stamp "represents a moment in life for me, a freeze-frame of the person I am now and the aesthetics I find exciting." She says it's a way of challenging people's preconceived notions of what tattoos represent. "I'm really interested in the idea of challenging high-brow standards in my art and that carries through to my tattoo, taking something that people generally view as 'trashy' and deciding to own it in a way that changes its value to something iconic and artistic. It's always exciting and interesting to challenge people's idea of what makes something 'trashy' or lacking in class." She says the tramp stamp "transcends a trend ... live your iconic trash queen fantasy, I say."

Tattoos are heavily connected to a sense of bodily autonomy, and the revival of the iconic lower back tattoos links directly to women deciding to take back control of their own body image. They are challenging ideals built out of misogyny by getting these tattoos and owning them, therefore challenging the stereotype of what kind of woman would have such a mark indelibly on their body. The reclamation of the lower back tattoo is a push back against the shame women have endured for their choices, especially if they are remotely sexual or sexy.

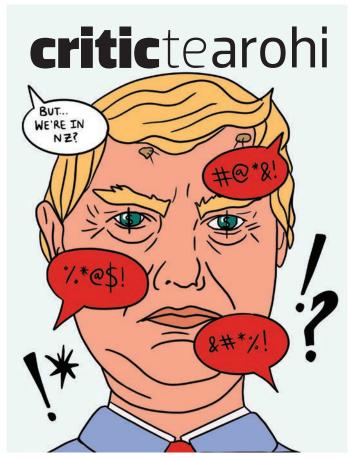
Radio One interviewed students in the Link (at 3pm on a Friday, so a clearly representative sample of students, who all spend their Friday afternoons studying) as to whether 'tramp stamps' are trashy or iconic. Many said trashy, but there was no clear consensus. One student said "if you own it, dig it, then it's iconic." Another said he enjoyed an "appropriately done" tramp stamp, such as a Chanel logo or a "classic cherry." The same student was considering getting a lower back tattoo of Karl Marx's face.

When you strip away the misogyny, there's no reason why a lower back tattoo should be treated differently to any other tattoo. Whether or not you want one yourself, appreciate the aesthetic or not, there's nothing inherently wrong with a lower back tattoo. Let's focus that critical energy on white people with tribal tattoos instead.



critic COVER COMPETITION

Critic Te Arohi ran a cover competition at tertiary open day. Half of the people who drew us covers weren't high schoolers, but they had some cool ideas nonetheless. Here are the two winning entries. Ideas by Lena Huia (left) and Toby Henry (right). Actual illustrations by Emily Bell.

















Music Venues of Dunedin: Reviewed

By Barney Connolly

Dunedin venues have slowly been disappearing thanks to the boomer-baiting bureaucrats who run this city. There is current controversy surrounding these venues and noise control and it's now more important than ever to support our local venues and musicians. So here you have it, a definitive ranking of all of Dunedin's music venues, and what to expect at each gig.

The Crown Hotel

Walking into The Crown is an experience. Posters of the late great bands of the classic Dunedin Sound line the walls, in contrast with the odour of beer and BO. Rumour has it a quite well-known band The Rolling Stones (not from Dunedin) did cocaine upstairs here back in the venue's heyday. Nostalgic and a blast from the past.

Usual suspects: Those three middle-aged men you hope you don't end up like who sit at the bar drinking beer, your friend's classic rock band you always promise to go see but don't

Usual cover charge: Cheap as chips

Doing drugs in the bathroom capability: High

Alty Status: Legendary



Dog With Two Tails (aka The Dog)



The Dog With Two Tails has been a classic hang-out spot for decades. This alternative jewel, nestled on Moray Place, is the current bane of law abiding, sound sensitive city residents. It's also home to high schoolers with proud nicotine addictions. The Dog With Two Tails provides friendly service, tiny baked treats, and an open mic night on Wednesdays. All in all, it has a lot to offer.

Usual suspects: That one internet meme-bearded-craft beer drinker-discussing absurdist poetry, mature students who strictly drink black coffee, gin lovers

Usual cover charge: Free

Doing drugs in the bathroom capability: Reasonable facilities but leaves you feeling grotty **Alty Status:** One of those classic bicycles that makes you feel like you're in a french romance film.

Dive

Dive is arguably the best-equipped venue in Dunedin short of the Town Hall or the Stadium. The vibe is slightly confusing, with the name change related to decolonisation, but a very large portrait of Captain Cook (by all accounts, quite a naughty man) which seems to contradict this. The stage is a little small. The male bathroom has no vaping written on it in pen, and if that doesn't deter you, nothing will.

Usual suspects: Whoever has enough money to buy a ticket to a gig, people who enjoy expensive alcohol

Usual cover charge: All your Studylink funds

Doing drugs in the bathroom capability: The lock is broken and there is an explicit handwritten sign as a warning, but if you manage to pull it off, the reward is huge

Alternative status: A bit alty, a bit basic



U Bar (formerly Refuel)

Let's be honest, no one goes to U Bar unless it's for Wednesday Pint Night. The stage is massive, and there is a decent amount of room to mosh comfortably. The drinks are affordable, and it's a reliable spot for a good time.

Usual suspects: People who don't mind queuing, freshers, girls in vintage hoodies

Usual cover charge: Free

Doing drugs in the bathroom capability: I have seen it happen with my own two eyes on many occasions, socially acceptable

Alternative status: Basic (though it is cool how all the bands who have played here write their names in the green room)



Inch Bar + ADJO



Nestled beside each other in the valley, Inch Bar and Adjo are two tidy little venues which are ideal if you live in this part of town. Both provide nice beer and tiny areas for performers. Think of it as the Inchbar being an older, wiser, wordly brother and ADJO the younger, freer, outgoing younger sister.

Usual suspects: Your high school English teacher, art school kids

Usual cover charge: Involuntary donation

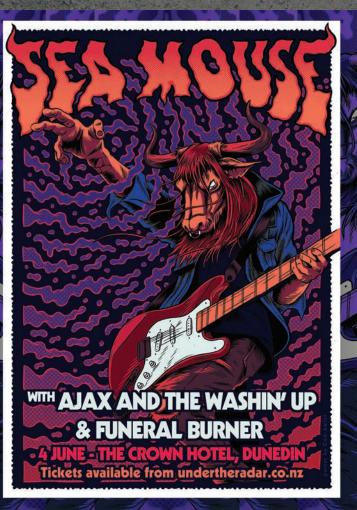
Doing drugs in the bathroom capability: Skip the bathroom and head out onto the street around the back for a sneaky joint with your friends and some guy who claims to know all the members of the band playing

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Alternative status: Nordic food, boomers



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Scinder Week By Susana Tones

Talofa lava you beautiful things. This week, from Sunday 30 May to Saturday 5 June, it's Samoan language week. To learn more about Samoan culture and the importance of our Pacific neighbours, I caught up with Fa'ataumamatemalesoatau, a Samoan student at the Polytech and a cultural rep on the Otago Samoan Students Association (OSSA) about Samoan culture. "Food is a big part of the culture — you can never go wrong with island food. Any Pacific Islander would be proud of their food," Fa'ataumamatemalesoatau said.

Apart from food, Fa'ataumamatemalesoatau said that storytelling is a big part of Samoan culture. "The dance is really important to me, it tells a story. I'm the eldest female, so I would always get pulled up to dance. Whatever song was playing, I had to do moves that tell the story of the song," she said. "I also get really invested in the ceremonies, especially the tattoos (tatau), which also tell stories."

Fa'ataumamatemalesoatau talked about how Samoan customs and traditions are central to the culture. "Respect is important too. For example when eating, this is kind of a lost custom because I don't see many people doing it now, but when it's dinner time, you serve your parents first, then you're out the back with a hand towel and a basin of water for them to wash their hands. You wait for them to finish eating, then they wash their hands, and then it's time for you to eat."

Another traditional custom of Samoan is folafola. "When you have visitors over and they've brought food, you have to present the food to everyone there in a special way. A whole new specific, traditional, cultural language is used. I never got to learn how to do things like that though, I moved from Samoa before I was old enough to learn it," said Fa'ataumamatemalesoatau.

Fa'ataumamatemalesoatau also shared what it's like being Samoan here at Otago Polytechnic. "Even though as Pacific we have a lot of support, the curriculum is made for English speaking students. If the language they use is hard for us to understand, they really have no other way of trying to simplify that for us" she says.

We also talked about the importance and significance of Samoan language week. "It's a really good time to have Samoan students showcase their abilities. For myself, I had a lot of potential, but it wasn't recognised until I was given the opportunity to facilitate and make something happen for Samoan language week. Samoan language week helps

validate Samoan students' potential. Others can see that we actually understand concepts and content, just that it's hard for us to teach and learn from the English language," said Fa'ataumamatemalesoatau.

OSSA reached out to Samoan students to share their thoughts about Samoan language week via their Instagram account (@ossa.otago). One student said that Samoan language week, to them, is "a special week to reflect on and think of those who have come before us, and the path they took to get us here. The week is for me to go back and appreciate that our ancestors have done so much, to get us here, which is maybe not appreciated so much every other day."

For Samoan language week, OSSA is doing an 'ava ceremony on Monday 31 May. There will also be an umu at the end of the week on Friday. If you've never had umu, you're bloody missing out and should get into it. An umu can be thought of as the Samoan version of the Māori hāngī. There will also be Instagram takeovers throughout the week to share facts and words throughout the week.

Here are some common phrases and useful words you can use to honour and recognise Samoan language week:

Hello: Talofa, pronounced tah-law-fah

Goodbye: Tofa soifua, pronounced toh-fah soy-foo-ah

Please: Faamolemole, pronounced faa-moh-leh-moh-leh

Thank you: Faafetai, pronounced faa-feh-tah-iee

I'm sorry: Fa'amalie atu, pronounced faa-mah-lee ah-tu

How are you: O ā mai oe, pronounced ooh ah mah-ie ooweh

Good luck with exams: manuia i su'ega, pronounced mahnoo-ee-ah ee soo-eh-nga

Fa'ataumamatemalesoatau also said that: "Samoan language week is for us to put more emphasis on those little things that make us feel more at home." If you aren't already, now is the time to get accustomed with Samoan language and culture!

As this is the last issue before exam time, I'm shooting my shot, in print. If you're a 6ft plus Aries Samoan man ... Hi sir x, I would let you ruin my life. Anyways, manuia tele lava le alo atu i su'ega, tofa soifua!



Hot Sauce Club are a recent band on the Dunedin scene. They've taken Dunedin by storm with a continuous series of gigs since their venue debut at Starters. Their Spotify is still in the pipes at the moment but check out their Insta @hotsauceclub. The band consists of Ethan and Logan on guitar, Max on guitar and vocals, Simon on drums, and Rory on bass.

Hot Sauce Club formed in late 2020. Max said: "It started out as just jamming in Cumby. Four of us were in Cumby, so we entered the Cumby talent show, and then we brought in Ethan at the start of this year. We kind of did the talent show just as a performance, not really entering. And actually nah we didn't win it, some guy who was a marching drummer bet us, he was pretty sick."

Logan says the name also comes as a response to their hall. "So we got back from Covid and started to notice that the hostel food was getting pretty bland. So a few of us just started collecting hot sauces to spice things up. Then we were looking for a name and were like what about 'hot sauce club' it's pretty catchy, you can do a lot with that and we just ran with it and it's been like that since."

HSC is mainly promoting off of Instagram at the moment, but Rory says their Spotify is in the works. "We've got one [original] song almost all recorded as single and maybe we'll record one or two more and release

an EP. We're just doing it all in house because we can't really afford to go to a studio or anything." Simon added: "We're a bunch of poor breathers aye." They're planning to have a July release gig at Starters either for the single or the EP if they get it out in time.

Logan says things have been going fast since their first gig at Starters. "Starters was definitely the best so far, just because we weren't expecting how big and sick it was going to be. It was crazy that we got the UBar gig though like everything's been a sort of nuts ride ever since the Starters gig." At gigs, they mainly play covers but they're planning on gradually introducing more originals into their sets.

Balancing social commitments and the band can be difficult at times. Simon recalls that he "had a red card before a gig on Saturday." It didn't go unnoticed, Max says. "He turned up pissed as, double Nitro down the drain just before we were about to start playing. But he ended up playing alright, it might become a tradition."

"My rule's always been you can't drink water on stage," says Rory.

The boys just practice in their flat. "It's a pretty small room but it gets the job done," says Simon. "We just got a brand new PA speaker too so we're kind of blasting out the street at the moment," says Max.





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Olivia Rodrigo's entire new album being about her shitbag ex. Favourite Crime hits very diff. Name and shame baby x

J Lo getting back with her ex after almost my entire lifetime. Usually I would never encourage that but it's actually quite a beautiful love story.

The Weeknd calling out the Grammys for being racist. Good on him for taking a stand, I hope other artists (incl. white ones) follow his lead and stop submitting their music to the Grammys.

Floyd Mayweather kicking his girlfriend out of his house so he can focus on preparing to fight Logan Paul. I respect that, good on him.

KJ Apa expecting a child. He has been in high school for like six seasons and suddenly he's becoming a dad? What a mind fuck, but a cute one.

Kim K and Kanye allegedly treating their staff badly. Surely billionaires are in the best position to treat their staff well? That's an wealth hearding and being a gunt

Circling back to Olivia Rodrigo, I HATE how she's facing the same criticism that T Swift has faced for years about only writing about boys. Literally everyone writes about love? Interpersonal relationships define our lives. Sorry that critics can't handle a talented and empowered woman.

Scott Disick dating a 19 year old. That's very uncomfortable she's like eight years older than his kids

James Charles and his entire vibes. I never even followed him yet I've seen countless videos of him crying for seemingly no good reason.

The owner of Louis Vuitton and such becoming the richest person in the world (above Elon and the Amazon man). This is simply disgusting I hate centi-billionaires!!!



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BOOZE REVIEW:

Uailima 6.7

BY CHUG NORRIS

Feeling drained, literally, by my Fizzliss experience last week, I decided to fortify my strength by returning to my origins: Beer. I went into Henry's and picked up something called "Vailima." The name alone intrigued me. Just in time for Samoan language week, I learned that Vailima is Samoan for "water in the hands".

The bottle, like myself when I am intoxicated, tells a story. Apparently Vailima references a Samoan story about a couple crossing an island to find a revitalising stream. In many ways this perfectly sums up my experience with the drink. It was as if I had become lost in a barren land of endless RTDs and forgotten where I was from. Vailima reminded me who I was and humbled me

I consumed Vailima without expecting anything special. It was a Saturday night and I had been banging my head against a wall with study all week. There was some vague mention of going to some ski party, but I was feeling pretty out of it and was just stoked to be having a drink. I cracked open the bottle and began to take my first sip. The mouth feeling was underwhelming, but satisfying. Vailima didn't amaze me, but I could tell it was going to serve its purpose. It was going to make me drunk.

The taste could not be described as sensational. In fact, it's rather boring. It's like a watered down Corona, or a flat Speights. I would equate it to a mediocre one night stand. Satisfying, but not exciting. It's like ready salted chips, butter on toast, or having a tolerable lecturer. Simple and effective, Vailima gets the job done. However, Vailima is rich enough to conceal the 6.7% alcohol until you are buzzed enough not to notice it. The fizziness is pretty minimal which makes it go down pretty easily, and it doesn't leave any nasty after tastes. It's so easy to get

down in fact, it only took a few bottles for me to realise I was truly fucked.

The strength of a couple of these bad boys inspired me so much that I insisted on heading out. Although I didn't take any drinks out, I found myself on a fantastic level for several hours. By the end of the night it was freezing cold, but the memory of Vailimas kept me warm inside for the stroll home.

These puppies come in 750 mL bottles and at 6.7% they clock in at four standards a bottle. I'm pretty sure Henry's is the only place that sells them, and for \$6 a bottle. This puts them at \$1.5 per standard. So it's pretty affordable, and they're definitely worth the trip, especially for the novelty of a beer that's not brewed in Auckland. There's nothing like drinking straight out of a 750 mL bottle. It takes you right back to crate day and summertime.

Look, maybe it's not the best beer that I've ever tasted. Sure, it's mediocre and predictable, but Vailima reminded me of where I belonged: too many standards deep and talking to shit to strangers on a Saturday night felt just like home.

Tastes like: Copper, creaming soda, home

Pairs well with: Nandos, a return to glory, rapid intoxication

Froth level: The second bottle from your crate on crate day, summertime and the livin' is easy

Taste rating: 6.9/10, not exceptional, not terrible



I take potlucks so seriously that I do fear that I suck the fun and joy out of the process for everyone else. Tiramisu is the ultimate potluck meal. It is sweet, when most people bring savoury. You can make it in advance. You keep it in the fridge and don't need to bake or reheat. And it is utterly delicious.

The idea of using Baileys is inspired by my Queen, Nigella Lawson, and my own personal consumption of copious amounts of Baileys over the years. Yes, it is a little more expensive, but to this I have two rebuttals. 1: you are saving money on eating out anyway, and 2: the leftover Baileys can be consumed in the form of hot chocolates.

INGREDIENTS

1 packet (250g) savoiardi biscuits, otherwise known as sponge fingers

1 1/4 cup strong coffee, cooled (you can use instant coffee)

1/2 cup baileys cream liqueur

2 free range eggs, separated

A pinch of salt

50g castor sugar

300 mascarpone cheese

1 tsp vanilla extract / paste (or more if you want)

Cocoa powder, for dusting

Chocolate, shaved

- In a bowl, whisk together the egg whites and a pinch of salt with an electric beater until soft peaks begin to form. If you
 don't have an electric beater, just use a whisk and get your sweat on. Set aside.
- 2. In another bowl, whisk together the sugar and egg yolks with an electric beater until thick and pale in colour, around 3 minutes. Beat in the mascarpone and vanilla until smooth. Lastly, fold in the egg white gently until just combined.
- Combine the cooled coffee and Baileys cream in a bowl. Take a sponge finger and dip into the coffee and liquor for a couple of seconds until the surface is damp but not soggy. Place into your chosen dish and repeat with the sponge fingers until you have one even layer.
- 4. Pour half the mascarpone mixture onto the soaked sponge fingers and spread evenly. Repeat another layer of the soaked sponge fingers, then top with the remaining half of mascarpone. If you find that you run out of liquid, just make up a smaller amount with the ratio of 2 parts coffee to 1 part liquor.
- 5. Cover and refrigerate for at least 5 hours. Top with cocoa powder and shaved chocolate.

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Touching! "Evil" Landlord Donates Generously To Charity, Proves Naysayers Wrong

Who says landlords are pure evil? While some of our more extremist writers like to push this sensationalist, one-sided argument, in the pursuit of fairness and balance, the Tribune can EXCLUSIVELY reveal a landlord branded as "evil" and "fraudulent" actually has a real heart of gold.

Prominent Dunedin real estate entrepreneur Michael Moneybags was spotted by roving Tribune reporters as he humbly carried out his act of kindness last Saturday afternoon. The self-made tycoon was exiting Bunnings Warehouse when he spotted the charity BBQ, manned by an 11-year old fundraising for Corstophine School's upcoming sports exchange with Timaru Primary. He selflessly walked up and purchased not one, but TWO sausages, and donated a crisp \$5 note to this worthy cause.

"I know landlords get a lot of flak," Mr. Moneybags later told the Tribune, "but I understand that my riches all come from the community around me, so it makes sense to give back when I can, and to give back generously. I don't do it for the media attention; the good feeling I get inside is reward enough for me."

Mr. Moneybags was later seen shouting to said 11-year old that he had "forgotten to give him his \$1 change," before loudly mentioning as he walked to his Porsche that he needed to "phone his lawyer" about "bringing a case to the Disputes Tribunal".

"See you in court, bitch," he added.

Amazing! Child of Real-Life Medical Doctor Is Doing Health Sci

The rumours are true. A Critical Tribune investigation has found that the child of an actual, actively practicing medical doctor is doing health sci at Otago this year.

The child, which the Tribune has chosen not to name in order to preserve their privacy, said that until recently, she had never imagined they she ever be aiming for a career in med. "For a long time, I had always thought international diplomacy was my real passion. After all, nothing excited me more than Model UN, where I could debate geopolitical issues and make a real difference in the world." But a gap year spent travelling around South-East Asia changed her mind: "I just saw all this grinding poverty, and all these heartbreaking injustices. And then, in the middle of Phnom Penh, it hit me: Even in the middle of the most destitute nations, the private hospitals were always fucking flash, and cars just like my dad's, a few years older maybe, were parked outside every one. And that's when I realised, oh hey, maybe I could give this med thing a shot."

Despite never having done any science subjects beyond year 10, she's quietly confident about her prospects. "Like, I've hung out in dad's office heaps. And on the one day a week I can catch her before 2am, I talk to mum about work lots, so I've got a bit of familiarity with the inner workings of the medical system. And I've saved up my pocket money to get one of those private tutoring courses. They're not cheap, but they're an investment, like my Koru Club membership. Mum and dad helped me a bit — but hey, you gotta do what you gotta do."

At press time, rumours were spreading around campus that the child of a practising lawyer had enrolled in first-year law. These are as yet unverified.



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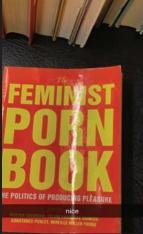
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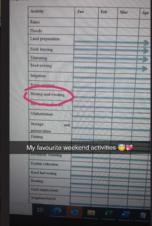


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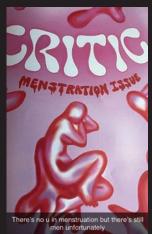






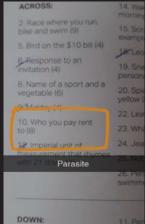


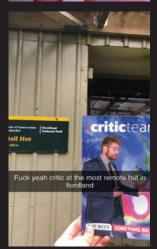














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