



Generous giveaway . . . Otago University Students' Association events co-ordinator Dan Hendra is almost lost among Orientation packs, handed out to students yesterday. PHOTO: CHAIG BAXTER

# Students snap up 12,000 promotional packs

**BY ELLIE CONSTANTINE**  
STUDENTS love free stuff, and they certainly would have

appreciated the contents of free goody bags distributed by the Otago University Students' Association yesterday.

The 12,000 bags took 20 people three eight-hour days to fill, and they were distributed to eager hands by a team of

volunteers, events co-ordinator Dan Hendra said. Aside from 16 advertising leaflets, the packs contained a

packet of instant noodles, a calendar, a can of energy drink, a razor and a bottle of fake tanning lotion.

# New meaning of boxing fight

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PRIMED to attack, three cardboard-clad first-year university students were unleashed upon each other to the delight of a crowd gathered in the union yesterday.

It was day one of a week of painful and embarrassing challenges for the 10 Fresher Comp contestants and poor weather had not dampened their spirits.

Three teams each equipped one member with cardboard armour and weapons, all employing trusty duct tape for construction and fitting, and let them go at each other in the aptly titled "box war" challenge. Cries of "Go for the face", "Go for the eyes" and "Pull her hair!"

could be heard from the crowd before Vanessa Murphy (18) was announced the winner after a fierce and physical battle with



No-holds boxing . . . Fresher Comp competitor Vanessa Murphy (18) readies herself to fight Jason Zwi (17) during the box war event yesterday. PHOTO: CHAIG BAXTER

Jason Zwi (17). Competitor Sean Walker (18) was commended for his efforts. Jason walked away with red

marks all over his body and scratches on his neck. "That's what you get for fighting girls. They scratch," he said.

After taking 40 minutes to create armour, their boxes were destroyed in 10 seconds. "It was worth it," he said.

The day kicked off at 10am with a range of "games" ingredients for which included whipped cream, cheeseballs and razors.

Mr Zwi's memorable moment was trying to eat a chocolate mousse containing pickled onions. "I don't deal too well with onions. I dry-wretched as soon as it was in my mouth."

They also shaved balloons on their heads and smeared whipped cream on their faces before other contestants threw cheeseballs at them.

The next event was more physical, a 45-minute body attack workout, described as "pretty intense".

The day was rounded off with a round of laser force in the evening.

# Discount passes sell out quickly

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HORDES of queuing students filled the University of Otago Link and Union yesterday as thousands prepared themselves for the year of study ahead.

Course approval, free barbecues, identification photos and coffee were all cause to queue, as were the all-important tickets to Orientation.

The discounted passes, which allowed entry to all events of the two-week festival, sold out at 10am yesterday which meant people would have to buy tickets to individual events instead.

This was not unheard of, but organisers had not expected it to happen so early, events co-ordinator Dan Hendra said.