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LETTER OF THE WEEK:

Hi Critic,
I'm writing to complain about an issue that maybe no one else even notices or cares for; the lack of kombucha in the campus shop! There used to be several flavours of kombucha available for pretty cheap (\$3 I think). But now there is none, and so I'm forced to trek to New World in between classes to buy kombucha, which is time consuming and impractical if I'm wanting to just grab a quick drink of vinegary bubbly fizzy goodness.

I miss my kombucha, it was a real conversation starter. I'd show up to class with a kombucha and the conversation would usually flow something like: "oh you drink kombucha?" "Yes." "It makes me fart." "Same." For my socially awkward self this was a great and predictable string of utterances that made me feel closer to my peers. Being kombucha-less makes me less gassy, sure, but also more lonely.

I want easy access to fizzy stinky fermented tea again!
-K.

Dear Critic,
As we head into the last week of the Olympic games I have to ask: Was it worth it? New Zealand has done fair at the games thus far, but should the games truly have been held this year? The gymnastics feel less special, feats of athleticism less athletic, the synchronised swimming less silly. So should it have been held? It is not my place to say. I will say this, however. If McDonalds does not bring back the McRib in another promotion I will jump off the Clock Tower. Sorry? Delta variant? What's that?

Yours sincerely,
A man missing the Maccas/Olympics partnership.

Dear Critic,
I was shocked to see the Albany Street carpark is now run by Wilson Parking. Not just because of the price increase, but because of their awful human rights record. Wilson Parking is owned by the Wilson Group, who run the refugee detention centres in Nauru and Manus Island. The Wilson Group whose guards sexually assaulted refugees (google it, it's true), who misled the Australian Parliament about the mistreatment of refugees, and lied about the extent that they were spying on an Australian Senator. Surely there's an ethical procurement policy that prohibits this?

Sincerely,
Can't drive - but still pissed off.

DB? All I wanted to drink was some BD after reading your sex issue.
xoxo
The stallion of workplace health and safety

Dear Critic,
Can we please stop apologising for the 2003 invasion of Iraq? Saddam Hussein was a genocidal dictator who used chemical weapons and waged aggressive wars against Iran and Kuwait. The low estimate of the innocent people killed by his regime is 250,000. I am proud that New Zealand under Helen Clark's leadership contributed to the overthrow, and eventual execution of Saddam Hussein and his regime. The only thing New Zealand's army has ever done wrong is that in recent conflicts we have not sent enough troops and the ones that we do send are mostly non-combat personnel. Defending milk is 10/10.

PS: Can libs stop staning dictatorships(esp. Palestine) because they hate the west? It's kinda cringe.

Kind regards,
Magnus Campbell

[Editor's response: I hope that boot tastes good.]

Throwing hands with Hooligan Hans
Hi Critic, just wanted to add something to Jack's letter to Critic last week that he missed because he is very obviously a fake-ass professor. He mentioned the 1936 'nazi af' games, but failed to mention the 1936 Barcelona games. The Barcelona PEOPLE'S Olympiad was devised to offer an alternative to the shitty german wank-fest, and was open to a much cooler variety of sports, and a range of abilities. Unfortunately it got nixed because, k'now there was a fascist coup like two weeks before it was due to start. Anyways, all I'm saying is that enjoying the Olympics, even slightly, means that you're on the wrong side of history. Cheers,

Dr. Shamus O'Reilly,
Department of History Mediation @ Vic Uni

Hi Critic
What's with all the people coughing in central Library? It sounds like an influenza ward in 1919, what with all the sneezing and spluttering. I'm calling the whole building out — Ya'll really can't wear a goddamn facemask? Sure people will look at you a lot more, but they'll look at you a lot BETTER than if you're just doing your thang spreading germs around the place. God forbid we have an outbreak of Delta, 'cas you fucks can't be trusted. Honestly. Yesterday the person sitting on the otherside of me at one of those divider-desks left all their used tissues sitting there when they left. Bitch please! Who died and made you in charge of ruining the cleaner's day?

Get it together, FFS

— Wants to drink cruisers not lemsip this weekend



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8PM
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Humans
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8PM / KOHA ENTRY

Tama
ZANZIBAR
5:30PM / FREE ENTRY

SATURDAY 07 AUGUST

Good Habits
INCH BAR
8PM / KOHA ENTRY

The Bo and Dean Duo
ZANZIBAR
8:30PM / FREE ENTRY

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Chaney
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9PM
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Editorial:

The Google game is the best part of the Olympics

By Erin Gourley

The Olympics are great. I love being distracted from my life by watching people who are more motivated than me and hotter than me do pointless tasks. But the Google game that they've created for the Olympics? It's even better than the real thing.

At first I was confused. It seemed like such a complicated thing Google created just to celebrate the Olympics, which happen every four years. Then I started playing it and I was converted.

Instead of watching athletes do pointless tasks, I get to do the pointless tasks. The tasks take the form of small Miniclip-style games, and you play them as a little cat. There's table tennis, marathon, artistic swimming, archery, climbing, skateboarding, and rugby. None of them really resemble those sports. The game doesn't have the same sex appeal as developing a crush on an obscure Croatian tennis player, but it does make me feel like I'm doing something with my life.

I joined Team Kappa, the green team, who are losing significantly on all the leaderboards and are criminally underrated. Please join Team Kappa and help us to boost our score. Fuck all the other teams.

In the game, you walk along little paths through different scenery to find the different 'gates' where you play to win a scroll. You can talk to lots of little side characters, who are also cute animals. The dialogue is funny. The game has no inventory, but the side characters make

references to that and break the fourth wall. Nice. I'm not sure how far it goes but there seems to be a lot of depth, things like secret beaches and eventually leaving the island (just like the best game ever invented, Sims 2 Castaway for PS2).

For no specific reason, the Olympics game reminds me of Neopets and brings me some kind of childhood nostalgic joy. There is no pressure and the games are easy enough that I managed to earn a scroll just by jamming the spacebar in table tennis. One of the games is literally just dancing to a banger of a song with the arrow keys. It bears no resemblance to the real sport of artistic swimming.

In comparison to the game, there are lots of problems with the actual Olympics. They're also really weird to think about. We just get these people who have been the best at this really specific skill, like shooting an arrow or running really fast, since they were ten years old, and we make them do that until they're about 30. And in the process, we get all of these people who are way too focused on one thing together, to see which country has the best collection of weirdly specific skills.

But it's fun, it's distracting, it's weirdly inspiring. Although not as much as this little game that Google has created.

Side note: It should be called Tokyo 2021. It's not 2020 anymore, babes.



"No Real Ethical Issues" to Having Jaws Clamped Shut, Said Otago Researchers

All the cool handmaids are doing it, I swear

By Denzel Chung

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The Otago-led research team behind the 'DentalSlim Diet Control Device', a magnetised jaw clamp that prevents people from eating solid food, claimed in their ethics committee application that their product would have "no real ethical issues" and presents "no significant risks" — claims accepted by the Ministry of Health's Health and Disability Ethics Committee (HDEC).

The ethics committee application form was made publicly available online after an Official Information Act request to the University of Otago was filed by Emma Joyce on the website FYI.org.nz. The University redacted the names of everyone involved in the approval and research of the project, apart from lead investigator Professor Paul Brunton, saying it was "necessary to protect employees of the University from ... improper pressure or harassment."

Prior to beginning the application, the project was approved by a Head of Department in the Faculty of Dentistry, who noted that "I support this study," and by a second University staff member, who called this "an interesting and potentially very useful study."

Asked to "provide a brief summary of the main ethical issues you believe your study may raise," the researchers responded that "There are no real ethical issues here," noting similar treatments have been provided before, "in the form of jaw wiring". The use of jaw wiring as a treatment for obesity was used until the 1980s, with researchers frequently finding weight gain once the device was removed, as well as significant decreases in quality of life during the period of treatment. Clinical psychologist Louise Adams told Critic Te Arohi: "Re-booting an invasive 'treatment' without any consideration or discussion of the harm done in the past is incredibly irresponsible."

The researchers further asserted that this study carried "no risks of stigmatisation of individuals or population groups," indicating that very few of them had ever tried to live life with their jaws magnetised shut. In their study, there were increases in the proportion of participants who reported feeling "tense," "embarrassed," and "self-conscious because of the device" — the researchers claimed this was mainly due to its size, and hoped to conduct future studies using a smaller version with "better aesthetics".

Dismissing potential risks and embarrassment in this way, says Louise, "reveals just how widespread weight bias has legitimised ever more invasive 'interventions' on people's bodies. The 'problem' of an obese body is assumed to be so bad, that potentially very dangerous, even fatal, (choking events) consequences were not even mentioned It is incredible that the authors do not consider either the existing status of larger people as highly stigmatised and do not consider their extreme device to contribute further to this."

Additionally, researchers' response to a question asking how the study would "contribute to reducing inequalities in health outcomes between different populations, and particularly between Māori, Pacific peoples and other New Zealanders" was also copy-pasted into a section about "whether and how the study may benefit Māori". As a result, in a question focusing on Māori, obesity rates among Pacific Islander adults were cited, in addition to those in people with "less education and lower socio-economic status, especially women".

This ethics application form was sent to the HDEC's Northern B Ethics Committee for review, which included a meeting with Professor Brunton by teleconference. The publicly available minutes from that meeting show only minor changes were requested by the Committee. Amendments

to some questions in the device questionnaire, the addition of a picture of the device to the participants' sign-up sheet and the clarification to participants that the costs of transport and liquid food would be paid for. There was no mention of any other potential ethical issues or risks.

Asked about whether the ethical approval process was rigorous enough, a Ministry of Health spokesperson responded: "The HDECs follow and apply very robust ethical standards, (this study) had been peer reviewed by appropriate experts, and underwent consultation with Māori. All participants gave informed consent to be in the study and could withdraw at any time prior to or during the planned study period. There were no reported adverse events in relation to participants. The committee reviews all study documentation which includes details on the risks involved in studies, and inclusion exclusion criteria, to minimise risks to participants.

The University of Otago told Critic Te Arohi that they were not directly involved in the ethics approval process, and could not directly comment on that. However, Professor Richard Blaikie, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Enterprise, said: "The University has confidence in the HDEC process for identifying ethical issues, which principally focus on research participants and their willingness to participate with clear understanding of what is involved and the potential benefits of the research."

While the DentalSlim seems like a silly experimental device that would be easy to dismiss, Louise says it has already caused serious harm: "Larger bodied clients of mine have reported feeling extremely traumatized ... it makes them feel 'hunted'. It sends a message to larger people that their basic human right to eat food is not respected, and that dystopian torture devices are seen as 'viable' by researchers and universities."

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Six60 Goes Landlord

Dunedin Icons Offer Housing, Scholarship for Performing Arts Students

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Six60 have bought their old flat and will be renting it out to Performing Arts students. The four new tenants each year will receive a \$10,000 scholarship and mentorship from the band.

Official numbers on rent weren't clear, but current tenants pay \$205 each per week. The flat is double-glazed with a nice fridge and six bedrooms. Two bedrooms will be converted into studios, meaning only four tenants will move in. This means two rooms for Six60 members to crash in when they come to town.

Critic Te Arohi attended the band's visit to the flat, which was packed with cameras and spectators. The front park area was strewn with broken glass and tins, and a red liquid had solidified on the inside wall. We found the band chilling on a couch in the front room. They told us that they were excited to "come back to relive our glory days, have another Flo-Week", and to "keep an eye posted for new things coming soon".

"We're trying to broaden our audience," said the band. Their current musical selection includes

"bongos, piano, flute, rap, and ukulele, with one man stuck in Australia on the harmonica and guitar, he's a double whammy. And we've got a new groove coming, called 'Forget Your Roots', watch out for it." It was at this point that we realized we were interviewing the current tenants and not the actual band Six60.

The boys currently residing at 660 Castle said that it felt "pretty weird" to be the last to sign the flat the traditional way, and that "we've gotta do it justice now." They said they had "no idea they were coming. Someone knocked on our door yesterday and was like 'you all ready for tomorrow? Six60 is coming?' and we were like oh sweet, that's good to know, better tidy up aye."

They were stoked at the opportunity, but forgot to sweep the front glass garden. "It didn't even cross my mind to clean," said one flatmate. "I didn't even get out of bed this morning."

Then the actual band rocked up. They talked about how stoked they were to be able to give back to the city and enable artistic pursuits, and then took

a walk around their new old property. Critic asked them if they knew what the red smear was on the inside wall. "Looked like blood," said the band. But it wasn't. Critic tasted it. It was tomato sauce.

Six60 told Critic that the buying up of Castle Street properties may not threaten the future of Dunedin culture. "This is sorta the beating heart," said Matiu, "and Dunedin is unique to other universities. It's a true student town. I can't imagine that going away."

"But who knows, man," he continued, "The Cook's gone. Gardie's is gone. So I could be wrong. I miss all those old watering holes." But any hints of doubt were overshadowed by a palpable excitement, as the boys in the band toured their old stomping ground.

Next year, four new tenants will inaugurate the new flat, and we look forward to seeing if their new landlords appear in the Tenancy Tribunal.



Free Scooters for Jobs

Neuron offers free rides to your appointment

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E-scooter operator Neuron announced that they will offer 10,000 \$10 vouchers to people wanting to scooter to their Covid-19 vaccination appointments. They're encouraging everyone eligible to take them up on the offer, including over-60s.

Beginning from July 30, people who have the Neuron app will be able to redeem a \$10 voucher for a return trip to their Covid-19 vaccination appointment at the vaccination centre, hospital or their GP. The primary vaccination centre in Dunedin right now is located at the ground floor of the Meridian Mall.

Zachary Wang, CEO of Singapore-based Neuron, said that "the COVID-19 pandemic is an ongoing challenge for governments around the world, including here in New Zealand. We know that increasing vaccination rates is an integral step

to stopping the spread and reducing the health, social and economic impacts of the virus in our community. Through this initiative, we want to provide greater access to safe transport options for every New Zealander who is eligible to get vaccinated."

When asked about how Neuron would verify that the voucher was being used to get to a vaccination appointment (instead of, for example, a trip down George Street in order to pick up some industrial cream-whipping equipment), a Neuron spokesperson said that people wanting to claim their \$10 will "need to fill out a short questionnaire which includes the location of your appointment." Which sounds impossible to falsify.

With almost all border workers vaccinated, as well as 75% of healthcare workers and people

living in high-risk places, the current focus of the Government's vaccination programme is on high-risk people and individuals over 60 years old. These are the only people eligible to sign up for a Covid-19 vaccination right now, and are therefore the only people allowed to be taking a joyride on Neuron's dime.

Asked about whether this promotion was aimed at seeing Pops and Nan cruising down to the Meridian on their e-scooters (or perhaps doing a little pas de deux on one scooter), the spokesperson simply said that: "Currently we are encouraging all people who are eligible to be vaccinated to make the most of this offer. This includes people over the age of 60 as well as high-risk public healthcare workers, carers, and at-risk people and groups."

Dunedin Hospital Doesn't Want to Watch Haywardians Shag

An unwanted window into the sex lives of freshers

By Fox Meyer
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The Paediatric wing of Dunedin Hospital has clear views into Hayward College. Disaster was inevitable.

A request from the Children's Unit at Dunedin Hospital called for Hayward residents to "please close your curtains," especially during "certain naked activities at night".

Professor Barry Taylor, Clinical Lead of Paediatrics, told Critic that "this was an informal message from a member of the Paediatric team

to protect the privacy of the Hayward College residents. It also served to ensure that "patients and their families do not inadvertently see any activities of the College residents." C'mon, kids. Grow up.

The announcement to College residents said that "parents and their five-year-old children can see far more than I'm sure you'd like." In retort, students claimed that they could see far more of the Paediatric wing than they'd like, and that "nobody wants to see health professionals

performing such caring and selfless acts for a child all the time, gross."

James Lindsay, Director of Campus and Collegiate Life Services, told Critic that "prior to being contacted by the Dunedin Health Board, this was not something we were aware of." Perhaps this means that this years' Haywardians are particularly horny or frotteuristic, or that this years' sick kids are particularly nimby.

We suspect the former.



Queer Space Finally Opens, Students Say It's "Pretty Cool"

Once again we can say "yes homo"

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The queer space officially opened on Friday 23 June, after a blessing. This was followed by a speech from OUSA President Michaela Waite-Harvey. The space is located on the second floor of the Union building, opposite the Terrace Lounge. It has a microwave, a mini-fridge covered with The Office stickers (which were added by the fridge's previous owner and not the Exec), a chalkboard wall covering up some feature wall experimentation, and a couch.

"This has been a long time coming and I'm really happy that we're finally able to open this space," Michaela said. "This space is for you to hang out, to have kai, to play games, to feel safe and secure in an area that is specifically for you." She thanked the University for providing the space and other Exec members for helping her to fit it out.

Queer and questioning students who want to access the queer space can fill out an online form, which is monitored by Campus Watch, who approve access to the space. The process can take up to five days according to the form, but Michaela said it's likely to be much faster in practice. After they are approved by Campus Watch, students can

access the space by swiping their student ID at the entrance.

Otago is now the second campus, after Auckland, to have a dedicated space for queer and questioning students, Michaela said. "We have a lot of safe spaces on campus, we have a women's room, we have a parent's room, and now we have a queer space."

Michaela and other Exec members of OUSA painted a feature wall, made up of brightly coloured triangles, in the Queer Space. Michaela also created a painting to hang in the space, depicting the love triangle in Māori legend between Tūtānekai, his male lover Tiki, and his female lover Hinemoa. She said it was really "special" to be able to show that artwork.

A student attendee at the opening said they were impressed. "I thought it would be a bit shit, because I was expecting them to shove it in a corner," they said. "But it's not shit at all, it's a lovely space, it has good vibes. They've really tried to make it into a space that people actually want to go." The only critique they had was that the fridge, which

is covered in stickers from The Office, was "quite hetty".

"I'm interested to see what it's used for, it might just be used to find dates," they said.

Another student said it was "pretty cool" and "not cringe". They would go there "especially if I couldn't find a space in the library", but said it would be good for queer people who wanted to make queer friends.

The queer space has been discussed by the OUSA Exec since 2018. The Welfare Officer in that year started trying to scout out appropriate locations for the space, but the location wasn't confirmed until late last year due to Covid delays. Early this year there were further delays because of renovation requirements for the space.

The queer space has a number of rules, including "no metal in the microwave" and not removing furniture.



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Trans Rights Picnic Dwarfs TERF Meeting

Not many people 'Speak Up For Women'

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The trans rights festival in protest of the Speak Up For Women (SUFW) meeting at the Dunedin Town Hall ended up dwarfing the original event, with around 350 attendees outside the Town Hall on Saturday 24 July. The Ōtepoti Festival for Trans Rights and Liberation, organised by Environmental Justice Ōtepoti, was a self-described "big 'ol picnic party".

Scout Barbour-Evans, speaking at the trans rights festival, said the protestors gathered "because this organisation [SUFW] has a longstanding history of fighting against transgender rights. Their talk today, 'Say No to Self-ID', that's actively campaigning against our rights."

The SUFW event was part of a campaign against a proposed law to allow trans and non-binary people to change their gender on their birth certificates more easily. Scout said that their campaign is "not going to change anything for women, it's not going to make life any better for women, but it is going to make life a hell of a lot more dangerous for us and trans folk around the country."

"We're here, we stand here because we love our transgender whānau and our non-binary whanau, our intersex whānau, we're here to show that outpouring of love," they said. "I am so grateful for every single person here who came to show that love to our whānau."

An attendee said that the event had a "wholesome solidarity vibe, with lots of dogs and cats and pets". They said that when SUFW exited their meeting "it became very clear that there were not actually many of them, around 30 people in the meeting," they estimated.

Ingrid Leary, Labour's electorate MP for Taieri, attended the trans rights festival. "I'm representing Labour values, which are that trans rights are human rights," she told Radio One. "It's important as an electorate MP to be here and to stand in solidarity with our trans community. I agree that people inside are able to have their free speech, however the people gathered here are making a statement as well. It is 2021 and I thought the conversation would have moved on by now."

No Aotearoa in Mustang World

Wax Mustang's globe backdrop appeared to leave out New Zealand

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Wax Mustang's Re-O performance featured a spinning globe backdrop, which appeared to be missing a certain eastern Australian state.

A Critic reporter attended the gig and spotted the apparent error. The globe was see-thru and rotating, so that you could see the continents facing you as well as the backsides of the ones facing away from you. Like it was a glass

globe with the continents painted on. But more geometric and Matrix-y.

According to our man in the froth, "it was pretty tough to tell, because the Southern latitudes that we call home were right about at the level of the DJ's table. But as it spun, I kept trying to get a look, and couldn't spot anything off of the Australian coast. Either that, or I really don't know where we are on the map."

A Radio One employee and a further Critic staff member corroborated the reports. Video evidence from the night is shaky and blurry, but does not appear to show our islands on the map. But honestly, it's pretty hard to tell, and it doesn't seem like anyone else noticed anyway.

"Mustang World" has 524,424 listens on Spotify, mostly from New Zealand, which it apparently does not include. Wax was not contacted for clarification.



Medical Extension Rules Debated

Requirements for extension changed at Victoria, may change at Otago

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A new policy is being discussed that would enable students to have up to a week-long extension without presenting a medical certificate, a source from a faculty meeting at Victoria University revealed to Critic.

It's not unusual to see Student Health waitlists look like the Night 'n Day queue on a Tuesday evening, particularly during key assessment periods. However, the heroes at the Regent checkouts aren't the ones we're looking to for advice on how to manage these waitlists.

Extensions of up to a week currently require medical documentation to be granted, but this new policy would make that extension grantable by the course coordinator's discretion. Students would no longer need to queue at Student Health in order to receive such documentation. This was done at Vic with the intention of reducing pressure on Mauri Ora (Victoria's student health service).

The implementation of the policy at Vic is in its infancy. A representative from VUWSA acknowledged that under COVID provisions, leniency from lecturers regarding extensions is often adopted, however: "Under the normal rules it creates ridiculous demand on Mauri Ora and Disability Services. This drives up demand for both of these services around assignment submission time, rather than across the seasons." Our source from the meeting reports that the delay is due to the "movement com[ing] from the lecturers up" rather than being carried out by upper management, the lecturers are "so bogged down" they lack time to press the issue.

Critic inquired as to whether Otago would consider enacting a similar policy. The Acting Vice-Chancellor asserted that they are "mindful" of potentially overburdening Student Health Services during the pandemic and are "actively encouraging" students to stay home when ill.

One student we asked reported otherwise. Having contracted a "triple respiratory infection", they were required to sit a catch up [lab] within five days of their missed lab. "I really shouldn't have gone in but I had to ... I had the mask on and I was coughing really hard because I had bronchitis and really bad bronchitis. And laryngitis! And sinusitis!"

The current state of the extension policy, as published in online policy documents, is that students must apply in writing, in a timely fashion, and is only explicitly required for extensions exceeding five days. The Vice-Chancellor said that staff had been told to request statements from sources outside of Student Health, but still within the University, such as academics or College staff members.

Online Mental Health Project set to Launch

E-health apps to sync with Pokemon Go to encourage 'going outside' and having fun'

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The Uni is set to roll out a 'Caring Universities Aotearoa' project sometime within the next couple of weeks. The project aims to improve the mental health of University students, and involves the provision of e-health apps.

The e-health apps will provide access to online cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) courses. CBT focuses on changing cognitive distortions, improving emotional regulation, and developing personal coping strategies to target solving current problems.

As users complete the e-therapy, a 'coach' will work alongside them, making comments on their progress and guiding the user through the course.

These 'coaches' will be clinical psychology trainee students and psychiatric registrars, and users will have the option to choose their coach themselves based on bios that will be provided.

Elijah, a third-year, said that online therapy was "bullshit, because it avoids any structural changes having to be made to capitalism its ensuing environmental degradation that affects us all." He said that while traditional therapy did not address the structural failings of capitalism, "it helps you be better able to address them."

He gave no further explanation besides the intentionally "deep" statement "you feel less like a

submarine at the bottom of the Marianas Trench. Less crushed by the pressure."

The Caring University project is currently underway in the Netherlands. Other universities in other countries offer a range of other types of e-health programmes too.

The courses run for about 6-8 weeks and are meant to be starting up in the near future. The courses will also be offered to all the incoming first-year students in March of next year.

Future app updates may include the ability to order a psychiatrist on Uber Eats.

Taco Bell Coming to Dunedin

Facebook comments get spicier than their hot sauce

By Fox Meyer
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Taco Bell is opening a store here. It will be New Zealand's second Taco Bell, following the one in Christchurch, which opened earlier this year.

Critic drove to Christchurch over the weekend to scope it out, in anticipation of Dunedin's newest fast food joint. We specifically sent our most American reporter to review this familiar scene.

"Honestly, it's the most I've felt at home since leaving America," he said, with a mouth full of refried beans. "I'm stoked. I'm so stoked. I didn't expect this to make me as happy as it is. I can't wait for it to open in Dunedin."

Taco Bell will be filling the niche of Tex-Mex fast food, a niche that Dunedin has traditionally left wide-open. "Not that it's good Mexican," clarified our tame American, "but fuck me if it doesn't hit the spot." He recommended the Diablo sauce, and said that the employees "technically have to give you as many sauce packets as possible, if you ask for that."

Menu items include burritos, "Mexican Fries", the "Cheesy Gordita Crunch", and the "Crunchwrap Supreme", which our reporter described as "the pinnacle of fast food, an item so inexplicably well-conceived and audaciously executed that it must be experienced to be understood."

Comments on our Facebook post got heated. "Yuck, get American crap food out of our towns," said Ruby, apparently unaware of the Kentucky Fried Chicken just down the street. Tim called her "stupid as fuck". When Henry said "Don't eat it then, if someone said 'keep that Japanese crap out of our town' it would sound unreasonable", Ryan said "I'm american and I think you're being a total fucking loser [sic]."

The brand plans to open 25 locations by 2024, and this newest location will be in the old Coupland's Bakery on Great King. It will be open until 11pm every day except Friday and Saturday, when it will be open until midnight. Toilet paper sales are expected to increase.



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DCC Proposal Would Re-Route SH1

Morning mouthful of sheep shit no longer unavoidable, but still an option

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By Sean Gourley

In a new plan, the Dunedin City Council will divert traffic from the one-way systems and increase pedestrian access to the Uni.

According to the DCC, the 'Harbour Arterial Project' should reduce pressure on the one-way systems. A spokesperson said that "as part of the Shaping Dunedin Future transport project ... this project will divert more vehicles away from the central city before returning them to the State Highway network further north."

The first stage of the plan, which should be completed by May 2022 aims to "improve safety and accessibility for vehicles travelling through the Harbour Basin area," and "make the area safer for

cyclists and pedestrians by widening some of the shared paths and providing better crossings. There will also be new footpaths, traffic islands, traffic signals and landscaping."

The second stage focuses on further improving harbour infrastructure to take pressure off the new hospital and should be completed by 2026. The third stage will include an extensive subterranean tunnel network, complete with sex dungeons and wine cellars. Funding has yet to be acquired for this third stage, which students described as "the most exciting bit".

Students interviewed by Critic viewed the changes positively. Tim said that the traffic being so close to Uni "is a bit annoying, especially when the stock

trucks come through." The noise generated also causes problems for those flatting nearby. Sophie, a student who lives on Cumberland Street, was also enthusiastic. She said that "sometimes the trucks cause enough shaking to knock things like deodorant cans over ... If the trucks can get around another way that would be really good."

Trucking companies and unions contacted by Critic did not respond to questions about the inconvenience that the current roading system creates for truck drivers. Sheep, again, commented that "any delay on our route to our place of final slaughter would be greatly appreciated. We fully support this project to extend our life spans however possible, and by whatever meagre margin."

ODT Watch

“Wine is liquid geography.

Geography students enthusiastically agree.

Additionally, the Strong Wool Action Group (SWAG) announced it was jointly funding Wool Source’s market engagement alongside WRONZ.

Do you think the Strong Wool Action Group are aware how funny their abbreviation is? Was it intentional? WRONZ seem so weak in comparison.

ALLEGED racist and xenophobic comments targeting Tourism Waitaki staff over the “Sweet Spot of New Zealand” campaign have been reported to police.

What the fuck, stick to roasting Oamaru for steampunk like the rest of us.

Cavalier accused of ‘demonising’ carpets

Carpets are a hotbed of sin, so this is correct.

“You have to always keep trying. If you don’t keep inventing you won’t beat anyone because they are so clever up there [in Auckland],” Mr Danielson said.

The first time that anyone has complimented Aucklanders in the ODT.

Mr Bezos similarly posted on Instagram: “Ever since I was 5 years old, I’ve dreamed of travelling to space.”

I like that they call Jeff Bezos “Mr Bezos” as if he’s a real guy who might just pop into their offices one day.



We get it, the people at the Olympics are hot.

Ah, dome sweet dome

If you sent me an article about glamping domes and asked what the ODT would title it, this is exactly what I would guess.

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UOPISA PRESIDENT Melissa Lama

The good, the bad and the ugly behind academic grades.

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Bula Vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Fakatalofa atu, Kia orana, Mālō e lelei, Mālō nī, Mauri and warm Pacific greetings.

We are now into the full swing of semester 2 and I wanted to pop in and send my congratulations for getting to this point. Well done to those who got the grades or reach the goals they intended for semester 1. But, equally I wanted to give acknowledgment and thought to those who may not have received the grades and results they intended to have.

I am no stranger to failure and disappointment went it comes to academic grades (tbh ask my mum she would expose other areas in my life where I have done this LOL), and as embarrassing

as it may seem to say that out openly. I know that academic grades are not a true reflection of who you are in this space and the potential you have to do wonders in your future professions.

So, I say live in this moment of discomfort and embrace the learnings/growth you will have from this shit experience. Wipe your slate clean and go into semester 2 with the attitude that your comeback will be stronger than anything your markers have seen before.

A cheesy quote that I believe that has got me through some tough times, is that “your current situation, is not your final destination”.

Yours truly,
UOPISA President and HYPE QUEEN.

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WEEK 16 CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: Across: 1. Get off 3. Confuses 8. Cock 9. Bond 10. Tam 11. Mayhem 12. Pricey 13. Noel 15. Cockpit 17. Verb 20. Phoebe 22. Albino 24. Ant 25. Aloe 26. Stay 27. Senorita 28. Go down

DOWN: Down: 2. Tacky 4. Order 5. Forecast 6. Sixty-nine 7. Seamen 8. Cumin 9. Bamboo 12. Package 14. Exception 15. Coworker 16. Insane 18. Booty 19. Uranus 21. Boast 23. Intro

WORDWHEEL ANSWER: Cockpit

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- ACROSS:

1. Animal (8)

6. National song (6)

9. Act (7)

10. 'Sugar' in te reo Māori (4)

11. Soaked (6)

12. Leaning Tower of ____ (4)

14. Song line (5)

16. Extinct flightless bird (4)

18. Event that marks the start of the Olympics (7,8)
- DOWN:

2. Native coniferous tree (4)

3. Animal similar to a llama (6)

4. Helpful (6)

5. Keeps your bed warm (8,7)

6. Condition caused by HIV (4)

7. Exchanged (6)

8. Mythological mountain home of the Greek gods (5,7)

10. Hippo (12)

13. Type of vegetable, also a person from Sweden (5)

20. Sign, portent (4)

22. Country represented by a red dragon on a white and green background (5)

24. Rugby position (4)

25. Capital of Greece (6)

27. Concludes (4)

29. The Sprint Nationals for this sport were held at Lake Karapiro this year (4,3)

30. Serious (6)

31. One English translation of 'taonga'(8)
15. If someone has no pulse and is not breathing you should perform ____ (3)

17. Scent, smell (5)

19. Acronym for an Australian State (3)

21. Used for knitting and sewing (6)

23. Cookie Monster's street (6)

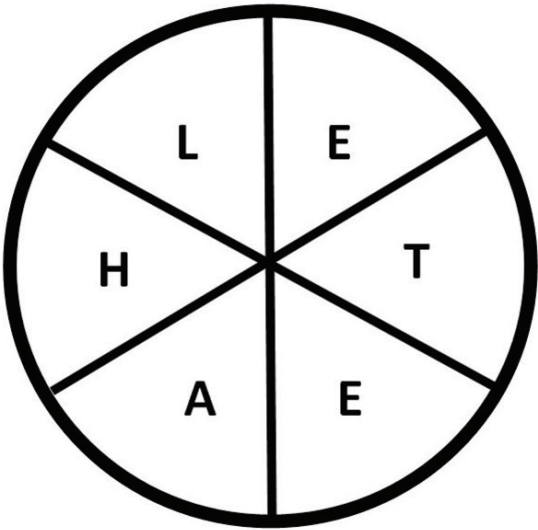
24. Begs (6)

26. Long-necked water bird (4)

28. A baby version of this animal is called a fawn (4)



WORD WHEEL



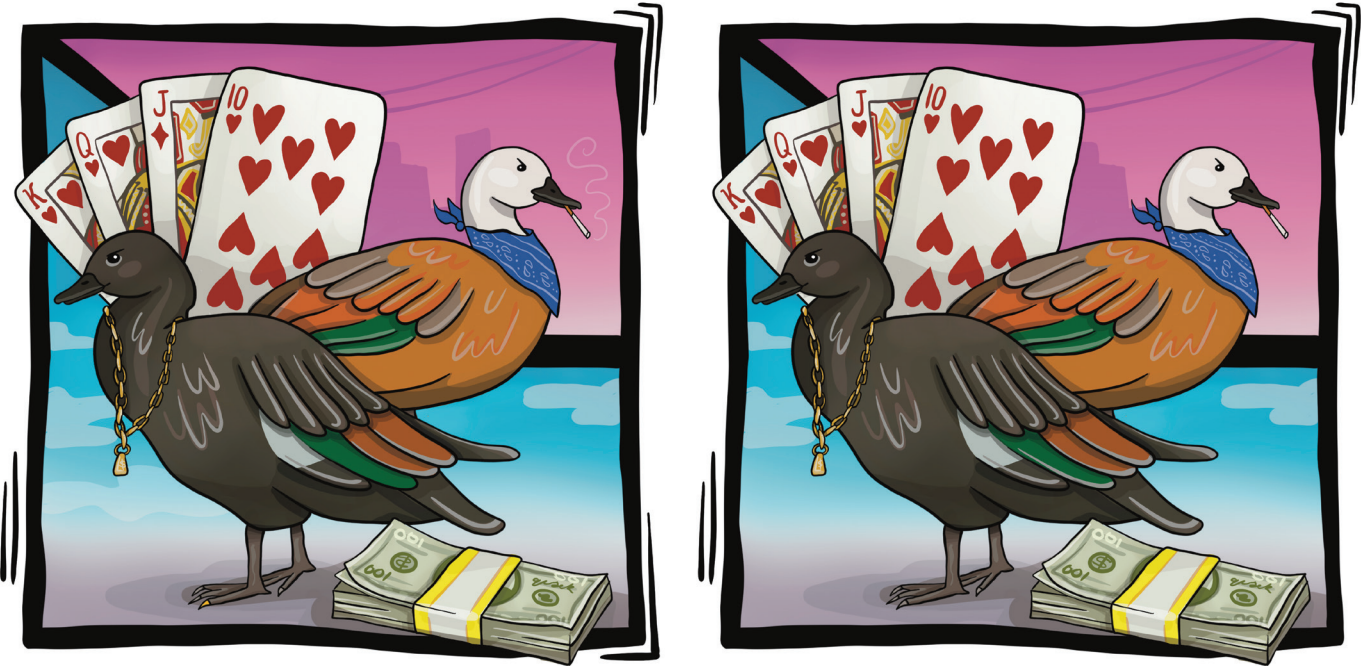
Insert the missing letter to find the word that runs either clockwise or anti-clockwise around the wheel.

MAZE



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

There are 10 differences between these images.



THE FIGHT FOR 'FAIRNESS'

HOW AN OTAGO STUDY IS ENABLING TRANSPHOBIA IN MEDIA AND SPORTS

BY ELLIOT WEIR

We rely on science to have our back when it comes to contentious issues, but it can be politicised by groups to spread fear and misinformation. A 2019 publication by researchers from Otago has been politicised in exactly that way.

Trans people face an uphill battle, both legally and socially, in many parts of society. The crossroads of sports, science, and media is certainly no exception. In the past week, the Tokyo Olympic Games began and an anti-trans group, Speak Up For Women, held a public event at a DCC venue. Both events have become sites for transphobia and moral panic supposedly about 'protecting women' or 'free speech', particularly targeting trans women athletes. The end result is an increase in hate directed towards the trans community.

Across the board there are 211 kiwi athletes competing at the Olympic Games, many of whom will be medal contenders. One of those promising athletes is Laurel Hubbard, a Kiwi weightlifter set to be the first openly transgender athlete to compete in the Olympics.

The announcement was mired by transphobic reactions, ranging from well-meaning but ignorant to violent and dangerous. To focus on one media outlet, Newshub published numerous articles that featured opponents of Laurel Hubbard's inclusion in the New Zealand Olympic Squad, uncritically relying on their arguments for the bulk of these pieces. They reported on Judith Collins calling for "honest conversation" about trans women

in sports, Piers Morgan "blasting" Laurel Hubbard's selection, and the views of anti-trans group Save Women's Sport Australasia.

Almost a third of the articles published in the United Kingdom on the day of Laurel Hubbard's inclusion in the squad deliberately dead-named Hubbard, according to an analysis in the Gender and Language Journal. This ignores media guidelines and basic human decency, and actively causes harm in trans communities. As AUT senior lecturer and trans martial artist Lexie Matheson ONZM told David Farrier at webworm.co: "It's pretty shitty in the cyber world for us right now. Nothing new."

Whether out of bad faith or sheer stupidity, anti-trans groups misuse genuine scientific discussion to provide cover for hate. And when there are flaws in the science being published, it makes it even worse. Much of the rhetoric emerging from anti-trans groups nationwide and across the globe is simply not worth engaging with. But since so many Kiwis have now heard these ideas from friends, family, the media, and the dark depths of Facebook comment sections, it's worth debunking some of the more popular ideas,

"Transgender weightlifter Laurel Hubbard might have 'unfair advantage' - expert" is the headline of a widely-read Newshub article from 2018. No author is listed. But the article quotes Otago Professor Alison Heather as the expert referred to in the headline. Similar articles could be found on RadioLive and Stuff.

The following year, Professor Heather co-authored the essay "Transwomen in elite sport: scientific and ethical considerations" with Dr Taryn Knox and Associate Professor Lynley Anderson from Otago's Bioethics Centre. The essay was published in the Journal of Medical Ethics. It concluded "the advantage to transwomen afforded by the IOC guidelines is an intolerable unfairness" and provided apparent scientific backing to the claims of unfairness made in the media.

When asked for comment on whether this idea was harmful, the researchers told Critic that "to reject the idea [of trans women having an advantage] based on ideology alone (rather than empirical evidence) would be harmful to elite ciswomen athletes". They also said that "name-calling (TERF, transphobic etc.) is not helpful and shuts down conversation", despite none of our inquiries using these words or making similar claims.

Their essay defines fairness as "the idea that all athletes must begin from roughly the same starting point". Presumably, the "starting point" is intended to mean the external or physical features of the athletes. This definition is absurd. Basketball players Chris Clemons (1.75m) and Shaquille O'Neal (2.16m) clearly aren't coming from "roughly the same starting point," but nobody is complaining about how it's unfair that Shaq is so tall. No-one is proposing chemically altering Shaq's height so that there's a more level playing field.

The rules of the sport define the arbitrary obstacles athletes have to overcome, which is why you can't punch someone in a game of rugby, or use a ladder to help you slam dunk in a game of basketball. Using a ladder wouldn't be fair, because it breaks the rules. Laurel Hubbard competing is fair under the Olympic rules. But that's not to say these rules are right or ethical. In fact, these testosterone limits are arbitrarily prohibitive — and demonstrate that fairness is hard to meaningfully define. Any argument relying on 'fairness' should be met with skepticism.

Sport is also, by nature, competitive. Athletes attempt to beat their competitors, and to beat them you need, well, an advantage. It may be your genetics. It may also be the equipment you use, it may be the amount of hours you put into training, or it may be the sheer grit and willpower you exert when you compete. Every athlete

who has received a medal at the Olympics has had an advantage. The underlying claim in Anderson and Knox's essay is that trans women have some kind of unnatural and insurmountable advantage over cisgender (i.e. not transgender) women. This isn't true.

The 'Transwomen in elite sport' essay also claims that high testosterone levels provide "an all-purpose benefit in sport." This is consistent with the position of the International Amateur Athletic Federation [IAAF] (the international governing body for athletics, known since 2019 as World Athletics), that women with testosterone over a certain threshold have an "insuperable advantage" over women with lower testosterone levels. But many researchers have criticised the IAAF's conclusions, their methodologies, and the data itself. The New York Times reported in 2018 that three different independent researchers called out problems with the data. An independent review in 2019 identified "significant flaws in the data used by IAAF leading to unreliable results."

An important note: When we write about testosterone levels, we're talking about endogenous testosterone, i.e. the testosterone already in your body. Exogenous testosterone, i.e. what you might inject in yourself if you were doping, would definitely give you an advantage and is banned. The reason exogenous testosterone gives you an advantage is because it would increase your testosterone past your personal usual level. The amount of endogenous testosterone your body has to start with is largely irrelevant.

Both cis and trans women with endogenous testosterone above the levels set by the IOC and IAAF are banned from competing, despite there being extremely little evidence to justify discriminating based on these levels. And when someone like Laurel Hubbard manages to qualify with testosterone levels below these arbitrary thresholds, she's still faced with people bemoaning an "unfair advantage".

The 'Transwomen in elite sport' essay relies on the argument that because testosterone is an important hormone in lots of bodily processes, and these processes are key to athletic performance, higher testosterone levels must therefore lead to better athletic performance. It first explains how testosterone is key to bodily processes (like the cardiovascular and

Neither of the comparisons are the same as comparing trans women to cis women. Even if they were valid comparisons, the studies do not draw the conclusions anti-trans groups often claim.

respiratory system), then discusses how the same processes underpin competitive factors like strength, speed, and recovery. Just because testosterone is involved in these bodily processes, and these bodily processes are important in sports performance, it does not automatically follow that more testosterone causes better performance.

In a response to Critic, the researchers provided five scientific papers to back up their claim, only two of which were cited in their original essay. Some of the research they forwarded looked at exogenous testosterone (e.g. doping), rather than endogenous testosterone. None of the forwarded research showed a causal relationship between endogenous testosterone and athletic performance. Even if it did, the authors ignore the many peer-reviewed studies that show no such relationship.

When anti-trans groups do use scientific research, the research usually compares women with high endogenous testosterone to women with low endogenous testosterone, regardless of whether they are cisgender or transgender. Other research compares cis men with cis women. Neither of the comparisons are the same as comparing trans women to cis women. Even if they were valid comparisons, the studies do not draw the conclusions anti-trans groups often claim.

Dr Veronica Ivy, an athletes' rights' expert, found that the "unpredictable and unreliable" 2-3% advantage seen in women with high levels of endogenous testosterone was "not enough to justify the discriminatory policies

of placing upper limits on women's testosterone" that currently exist under IAAF World Athletics guidelines. A review by Sonksen et al found no correlation between endogenous testosterone and sports performance.

The second assertion made by 'Transwomen in elite sport' is that trans women with testosterone levels under 10 nmol/L for 1 year retain the performance advantage of "their former male physiology." Most of this argument relies on the first assertion being true, though, the researchers did justify the claim that bone density did not significantly decrease after hormone replacement therapy, suggesting trans women may have stronger bones than cis women (although they again did not cite a study showing this). This would likely mean faster recoveries from injuries for trans women. So, both the key assertions made by Otago researchers in 'Transwomen in elite sport' are flawed, but that hasn't stopped the study spreading through the media.

Another popular argument against transgender people competing with athletes of the same gender is that sports should be separated by biological sex at birth, rather than gender. To separate sports by sex is to ignore a portion of the global population similar in size to those with red hair. Imagine just pretending gingers didn't exist. It would be pretty funny, but absurdly unrealistic. A 2000 study by Melanie Blackless concluded that up to 2% of the population can be considered intersex. This means their chromosomes, genitals, or secondary sex characteristics like muscles and hair, "do not fit typical binary notions of male or female bodies."

Ending the binary split between male and female in elite sports could be more inclusive for non-binary and gender diverse people.

While we may believe that our physical condition differs demonstrably based on our sex at birth, and that those differences provide advantages in sports, Dr Ivy argues that "there is no clear biological list of features that allow us to even remotely cleanly separate men from women." Whether it is testosterone levels, height, weight, or any other physical characteristics, there is no clear, complete, and categorical statistical difference between men and women. For example, the difference between the lightest and heaviest female rugby players in a game can easily be 50kgs, and the difference in average weights between male and female rugby players is less than 20kgs.

Why do we even split elite sports by such arbitrary categories then? Should we just get rid of the gender binary altogether? Ending the binary split between male and female in elite sports could be more inclusive for non-binary and gender diverse people.

Axing the gender binary in sport is the solution 'Transwomen in elite sport' came to, after arguing that trans women have an unfair advantage over cis women. However, the proposed solution in the essay is unrealistic and vaguely dystopian. (The researchers disagree, saying "this could be very realistic", citing the "complex process of categorisation" at the Paralympics as an example.)

The solution in the essay involves creating competitive classes based on an algorithm that would take into account social parameters (such as socioeconomic status) and bodily parameters (such as size, haemoglobin levels, and testosterone levels).

An algorithm that accurately and fairly incorporates all of these components would be a huge task, marred with human bias and imbalance. Basically, it's not realistic.

Unfortunately, that helps anti-trans groups because it means they can ignore the solution and just spread the other conclusion the researchers reached, that trans women have an advantage over cis women.

If anti-trans groups, which often masquerade as feminist or as existing out of concern for women's rights, were truly and primarily concerned about fairness and women's sports, then they would be discussing the lower pay, discriminatory dress codes (like the recent Norwegian Beach Handball team faced), and rules that lead to women (both trans and cis) being banned from competing due to naturally high testosterone levels. On multiple occasions, athletes such as Annet Negesa, have been subjected to medical treatment without their consent to adjust their natural testosterone levels.

There is little outcry from anti-trans groups about these issues because their intentions aren't to make sports better for women— they're to scare the public and incite transphobia. Transphobia is not backed up by science, it's backed up by emotions, specifically (unjustified and unrealistic) fear. But scientists can unintentionally enable these groups further.

Truly listening to the science would dictate that, until we move past a gender binary in elite sport, we should allow everyone to compete in their respective genders and leave trans people alone for once.

campus Smackdown

Rating the best places on campus to throw hands

BY RUNZE LIU

Do you live in a society that places unhealthy and unrealistic expectations of masculinity upon you? Are you torn between the increasing pressure to be emotionally articulate and in touch with your feelings, in a context where men are only valued for their achievements and ability to assert dominance over others? Maybe you're a woman trying to find a way through a misogynistic world by making patriarchal conditioning work for you? Anyways, whatever your situation, we've got you covered with a guide to the premium places to Super Smash Bros your enemies on campus.

shadow people statues (i genuinely do not know what they're called)

Consider this your training stage. In order to fight on campus, you need to know how to fight the campus. And there's no better place than the more-than-human-sized statues between Richardson and Mellor labs. These provide an excellent combat simulation, with many different attackers at most possible vantage points to help build your quick wits and flexibility. However, the statues' ability to train your punching strength is limited unless you're willing to scream out in pain and head to the ED with a fractured fist. Specific attack moves include using proper protective equipment (helmet, shin guards, knee guards, elbow guards, and wrist guards), kick flips, and concussion.

Attack advantage: 5/10 (tutorial)

Law enforcement: 1/10 (no crime committed by your puny human body)

Audience: 2/10 (others may walk past with funny looks)

Aggressive energy: 7/10 (will increase your peak energy stores)

table tennis tables in the link

This is the only place on campus where any form of physical activity is actively endorsed. The equipment on offer, ping-pong paddles, can be a deadly melee tool or a long-range weapon, if a game doesn't go in your favour. The table offers a stage for the champion. You can find refreshing sustenance in the vending machines, and there is seating all around for observers. Specific attack moves include ping-pong-balling people from afar and net-slingshotting, where you use the table nets as a slingshot for massive objects or a high volume of balls.

Attack advantage: 7.6/10 (weapons at your disposal)

Law enforcement: 0/10 (AskOtago doesn't count)

Audience: 8/10 (usually populated)

Aggressive energy: 5/10 (hate the player, not the game)



ST DAVID'S LECTURE THEATRE

There's a high likelihood that this is a fresher fight, located at the heart of health sci and 100-level papers. Anyone older than third year should not be present in any combat situation. There's enough open space, incline, and obstacles to make for a challenging fight, but any form of combat will rely on brute force more than any strategy. Significant boosts of energy, outside of ATP and calcium binding to your actin and myosin, are unlikely. Specific attack moves include stealing your opponent's notes and using the phrase "you're not getting into med."

- Attack advantage:** 0/10 (no effective melee weapons available)
- Audience:** 100/10 (lots of freshers)
- Law enforcement:** 9.8/10 (campus watch HQ nearby)
- Aggressive energy:** 7/10 (pent up HSFY stress)



Union Lawn



The lawn is a very tranquil location under the shade of the trees and protection of mother nature. You can climb a tree for a bird's eye view of your attackers or as an escape route. Any attack will be witnessed by a flock of nesting birds, chirping their chants, insults, and avian TAB bets on human competition. The Bills will either support you or attack you, adding an element of chaos to the mix.

Depending on precipitation, mud wrestling can be a viable option given its high damage per second and likelihood of slipping. Other attack moves include normal wrestling, double footing, and egging from above.

- Attack advantage:** 3/10 (use the trees to your advantage)
- Audience:** 5/10 (Critic and Radio One staff may look on from above)
- Law enforcement:** 1/10 (average)
- Aggressive energy:** 6/10 (high school bullrush vibes)

TOP OF THE CLOCKTOWER

The trick here is to start at exactly 12pm for vibrative and auditory assistance from the soothing boings of the Great Bell. Your fight will be visible for all in Dunedin to witness with binoculars or satellite imagery. But the elevation means that wind resistance, low atmospheric temperature and hypoxia risk may inhibit performance. An excellent method for a quick resolution involves grabbing your opponents' belt and throwing them out of the combat area, like in Sumo. Other specific attack moves include parachuting and using the hour hand of the clock itself as a melee weapon.

- Attack advantage:** 6.4/10 (if you can keep your balance)
- Audience:** 128,800/10
- Rule of Law:** 0/10 (what's Campus Watch gonna do, go up all those stairs?)
- Aggressive energy:** 0/10 (hypoxic coma)



Leith River

You can splash your opponent with water. That being said, the Leith might have contamination issues that limits human activity, and I don't think anyone really wants to know how much Lime battery juice is still lingering around. Splashing your opponent might violate the Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Act 1996 if water contact occurs. If you stay in the water for long enough, some fish might help you out. But the likelihood of that is lower than the likelihood that E. coli in the water will give you gastro or a UTI. Specific attack moves include motorboating, fishhooking, and throwing down a Neuron from the bridge.

- Attack advantage:** 9/10 (HAZCHEM)
- Audience:** 1,174cfu of E. coli / 100mL (4.5 times over the normal limit)
- Law enforcement:** 11/10 (violates international law)
- Aggressive energy:** 4°C/10



PROCTOR'S OFFICE

An excellent place to witness the Proctor in action against student misconduct. It's cosy and efficient, making it excellent for close-up unarmed combat. This also means that any conflict, both verbal and physical, will be resolved with an iron fist. The proctor himself, with his Proctorial Justice League and security cameras, can record everything accurately for slo-mo replays. He can raise the stakes of any fight, with a thorough investigation and potential exclusion from the Uni. Specific attack moves include headbutting, apologising, and packing your bags.

- Attack advantage:** 10/10 (weapons not needed)
- Audience:** 10/10 (the man himself)
- Rule of Law:** infinity/10 (haha Code of Conduct go brrrr)
- Aggressive energy:** 10/10 (the force of the law)





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JUDGING A BOOK BY IT'S COVER:

WHAT DOES YOUR SEARCH HISTORY SAY ABOUT YOU?

By Fox Meyer



Critic collected eight stranger’s search histories and psychoanalyzed them, using an expert Geology student, to predict who searched for what. Then we checked the correct answers. Here’s how we did:

(Our speculation on the left, correct answers on the right)

Search YouTube	
medieval dolly parton	
goose honking sound	
jacob takes off hs shirt	
club penguin music nightclub	
coffee shop club penguin music	
female kiwi call	
hihi call	
c;ub penguin had a ad day	
c;ub penguin amv	
stacey's dad	
naruto sasuke kiss	
club penguin ban 24 hour	

Looks like this person isn’t from around here, and online throwbacks are the only way they know how to connect with their peers. Based on the high rates of spelling mistakes, this person probably only uses YouTube on the piss, specifically to reminisce with friends. There’s a big nostalgia factor here, and it appears that this person is mentally stuck at the age of 15, potentially due to trauma. The “Medieval Dolly Parton” bit is really making this difficult, especially because it’s spelled correctly and therefore was a sober Google. The horny Twilight and Naruto searches indicate a Wattpad fanfic writer, who may be very into tentacle porn. Probably listens to The Smiths.

- Drinks: Long Island Iced Teas

Studies: Zoology

Demographic: Female, 22 years old, from UK or Australia

Lives: North East Valley

Sex position: Whatever makes the guy happy

Occupation: New World Clerk by day, OnlyFans by night
- Drinks: Smirnoff Cranberry Goons (specifically for UTIs)

Studies: Science Communication

Demographic: Female, 23, from UK

Lives: In town

Sex position: Whatever makes the guy happy

Occupation: Mortician's assistant

Search YouTube	
how to sew a trucker hat	
bob ross	
graffiti tutorial	
woman who looks like buzz lightyear	
asmr art restoration	
the cave kenny beats	
hot ones	
banksy	
ashlad in the hall of the mountain king	
crochet a hat for a cat	
maneskin i wanna be your slave	
i want a double cheeseburger and hold the lettuce	

Has a cat, cat needs a hat, not sure what else to say besides that. Definitely artsy, possibly an older student, probably with a cat. Based on the Maneskin searches, they clearly either watched Eurovision or use Tik Tok, so they can’t be too old. Or maybe they’re just European. Absolutely clueless as to what the “Woman who looks like Buzz Lightyear” bit is supposed to indicate, but it’s worth a Google. The search history hints at someone who is art-focused, in their mid-twenties, with a good understanding of memes and a Tik Tok presence.

- Drinks: Nice gin and cheap beer

Studies: English, but wishes she went to art school

Demographic: 25-year-old woman, from Wellington

Lives: South D

Sex position: Cowgirl

Occupation: Unemployed
- Drinks: Double Brown or Jaeger

Studies: Design

Demographic: 23, female, Timaru

Lives: City Rise

Sex position: Doggy

Occupation: Designer, but also Bogan

< Search YouTube	🔍
🕒 30 minute cardio workout	↶
🕒 40 minute cardio workout popsugar	↶
🕒 40 minute cardio workout popsugar standing	↶
🕒 40 minute cardio workout	↶
🕒 stretches for lower back pain	↶
🕒 friends trailer	↶
🕒 inscosal injection	↶
🕒 greater palatine nerve block	↶
🕒 arches armando	↶
🕒 embryological development	↶
🕒 dance moms full episode	↶
🕒 paltal development	↶

Okay, so, after some Googling, we can be pretty sure that this is a dentist. And evidently, one with some lower back pain. The “Serein Wu facial” is just a two-hour montage of someone else getting a face massage, and the combination of “Friends Trailer” and “Dance Moms” is just about the lamest thing you could search for on YouTube. Looks like a woman’s interests. The best part of this whole thing, though, is that it looks like she spent so long looking for a 40-minute cardio routine that she had to change course and search for a 30-minute one instead because she didn’t have enough time for the full workout.

Drinks: Sparkling Seltzers

Studies: Dentistry

Demographic: 19-year old girl from Christchurch

Lives: In a hall

Sex position: Virgin

Occupation: Personal Trainer

Drinks: Wines of all variety



Studies: Dental surgery

Demographic: 20, female, Christchurch

Lives: Studentville Flat

Sex Position: Missionary

Occupation: Receptionist

 search...	
🕒 state highway 1 dunedin bypass	↶
🕒 cooking bacon.in.oven	↶
🕒 university of otago flats	↶
🕒 find cannonball hitman	↶
🕒 shark tale	↶
🕒 sarah connor terminator	↶
🕒 sarah palin	↶
🕒 female celebrities starting with.s	↶
🕒 just another fisherman	↶
🕒 chinese newspapers	↶

Hmm, not a lot to go off of here. The cannonball search is from a video game, so we’re going ‘male’ on this one. Potentially someone with an oil burn from cooking bacon, because he’s looking for alternatives. We suspect that this person may have been cheating at a pub quiz, based on the “female celebrities” bit. Shame on them. The willingness to continue cheating on the pub quiz further implies a male searcher, and he must be an outdoorsy one based on the fishing apparel search. Of course, this could just be an attempt to look outdoorsy. With the combo of cheating at a pub quiz, looking outdoorsy, and searching for UniFlats, we conclude that this must be an international student still here after the Covid lockdown. Not sure how you’re still here, but hope you’re doing well, buddy.

Drinks: Speight’s, in an attempt to blend in

Studies: Geography

Demographic: 22-year-old, Male, from Western USA

Lives: Studentville

Sex position: Power bottom

Occupation: No working rights on the visa

Drinks: NZ lager

Studies: Law and Stats

Demographic: 21, Male, Auckland

Lives: North Dunedin

Sex Position: Doggy

Occupation: Apple Thinner

< Search YouTube	🔍
🕒 handball olympics	↶
🕒 marble league 2021	↶
🕒 dartz bathsalts	↶
🕒 some more news	↶
🕒 contrapoints	↶
🕒 taskmaster	↶
🕒 tuijhse hai raabta english dub	↶
🕒 rnz live stream	↶
🕒 polygon	↶
🕒 will forte i think you should leave	↶

Mable League and Handball indicate someone who is into sport, but not into mainstream sport, so potentially a male who doesn’t really vibe with the whole “sports bar” scene. There are some pretty weird entries here, too, like just the word “polygon” and the phrase “some more news”, which don’t offer a whole lot of insight. “Tujhse Hai Raabta” is an Indian drama centered around a balcony-related death, and is totally out of place, indicating an Indian influence in this person’s life, maybe even a friend or partner. The RNZ livestream search and taskmaster interest give off a ‘hipster barista’ vibe, which correlates strongly with ‘social smoker with tattoos’ and ‘roll up beanie with craft beers’.

Drinks: Redbull vodkas and Seltzers

Studies: English or MFCO

Demographic: 21-year old, male, from Wellington

Lives: NE Valley

Sex position: Doggy

Occupation: Delivereasy driver, aspires to work at Kiki Beware

Drinks: Electric Dry Hop Acid Test (nice)



Studies: Ecology with a minor in MFCO

Demographic: 20, Non-Binary, Kapiti

Lives: North Dunedin

Sex Position: Drought

Occupation: Research Assistant

 search...	
🕒 what happened to lightning mcqueen after crash	↶
🕒 cars 3 lightning mcqueen crash	↶
🕒 cars 3 plot	↶
🕒 cars lightning mcqueen death	↶
🕒 does lightning mcqueen die	↶
🕒 does lightning mcqueen die in cars 2	↶
🕒 Mount Wellington	↶
🕒 samoan please	↶
🕒 sampa font	↶
🕒 traditional samoan colours	↶
🕒 manuia le vaiaso o le gagana samoa	↶
🕒 yea or nay	↶

Yeah so this is a weird one. Looks like someone must have been trying to settle a debate about the Cars universe, and really wasn’t backing down on the Lightning McQueen front. An obsessive personality, perhaps? Also heaps of searches for Samoan terms, so either someone who has to pronounce things in public soon and is trying to practice, or actually speaks Samoan and was just checking something. Polite, either way. Really not sure what to make of this, but now we’re concerned for McQueen.

Drinks: White wine, and lots of it

Studies: Graduated with a degree in Public Health

Demographic: 25-year old woman from Auckland

Lives: Roslyn

Sex position: She’s flexible, whatever works

Occupation: Something that involves public speaking and meeting visitors. Some sort of managerial role. Maybe at a departmental office

Drinks: Gin and Tonic

Studies: Geology

Demographic: 24, Female, Australia

Lives: In a hall

Sex Position: Pegging

Occupation: Depressed postgrad

< Search YouTube	🔍
🕒 jackass trailer	↶
🕒 mens freediving record no fins	↶
🕒 mens freediving record	↶
🕒 what is stock	↶
🕒 waterpolo tutorial	↶
🕒 tour de france stage 19 highlights	↶
🕒 just a dash matty matheson	↶
🕒 verstappen crash cellphone	↶
🕒 rezzy crooks	↶
🕒 archer voicemail	↶

This person is living on the edge. Water polo, jackass, and freediving is quite the combo. The Verstappen search is about a crashed racecar, and Matty Matheson is the bastard child of a fatter Guy Fieri and Wax Mustang who is also on crack cocaine. We imagine this is a similar demographic to the searcher of these items. Classic breather, we assume. The “Archer” searches scream ‘Reddit user’, and we doubt that this person consumes even a drop of reputable news or vitamin C.

Drinks: Nitro

Studies: Commerce

Demographic: 21-year old male from Auckland

Lives: Castle Street, or close

Sex position: On top but not for more than two minutes

Occupation: Unemployed, obviously

Drinks: Craft beer

Studies: Physio

Demographic: 23, Male, Auckland

Lives: NE Valley

Sex Position: Doggy

Occupation: Physio

< Search YouTube	🔍
🕒 lady of the dunes	↶
🕒 hbo last of us	↶
🕒 crime pays but botany doesn't alpine	↶
🕒 12 monkeys	↶
🕒 vegas montreal game 6	↶
🕒 sinuses	↶
🕒 habs highlights last night	↶
🕒 locusts the 8th plague trailer	↶
🕒 south park acid oscars	↶
🕒 slow motion carverator	↶
🕒 tautuku hut	↶
🕒 justin timberlake tame impala mashup	↶

This person is a doomsday prepper. Previous searches include an unsolved beheading, a campy insect-focused disaster movie, a remote Otago hut, the inner mechanics of car engines, and a video game centered on fungal zombies. “12 Monkeys” is a film about biological warfare, and “Crime Pays” is a botany-based YouTube channel run by what we can only describe as a misanthropic tattoo-covered ex-con from Chicago, who frequently advocates committing crime in order to lower your neighborhoods rent. This person clearly relishes in the triumph of nature over man. Also they’re also a big ice hockey fan. We really, really do not know why he’s searching for “sinuses”, but that’s kinda the best part.

Drinks: Methylated spirits

Studies: Anatomy (for nefarious purposes)

Demographic: Mentally 50, physically 25, male. From Gore.

Lives: Basement of a Castle street flat. DCC does not know the property exists.

Sex position: Reproduction is a sin

Occupation: Stealing copper pipes and selling them

Drinks: Whiskey on ice

Studies: Geology

Demographic: 23, Male, American

Lives: Studentville

Sex Position: Bound and gagged

Occupation: Mining

Secret Ingredients

TO SPICE UP YOUR FLAT COOKING

By Elliot Weir

Stuck in the same dull routine of pesto pasta, nachos, KFC and Domino's? Looking to take your flat cooking up a notch and go outside your comfort zone? This list is for you. Critic has compiled a few secret ingredients that you can use in everyday recipes to give them some extra flavour, all of which can be found at Dunedin stores without breaking the bank.

Feel free to send this to that one flatmate whose flat meals are fucking depressing.

CHIPOTLE CHILLIES IN ADOBO SAUCE (LA MORENA)

These small, bright orange cans are a couple of bucks at New World in the Mexican section. They're a god-send for any Mexican recipes you're cooking. Chipotle chillies, which are jalapenos that have been smoked. They give an earthy, smoky kick to a dish. The adobo sauce both preserves the chillies and gives a vinegary, herby flavour. Next time you're making nachos or enchiladas for the flat, chop up one of these chillies and chuck it in with your beans or meat, along with some of the sauce.

FISH SAUCE

Fish sauce is essential if you're making a Vietnamese dipping sauce, but it's also incredibly versatile, capable of adding a bit of extra funk to any savoury dish, or even just frozen veggies. It's made from fermented anchovies, but it won't make your dish taste like fish unless you add way too much. Instead, it will simply add a layer of savoury, salty flavour that elevates your meal. Practically any Thai dish, from noodles to curries to soups, can be given an extra layer of complexity with a few drops of fish sauce. It is also great in various pastas, stir-fries, and Mexican dishes, or even as an ingredient in a salad dressing. If you ever see anchovies in a recipe, like in some fancier marinara [tomato sauce] recipes, feel free to replace it with a few dashes of fish sauce. Fish sauce is typically available from any supermarket or Unimart.

KAFFIR LIME LEAVES

Fresh kaffir lime leaves are on the pricey end and will burn a hole in your wallet. However, you can buy a big bag of dried leaves for less than \$10, and they will probably last you longer than however long you plan to study here. Just chuck a leaf or two in when cooking a curry, soup or stir fry. Just take it out before you eat, and your meals will have a zesty, citrusy taste. Kaffir lime leaves have a lighter flavor profile than other spices.

CHICKPEAS

If you don't have chickpeas in your pantry, you're insane. They're cheap, healthy, filling, and tasty. Shakshuka and chickpeas curries slap hard, but the real secret is to fry them in olive oil, with loads of smoked paprika and cumin, a bit of cayenne pepper, and a bunch of herbs. Serve it with some pita bread and yoghurt (or tzatziki if you're feeling bougie) for a healthy and refreshing snack. You can also keep the liquid that comes in chickpea cans and use it as a vegan egg-white replacement known as aquafaba.

spicy



MSG

This one is controversial but hear me out. Monosodium glutamate is pretty harmless unless you're railing lines of it on your kitchen bench. It has some of the same risks as salt does, so just don't go overboard. You can buy packets of MSG at Yogiji's market on Leith Street. Just sprinkle it in something otherwise bland, like veggies, to give them a flavour boost. MSG is really good for making relatively bland and boring food taste half-decent, so if you can't cook, it's an essential.

FROZEN BAO BUNS

These bad boys are such a tasty vessel for chicken, tofu, or whatever leftovers you have in the fridge. If you have a rice cooker you can steam them in there, but if not, you can simply chuck them in the microwave for a minute or two. They can also be used for dessert-like fillings, such as chocolate or caramel. Honestly, the world is really your oyster with these little guys.

RED CURRY PASTE

I assume most flats have a tub of Mae Ploy Thai Red Curry paste, but using it for more than just curry unlocks a whole world of flavour. Add a spoonful to the pan before you make fried rice or a stir-fry, or add it to a pumpkin soup for a boost of flavour and spice. It also kicks some serious ass in a sandwich with Marmite.

VINEGAR

Don't be afraid to buy multiple types of vinegar. In the long run they won't really cost you much because vinegar lasts forever. Try using different types for different things. White vinegar is useful for cleaning the mould out of your shower, or for quick-pickling some vegetables. It is useful for when you want to add acidity without adding much else in the way of flavour. Any pasta you can imagine sipping white wine with, you can add a little white wine vinegar to the sauce. Red wine vinegar is great for red meats, marinades, some pastas, some salads, and anything you might want a punchy, tangy flavour in.

Balsamic vinegar is the holy grail of vinegars. Any proper balsamic vinegar is bottled and aged in Modena, Italy, making it the most expensive of vinegars. However, you can buy cheaper version from the supermarket. Balsamic vinegar is a great ingredient for a simple vinaigrette on a salad, or just drizzled with olive oil on some nice bread. If you're feeling extra bougie, make a deliciously sweet balsamic reduction by gently boiling balsamic vinegar for a while, and drizzle it over bruschetta, cheeses, or anything you want.

MEXICAN OREGANO

Like the chipotle chillies, these niche herbs can be found in the Mexican aisle of supermarkets. They don't look much like normal oregano because they're unrelated, but they do share a similar flavour. Chuck in some Mexican oregano to your dishes for a more pungent, brighter, and citrusy flavour that will take your flat nachos to a whole new level.



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Water Into Wine:

A Sommelier Summarises The Scents of Otago Uni's Water Squirters

By Susana Jones

Water fountains are a staple all around campus. They are one of our most reliable and vital resources. There's just one problem: They all seem to taste different, despite being on the same campus, and presumably being attached to the same pipes. I put my scientific skills to the test, and decided to taste test all the water fountains on campus to find out which one is the greatest quencher of thirst, and which ones are just plain disgusting.

Central ground floor near the elevators:

Sneakily tucked away from the general view of the masses parading around the link, this fountain offers water with notes of amber and parchment. It tastes slightly like how old books smell. On the palate, it feels light and airy, but the aftertaste is kinda musty NGL. Upon swooshing it around in my glass jar, a few unidentifiable white floaties appeared, which adds more flavour I guess. The water temperature was comfortable — not too crisp, but just cool enough for my taste.

Central first floor near the Charles Brasch collection and the big fuck-off Colin McCahon painting:

As I was filling my glass jar here, a breather came over and took some big gulps from the water fountain next to me, the one where the water comes out in an arc and you lap it up mid-air. I've never actually seen anyone do this at Uni, and I admired this guy's confidence and the ease with which he slurped. The water from this fountain had notes of Bubble O'Bill and banana-ice vape juice.

Between The Link and Main Common Room:

This fountain always, ALWAYS has the coldest, crispest water ever. I fucking love this one. Despite the piece of chewing gum that has been bathing in the sink of this fountain for what seems like weeks now, this is my number one. So refreshing and cleansing. The water here has tasting notes of freedom, coconut, and peace.

Robertson Common Area:

Just your regular shmegular water fountain. The temperature is nice, but nothing that's going to knock your socks off. The water here has notes of overly salted pumpkin soup that blew up in the microwave right next to it, as well as notes of regret for not purchasing a cold, carbonated beverage from the vending machine also located right next to the water fountain.

Health Science Library, ground floor:

Too warm, and for what reason? All the water I've ever drunk from this fountain has been lukewarm at best, which isn't what I'm looking for. This water has notes of what I can only describe or imagine as unidentifiable bodily fluids, which makes perfect sense in my mind considering what happens in the labs connected to the Health Sci Lib.

Hunter Centre, first floor:

It's annoying having to walk up the stairs to get to this water fountain. I know there are little kitchenettes on the ground floor of Hunter that most probably have water taps, but I don't frequent Hunter Centre, and felt like it would be out of pocket for me to source my water from there. Anyways, I talked to my mates who frequent this fountain, who said the water was "pretty good, a bit slow filling up but not too dramatic". I do agree, and I was able to taste notes of chlorine and disinfectant, as it should be. Nine out of ten dentists recommend using this water fountain.

St Dave's Cafe:

Taking water from this fountain feels a bit illegal, and I felt awkward while filling up my glass jar. First of all, the whole jar wouldn't fit under the tap so I had to hold it at an angle, second of all the cafe was full and that made me nervous, and third, the barista was right there, making me feel shady for not buying a coffee instead. This water thus had notes of nervous upper lip sweat, guilt, and lime (the mineral, not the delightful citrus fruit).

Unipol, first floor:

Half the time at least one of these water fountains is out of order, and it's always the one closest to you. Despite this, Unipol water hits different. Maybe it's because you're hot and sweaty from working out and your need for hydration is greater, but fuck me, it's good. Unipol water is the coldest and most crisp of all. It tastes like achievement, hard work, dedication. It tastes like how receiving your player of the day certificate felt in primary school assembly.

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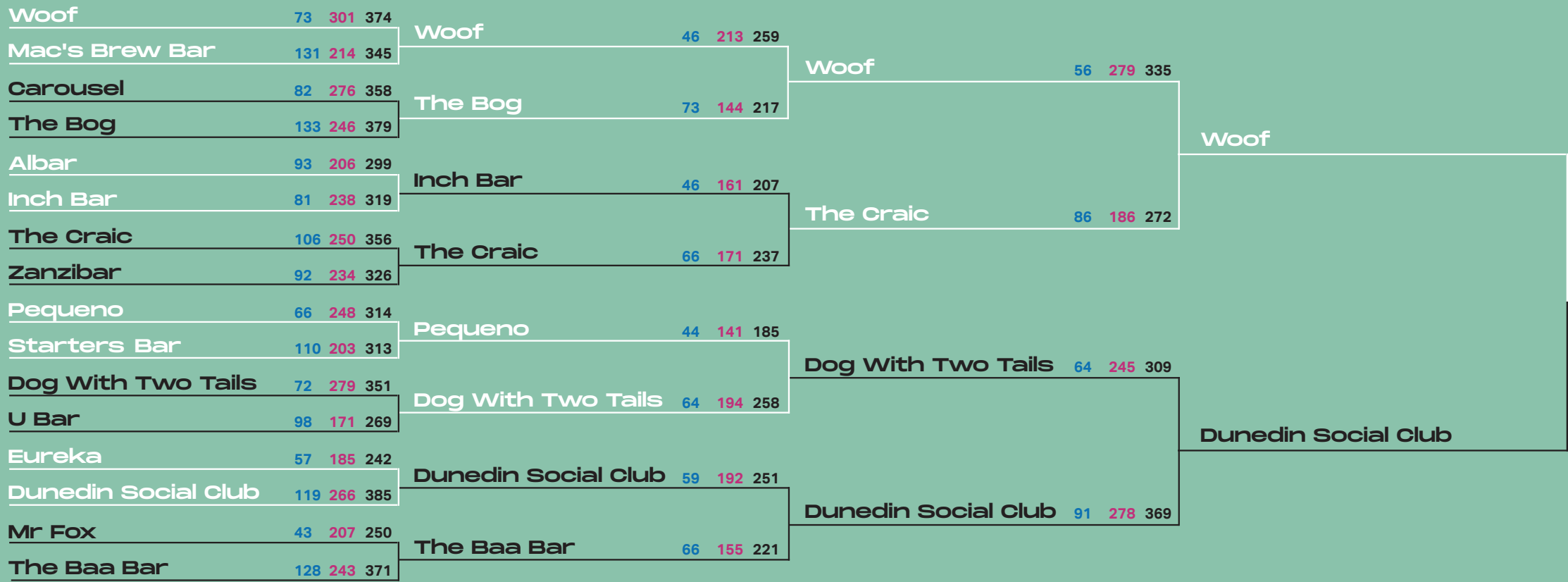
By Fox Meyer

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Voting starts Tuesday 03 August

I love numbers, and I love beer. Here's a bit of both.

Behold: The Bar Bracket. We realized that allowing one reporter to rank the bars of Dunedin was a terrible idea, so we gave the power to you, the people, to decide which bar ranked supreme.

As you may have noticed, not every bar in Dunedin was on this bracket. This is because of how the bracket was made: Each Critic staff member ranked their 16 favourite bars from #1 (best) to #16 (worst). The 16 bars that were most commonly in someone's top 16 ended up on the bracket, which is why some bars like Emerson's (one of my favourites) didn't make the cut. Tough luck.

We seeded the bracket with #1 overall vs. #9 overall, #2 vs #10, and so on. And then we put this bracket on Facebook and Instagram for you to vote on. You could vote twice, once on each platform.

As we enter the finals, let's take a look at what we've learnt so far.

There were always more votes on Instagram than on Facebook, but both vote totals were combined to find the winner of a given round. However, opinions were very clearly split across the two platforms. As you can see in the bracket, many bars would lose the Facebook poll but win the Instagram poll, or vice versa. Instagram seemed to favour the trendier cocktail bars, while Facebook rated the club scene. Something about this makes sense.

In a great example of the power of democracy, Pequeno just barely survived round one after it beat Starters Bar by a single point. We didn't have a tiebreaker planned so this was a relief. Other matchups weren't as close.

Your finalists are:

Woof vs Dunedin Social Club

A particularly ironic matchup, considering that the office was most heavily divided on these two bars. DSC received such feedback as "I feel like I may get Scabies there" and "it's a good, reliable fallback, like an ex." Woof was called "a cocky cocktail bar for cockheads", and "the grooviest place in town to wait in a queue."

DSC absolutely destroyed its first round contender Eureka, and made handy work of Dog as well. It had a close call against The Baaa. Woof was off to a rocky start against Mac's, but has been gaining steam since then. Each round, Woof has won by a greater margin than the previous. Will the trend continue? Will Woof be the Top Dog? Time will tell, and come next week, we will all D-S-See.

Voting will open on Critic Te Arohi's Instagram (@criticmag) and Facebook stories on Tuesday. A third-place runoff will take place between The Craic and Dog with Two Tails at the same time, and results will be published in the next issue.

Mother I'd Like to Fathom The MILF Conundrum

By Asia Martusia King



May 19 2003 should be a national holiday. Stacy's Mom by Fountains of Wayne was released and the MILF was born. But, what defines a MILF? The dictionary definition, if Merriam-Webster had the balls, would be "mother I'd like to fuck". A hot woman with kids. A yummy mummy. Oh, if only things were that simple.

But MILF is more than that. It is an all-encompassing metonym for a much larger concept — the concept of a sexy, older woman, often one that doesn't even have kids, ostensibly the core feature of MILFhood. Winona Ryder is devoutly child-free, but you can't tell me that Will "Stranger Things" Byer doesn't have a bangin' on-screen mama. Childfree MILFs are an oxymoron, but they do exist, sustaining themselves on pure vibes alone.

I made the mistake of Googling "MILF" on University wifi, forgetting that the results are entirely porn. There are few published papers on MILFs for some reason. Critic decided to fill his gap in academic research by taking to town on an intrepid journalism journey. We heckled drunk students and asked two questions:

- 1) Are children a prerequisite to be a MILF?
- 2) If MILF is a vibe, at what age do you enter MILFhood?

15% of people responded that kids are essential to MILFhood. 85% believed that MILF is an energy.

The average age at which you become a MILF, according to drunk students, is 24. Fucking hell. I have one year until I begin exclusively drinking red wine and answering the pizza boy in skimpy nightgowns. I'm going to guess that this is exclusive to Dunedin's younger student demographic, as the MILFs who inhabit the sticky lands of Pornhub are implied to be middle-aged at least, even if they're played by a 24-year old wearing glasses.

The demarcation is messy. You can have an 18-year-old MILF, but she certainly isn't a MILF in the classic sense of the word. And, apparently, you can be a MILF at age 24 even without having given birth.

Science teaching fellow Daryl* says that MILFhood "depends on where your fetish lies. Do you fetishise the fact they've had kids, or are you fetishising the fact that it's a slightly older woman?" He argues that age alone isn't enough to define a MILF. A GILF (grandmother/grandfather I'd like to fuck) could theoretically be in her thirties, he points out.

Fox believes that childbirth is essential for the MILF due to biological reasons. "Body and mind must experience chemical changes due to pregnancy," he says. "Otherwise you're just a GWILF. A grown woman I'd like to fuck." He muses that C-section versus natural birth might play in as a factor, having

"big implications for tautness", displaying both an intimate knowledge of female anatomy and unfortunately implying the need for a flappiness scale to determine MILFhood.

When you bring cougars into the mix, it gets even messier. Cougars are not MILFs, but they definitely exist upon the same taxonomy. One student, Liv, believes that MILFs vs. cougars is a matter of conjugation. 'Cougar' implies that the woman is on the prowl, whereas MILF is a submissive object of desire. Is a cougar simply an active, childfree MILF? The on-screen MILF preying on young plumbers is definitely an active participant, though.

Liv pauses, and then brings up another contentious point: What is the difference between the MILF and the fun aunt? A Funt, if you will. It appears to be context dependent. In this case, a sexualised one.

Perhaps it's time to expand our MILF terminology, to create a clear distinction between the pure MILFs and vibe-MILFs. My opinion is that we should not gatekeep the MILF. We all have the potential for MILFhood deep down. Perhaps being a MILF is about what you felt in your heart all along.

*Name changed.

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HUZUR KEBAB: WHY HAVE ABS WHEN YOU CAN HAVE KEBABS?

BY SEAN GOURLEY

Huzur Kebab is the newest kebab place in town. They opened on June 12. Owned and run by Mustafa Boztas, Huzur is located just north of fatty lane. It has provided much-needed, late-night Turkish food north of the Octagon, and brings something to the table that fatty lane has always been lacking: Meat on chips.

Mustafa and his wife went to Turkey last year for a three-month holiday which ended up being extended to over a year because of COVID. He conceived of the idea for Huzur while in the two week quarantine at the New Zealand border. He said “quarantine was a good time to come up with ideas. Me and my wife put our minds together and brainstormed, and this came out of it. I did all my logos, designs and menus in quarantine.”

When he got out of quarantine, Mustafa quickly went about setting everything up. “As soon as I got to Dunedin I went to my lawyer and to my accountant to get everything rolling. Then after two months doing upgrades I opened up.” The old restaurant, Yilmaz, served food but still required a few upgrades. He said, “I saved a bit of money but it was still expensive. This whole setup is new apart from a few machines.”

His experience in the kebab industry mainly comes from what he has learned from his dad. Mustafa moved to NZ in 2009 but he says his dad has been working in Dunedin for 20 years. “My dad has been here since August 2000. He’s served a lot of students in his time. He used to work at Nesli and then Trojan, as you know, those are late nights. He served them all. I was brought up beside him and he basically taught me everything,” he said.

Mustafa thinks that kebabs offer something fast-food chains don’t, which is why they’re so popular with students. He said that “the kebab is really good when you eat it. Because of the carbs and the protein, the next morning you don’t feel hungover. It’s a good time and we provide healthy food. It’s better than Maccas I suppose. You pay the same price at Maccas, and in two or three bites it’s gone. Whereas here you struggle to finish it. You take it home, wake up in the morning, and have some more.”

Three of the six sauces available are homemade, Mustafa said. “We make special, hot chilli, and garlic. The hot sauce is made with fresh chillies. It’s fully homemade, students keep telling me I should put it in a jug and sell it separately.” They also cater events like 21sts.

He says he likes to keep Huzur open for the stragglers on big nights. “We’re open 11-11 but on Thursday, Friday and Saturday we sometimes end up serving until 1 or 2 am for students. We get students from the Baaa and those that don’t make it to town. They come here straight away. Last Saturday I stayed open until three in the morning. People were glad they didn’t have to get a taxi to town.”

Mustafa says he is running a business but still loves the social side and giving back — “paying it forward” as he calls it. “We love serving people, and in this industry you meet a lot of nice people. It’s good. You need some human connection and who doesn’t love a kebab?”



Emerik Wallace is a very chill guy, who loves cutting hair. He runs @fat_emz_cuts cutting hair on weekends for customers and a few mates. Alongside this, he studies physio right here at Otago.

Emerik started out cutting his own hair, he says. “I used to try to do short sides and fades and it was quite difficult. I managed to do it by holding a mirror in one hand and looking at a mirror behind me as well.” When his mates saw him they asked him to do them too.

A while after that, he went pro. “I started watching YouTube videos trying to learn how to do fades. I loved it. In second year I just kept on doing it for all my mates and then I bought some expensive clippers and started cutting randoms,” he said.

He had to upgrade after a while, he says. “I had these 20 dollar shitty ones from first year and second year. They started breaking down and people were giving me 10 dollars a cut at this point, so I was thinking, ‘I’m kind of serious, I might as well get some proper clippers.’ His new ones are top of the line. “They’re the best ones I could find. They usually just sell them to barbers, but you can get them on Ebay, so these ones cost me like \$350 with shipping and everything, but they’re really gorgeous.”

Financing them required a unique arrangement. “I made a deal with my mate that he would give me 150 dollars to go towards the new clippers if he gets free haircuts for life. I’m not complaining,” he says.

Emerik and his mates pushed the brand hard at first. “We just pulled up a chair at tent city and started handing out some business cards. It was funny though we weren’t supposed to be there and some guy kicked us out, but whatever, we handed out loads of business cards.”

Emerik has mixed reasons for doing it. At first it was a social thing. “I thought it was cool that my mates would just come up to me and I’d cut them and they’d actually look pretty cool. Some of the ones on Instagram are pretty awesome. I usually do it on Sunday morning because it’s the only time I’m not busy.” But also he just loves cutting people’s hair.

He can do a few different styles but can’t do the full range just yet, but his skills are ever expanding thanks to YouTube tuts. “Don’t underestimate what you can learn on YouTube,” he says.

Girls’ hair also isn’t on at the moment he says. “I’ve been asked whether I do girls’ hair a lot, but it’s quite different if you have to do a style. I know girls pay a lot of money so I wouldn’t underestimate it. We’ll eventually go into girls, I think there’s a bit of money there.”

He’s not keen to open up a studio just yet. “Maybe for just like a year or something but I’m happy with physio at the moment. But this is kind of fun on the side.”

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Hobby to try: sobriety



Leo

July 23 – Aug 22

Your season is upon us. You can now justify being loud, obnoxious and egotistical.

Hobby to try: starting an OnlyFans



Pisces

Feb 19 – Mar 20

Don't let the imposter syndrome bring you down. You got this.

Hobby to try: reading



Virgo

Aug 23 – Sep 22

Keep having fun and exploring yourself, the studying can wait.

Hobby to try: baking (something legal)



Aries

Mar 21 – Apr 19

Learn the difference between confident and cocky.

Hobby to try: knitting



Libra

Sept 23 – Oct 22

This week, try holding yourself accountable for your actions.

Hobby to try: thrift shopping



Taurus

Apr 20 – May 20

Well, someone has to be the stable one.

Hobby to try: leaving your bedroom



Scorpio

Oct 23 – Nov 21

It's time you seek therapy. Alcohol and meaningless sex can only do so much.

Hobby to try: painting



Gemini

May 21 – Jun 20

Read the room, please.

Hobby to try: cooking

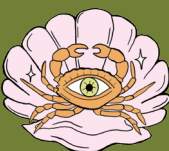


Sagittarius

Nov 22 – Dec 21

Sometimes, it's okay to be the listener. You don't have to talk all the fucking time.

Hobby to try: start a rock collection



Cancer

Jun 21 – Jul 22

It's possible to stop crying sometimes.

Hobby to try: journaling



Capricorn

Dec 22 – Jan 19

Just like your personality, there is nothing interesting coming up for you this week.

Hobby to try: running



RATE

OR
BY SASHA FREEMAN

My friend who suddenly cares about the Olympics because she wants to root one of the NZ swimmers. Go queen!! He is probably in a dry spell with those cardboard beds.

Watching breathas get upset on their Instagram stories when Kanye predictably delayed his album, great entertainment.

The fact that everyone on Too Hot to Handle talks like a TikTokker all the time, it's like one extended thirst trap, ya love to hate it! (and hate to love it)

Lorde's new song suggesting my new weekend activity. My nails will look beautiful.

\$2 cordon bleus every Tuesday in August from Night 'n Day. If you're gonna eat meat these are the things to eat i reckon #govegan #iamjusttryingtoberelatable #peopleonlybuythesewhentheyredrunk



HATE?

Seeing people you VAGUELY know at uni and not knowing whether or not to say hi. I think it's time we all collectively agree that the answer is no. You saw nothing!

Jeff Bezos thanking the Amazon workers for paying for him to go to space when he doesn't even let them go to the bathroom, we live in a post-capitalist hellscape. Idk those are some buzzwords I've heard.

The little farmer protest that occurred, I did have a chuckle when I saw a sign that said "STOP BULLYING FARMERS!" No <3

Weird taxi drivers. Please I don't want to hear about how you frequent Stilettos after you pick me up from fucking pint night. "Busy night?" isn't an invitation for you to tell me your secrets.

The sexual assaulter who was still allowed to go to the Olympics with a "safety plan" so he stays away from women... Please just hold men accountable, please guys, I have given up on the justice system but surely just a shred of accountability :((((

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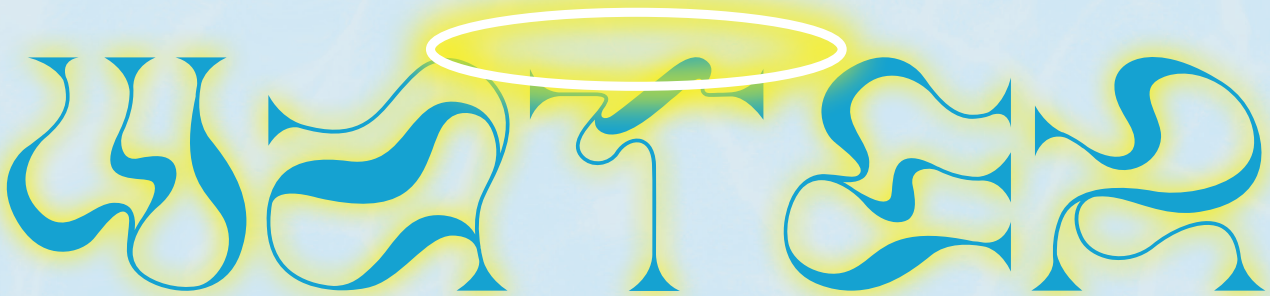
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GUEST EDITION BOOZE REVIEW:



By Bert “Diggity Dog” Dangerfield

Salutations, it's your old mate Bert Dangerfield (Ex Regional Worksafe Co-Coordinator Southern Southland Region) here to talk to you about the elixir of youth. Did you know that multiple studies have consistently shown that there is no safe level of alcohol consumption?

Alcohol has consistently been linked to other forms of hazard, such as un-coordination, dangerous driving, and poor judgement, especially when it comes to making decisions about whether to engage in nicotine use or partake in recreational usage of other, sometimes illegal, substances.

Fortunately there are many other fluids that can prolong your life, improve your health, and sharpen your social skills. And isn't that what we all want, at the end of the day? (NB: do try and go to sleep promptly at the end of the day, research has shown that lack of rest can lead to “premature death in animal models”.)

Take smoothies for instance. Smoothies are undoubtedly delicious. Often the incorporation of fruits and vegetables can contribute anti-oxidising agents towards your five-plus-a-day, which will help your mood in the short run, and your life longevity in the long term.

Unfortunately, the added sugar can rot your teeth, lead to brain inflammation, and the milk products used in the manufacturing process can lead to environmental degradation. Often, plant based alternatives aren't much better. It behooves us to recognise that health and safety is a global problem, but the solutions are always local.

At this point some of you might be saying, “well Bert my old mate, at least we can still have coffee right? It's a mild stimulant that is relatively harmless in low doses and can be made relatively nutritious by the addition of sugar and cream.”

And to that I have to say, “not so fast!”

Recent research has shown that upwards of five cups of coffee correlates with early onset Alzheimer's disease. The diuretic effect of coffee too often means that drinkers become severely dehydrated. Add this to the stimulant effects, which could see you losing what should have been a good night's sleep, the aforementioned issues with dairy and sugar, and you've got a recipe for what some folks might call a “bad trip”.

Tea is better, but shares many of the same problems. If you decide to go down the tea route, choose a caffeine free, ethically sourced blend. Be careful with the boiling water commonly used to make tea as it represents a major source of endangerment to tea drinkers across the world. It's better to use lukewarm water, or better yet get a kettle that cuts off when it reaches a certain temperature. Mine automatically flicks off at 69°C.

Clear your brewing space from all trip hazards and distractions, and follow the directions on the label. A pro-tip: You can buy the tea brand with added relaxation instructions for extra wellbeing.

Water, aside from the risk of drowning or hyponatremia, is probably your best bet for a good night. You'll love the great taste, the low calories, and if you put it in an old wine bottle scavenged from your flatmate's empties nobody will even notice you're not drinking the “clearskin”. It goes down super easy, and it won't reduce your life expectancy, or rot your teeth, or require dangerous preparation.

Tastes like: Living to 100 years old, outliving all your friends, family and loved ones, life and death

Froth Level: Running your taps for 30 seconds every morning to let the lead out

Pairs well with: Safe sex, sobriety, and second helpings of dessert

Taste rating: 10/10, true neutral

FUCK!
I CAN'T COOK
BY ALICE TAYLOR
@ALICEOLIVIAHATS

Granola

I love granola, but I certainly do not love the price of the store bought stuff. The good granola costs about \$2 per seed, and that simply is not okay. So instead, I buy my ingredients in bulk and make it at home. This is the basic recipe, but you can mix it up with whatever nuts and seeds you prefer. You could also add dried fruit or chocolate if you like.

INGREDIENTS

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| 2 Tbsp almond butter (you also can use oil or peanut butter) | ¼ cup seeds (I like sunflower seeds) |
| 2 Tbsp honey (you can use any plain syrup) | ¼ LSA (linseed, sunflower seed and almond meal) – you can use ground almonds or even flour |
| 1 cup jumbo oats | ½ tsp cinnamon, optional |
| ½ cup nuts, roughly chopped (I like walnuts) | A pinch of salt |

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 180 degrees Celsius.
2. In a bowl, combine the almond butter and honey. If it is too thick to whisk together, add a splash of water to help the process.
3. Add the rest of the ingredients (oats, nuts, seeds, LSA, cinnamon, salt) and stir to combine.
4. Add to a lined baking tray.
5. Bake for 7-13 minutes. Stir after 7 minutes, then continue to bake until golden.
6. Allow to cool completely before storing in an airtight container.



The Critical Tribune

Dunedin Shitposter Lives Perfectly Wholesome, Balanced Life

A Dunedin shitposter has revealed the secret to his page's consistently on-point humour: healthy living.

Tane is the admin of "gear up buttercup," whose posts about the little everyday struggles of life are beloved by his 23,185 Facebook followers. What few of those followers may know, though, is Tane's life behind the screen: a life which effortlessly balances rigorous academic commitments, healthy eating, good amounts of physical activity, excellent sleep patterns, a thriving social life and a heart for volunteering.

"The magic starts at 7am every day," he told the Critical Tribune. "I go for a run along the harbour or a quick gym sesh, and that gets me refreshed and in the right mood for my first post of the day. Then I pretty much just post whenever inspiration strikes - but when you're keeping your mind in tip-top shape with 5 plus a day and 8 hours of alcohol-free sleep every night, the humour just flows naturally."

"Sometimes I even come up with stuff in the middle of my lecture, or when I'm out serving soup to the homeless with my church. But I always tell myself, 'Tane, hold off. These guys are people too, and they deserve 100% of me. The humour can wait.' And somehow, by the end, I've found a way to make the joke even better." At this point, Tane cut short the interview, saying he was organising a 5-year anniversary date for his long-term partner: "We're having a picnic on Mt. Cargill, and may even treat ourselves to a nice bottle of sparkling grape juice."

At press time, "gear up buttercup" was taken down by Facebook after their page's name was reported for glorifying drug use.

BCom Student Reckons Weekly Ski Trips Help You Study

Toby Tremain, a BCom student at Otago, has made waves with his bold claims that weekly ski trips help rather than hinder your grades.

"Yeah look mate, it's all about balance isn't it," he yelled at the Critical Tribune's sole reporter out the window of OUSA's Clubs and Socs Van on his fifth trip to Queenstown this semester. "If you ski one weekend and then really get into your studies during the week, it motivates you, it makes you a better student."

"They should probably study it at the Uni, that's how much skiing every week helps you," he said. "I'd recommend it to everyone, especially the people who study too hard." At this point he unzipped his jacket to reveal a Cardrona-branded t-shirt and began throwing ski passes at the reporter.

"Since discovering Ski Club in second year my grades have gone way up," he said. "That's all the cold hard evidence you need. I do a BCom so I understand how trends work." Toby denied that the grade increase had anything to do with him switching from Health Sci to Marketing after first year.

Toby was last seen yelling at his parents on the phone because they wouldn't increase his weekly allowance and threatening to "drop out of Uni altogether and become a snowboarding instructor".

MOANINGFUL CONFESSIONS

Requires A-cyst-ance

Journey back with me to fresher year. I'd heard about the joy of living next to a Uni campus and shoving Tinder on less than 2km, but I was yet to experience it first-hand until that fateful night. It was exam season so I was ready for some classic D-stressing. After a few slightly above average one night stands in my hall, I was ready to journey outwards to see what pleasure awaited me.

After a few hours of swiping, I came across Nick. He was your quintessential 20 year-old American exchange student. Outdoorsy, wholesome and fuckiinnnnng sexy. After exchanging a few drunken snapchat, I jumped in an Uber to his UniFlat.

After a few hours of banter (flirty), conversation (wholesome) and a coupla hits of his bong (tasty), we head to his room with the premise of watching a few episodes of Ja'mie: Private School Girl.

We'd only made it 36 seconds into the episode before his tongue was in my mouth and he was pressing me hard into his sheets. I felt obliged to take charge and prove that I was not a starfish. I climbed on top and began the drawn out process of tracing his collar bone and neck with my mouth. He moaned in response, his cock beginning to grow and press into me.

Happy with my efforts so far, I decided it was show time and began to head south to his cock which was circumsised but curved to fucking perfection. It was time to suck his dick as if my life depended on it. I started off slow, teasing the tip with my tongue, before sliding his full length in and out of my mouth. Just as I'm getting into a rhythm, he resumes his position of dominance and begins to kiss my body hungrily. He flips me onto all fours, grabs a handful of my ass and eats me out until I collapse in an orgasm. We ended up fucking until 5am and then proceed to wake, bake and repeat into the hours of

the early afternoon. I then decide it's time for myself to head as I've got to grab a bus out of town and he has to get sorted to go tramping (told you he was wholesome). He kisses me goodbye and tells me we should catch up again when I'm back.

Fast track two days and I've just finished up a very very short jog. I notice a painful lump in my upper right-groin, but decide that it's just my body's way of telling me to get fucked for making it go for a run. So I pop a few Voltaren and hop on the bus back to Dunners to resume my activities with Mr USA.

The next day it's even bigger, fuck. I head to Student Health. The Dr informs me that I've got a Bartholins cyst (google it, lol) which is essentially an infection in the glands that get your juices flowing. Supposedly they're pretty common when you're run down and stressed but hey whatever. The Dr prescribes me some panadeine and antibiotics, and informs me that if it's any worse in a few days then they'll schedule me in to drain it.

By the blessing of modern medicine, the lump begins to get smaller and so I (horny, dumb cunt) proceed to keep fucking him which obviously added a fuck ton of bacteria to the area.

By the next day, the panadeine is doing fuck all and I'm beginning to get feverish so I dutifully admit myself to the hospital (hope you're proud, mum). After a few rounds of student doctors staring at my vagina, the gyno informs me that I'll need immediate surgery to drain the cyst as it has reached 5cm and the infection is beginning to spread around my body.

A few weeks later, I sat my exams, eased myself off tramadol (that shit slaps HARD), and mournfully declined an invitation from him to make his last night in New Zealand extra memorable.



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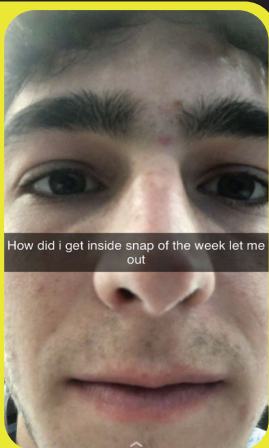
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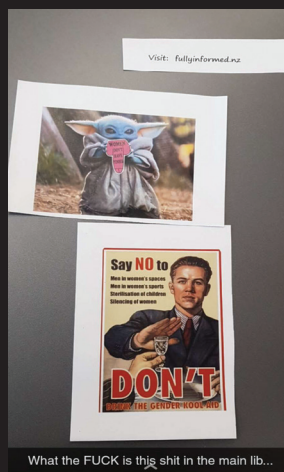
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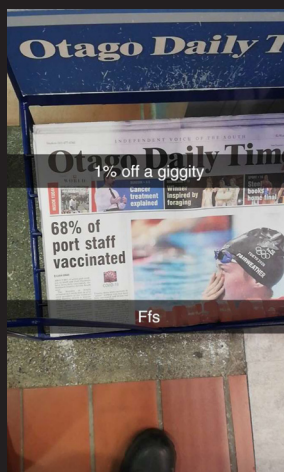
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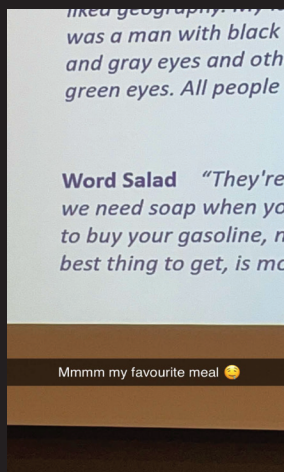


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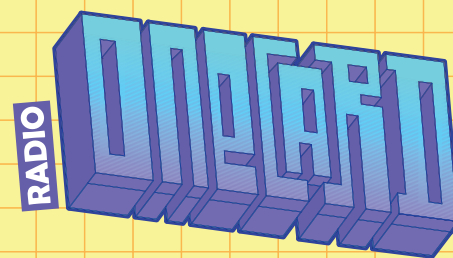
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