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THE PROCRASTINATOR

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Headline of the Day

Health Sci student picks up The Procrastinator: peers concerned for their GPA

The Bachelor of Health Sciences' newest student publication, The Procrastinator (h=0.01), has sparked pandemonium among its audience. The newspaper – intended to provide a behind-the-scenes look at the lives of elusive, ambitious BHSCs – has been received with concern. Many are worried that *The Procrastinator* will deter fellow students from being efficient, hindering their maintenance of near-perfect grades and effectively ruining their lives forever.

"It's called *The Procrastinator*, for crying out loud," said one Health Sci student. "How dare it promote this heinous, barbaric act, which has caused the downfall of so many of our brothers and sisters? It's a literal waste of time, taking away hours that could be spent studying at HSL, or volunteering

at a hospital, or attending one of fifty club meetings that ~~we don't really care about~~ would look great on our résumés..."

There has already been one confirmed sighting of a student reading *The Procrastinator*. It has been rumoured that said student has been in the anatomy lab for the entire reading week, making him unaware of the controversy at hand.

"My friend was the one who picked up *The Procrastinator*," admitted one Health Sci student, who requested to remain anonymous in fear of repercussions. "I'm concerned that he will be ostracized from the cohort, losing the chance to run in the Bachelor of Health Sciences Society (BHSS) elections, and suffering from poor group evals for the rest of the year.

Other students have also voiced concerns:

"Is this publication even peer-reviewed!!?"

"Wait...you mean *The Procrastinator* isn't research- or healthcare-related? What's the point of writing words that aren't related to science? People do that?"

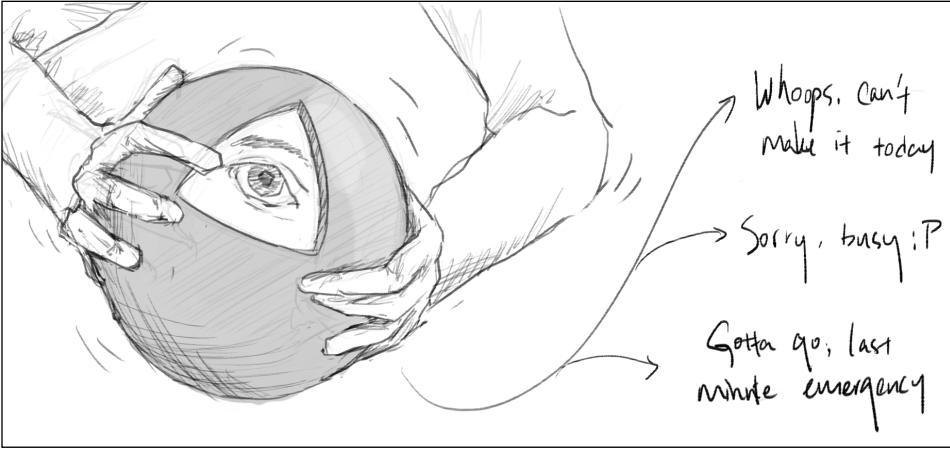
"The P-word is contagious, so don't even think about involving yourself with people who partake in such a lowly practice. Utter that unspeakable word even once, and — well, nobody knows what happens... but it probably won't be good!"

The BHSS, which sponsors the publication, has also been embroiled in the uproar. In response, a new BHSS Discussion Panel has been announced this week, entitled: "Avoiding procrastination and *The Procrastinator*: maintain your GPA at any cost or life as you know it will end."

Editors blank on broadly appealing articles: can’t identify with non-BHSc’s

In the wake of the retractions of several Med-ucator publications claiming that “Non-BH-Sc’s are a class of fairy unicorns”, much of the BHSc community is rightly asking the question: “what the f*ck? [sic]” Under intense administrative pressure, we have resolved to recognize in light of these recent events that non-BHSc’s are indeed no less capable than us of procrastinating. As *The Procrastinator* celebrates all who are capable of this most sacred act, we have set out to enrich our woefully lacking understanding of our non-BHSc brethren. Despite unprecedented progress made by our unpaid undergrad research interns, many crucial questions remain. Points of continuing investigation include “how do they locomote?”, “do they share our violent mating rituals?”, “are they detectible by ELISA?” and “can they carry?” It appears we still have much to learn.

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Health Sci student reportedly ‘Not interested in going to med school’

Sources have confirmed that a local Health Sciences student, Lowe G. Peeyae, has no interest in attending Med School after third year, let-alone fourth year. In an interview with our field reporter, Lowe had this to say: “I just don’t really want to go. I think I’m more interested in law.”

News of Lowe’s deviant behaviour has been met by backlash from the Health Sciences’ community. “Law? Does that mean he won’t be writing the MCAT?” said John Doe, a visibly shaken second year, “It’s just not natural. I’ve seen a lot of sh*t man, but this.... it’s just... it’s just not natural.”

Transcript from first class of Inquiry 1E06

member who always wants to share their research? How about: “I cut my hair and now I can’t walk”. WOW. “My door can’t close, and now I am stuck at home.” No more poor excuses! “It’s been 3 days. Please send help.”

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2K03 Cell bio group realizes facilitator was never real

Three groups of students assigned to professor Optimal Prime’s HTH SCI 2K03 T13 class were astonished to find that the facilitator and his – or should we say its – TA were both Chatbots in disguise.

“I should have known when he told us to call him Optimal for short,” admitted one student, “but I thought it was one of those first-name-basis things the profs have going”. Suspicions were aroused when Prime became unresponsive during a brief internet outage in the tutorial room. When pressed by students for comments regarding whether the disruption would affect their grades, both prof and TA Chatbots panicked, and reverted to repeating “your time and opinion are of value to us”.

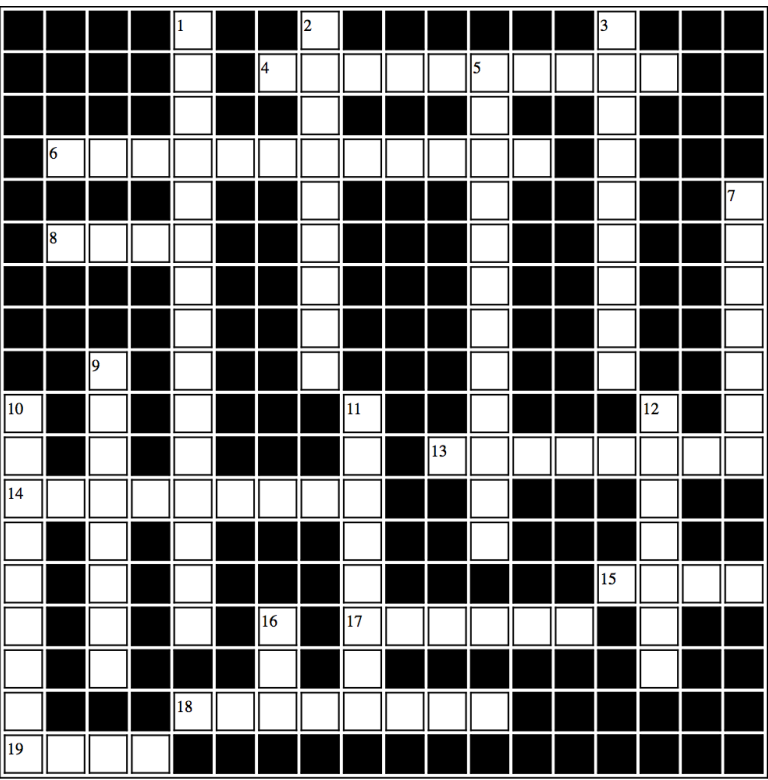
“I mean, we only meet once every two weeks,” said a second year student, “ I’m too busy praying that I don’t get picked for this week’s presentation. How were we supposed to notice that the facilitator was a cardboard cut-out?!”

Surprisingly, the overall reaction seems to be one of awe instead of frustration.

“We have been teaching ourselves all along”, one wondered aloud.

“Is this inquiry?” Another added.

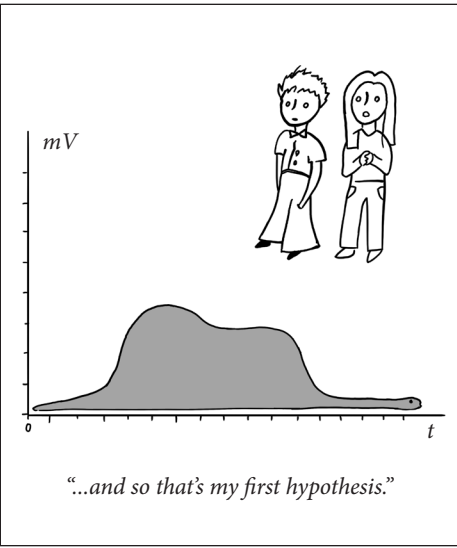
In other news, Professor Prime and its TA were also revealed to be the joint 4X03 project of this year’s graduating class. At press time, the chatbots remain unavailable for comment.



Possum struck by bus, found at anatomy bellringer

Students were confounded to discover that specimen #17 on their first semester anatomy OSPE exam was in fact a dead opossum. “I dunno,” said one 2nd year student: “I thought I recognized the specimen from my morning bus ride, and I’m like 80% sure it was a racoon”. The student has since submitted a grade challenge to that effect, though the anatomy department has thus far declined to comment on the issue. This marks the latest continuation of a trend towards the use of exotic animal specimens

in anatomy instruction. An instructor, who requested to remain anonymous, defended the decision to include the specimen, claiming that it assessed “transfer learning”. The latest reports suggest that the marking team will only be accepting “marsupial gastrocnemius” as a valid answer, provided the correct side of the body was specified. “What is even more concerning,” remarked a TA, “is how they managed to obtain three identical specimens to put in the different exam rooms.”



Obnoxiously Confusing Aptitude Test

ACROSS

- 4. Shriveling solution
- 6. Anatomy’s Dark Knight
- 8. Mini Mac staple
- 13. Health sci pokémon master
- 14. Bygone lounge trig apparatus
- 15. What must be done before inquiry vote
- 17. First years can never leave here
- 18. Night’s watch cholera solver
- 19. Assistant Dean’s favourite cracker

DOWN

- 1. What you are doing, right now
- 2. Health scis are what?!
- 3. Irritating answer to every cell bio question
- 5. Health, attitude, behaviour in _____ self
- 7. What you should be doing, right now
- 9. Chari’s storied OD drug
- 10. Soup-bearing muscle?
- 11. Closest spheres in orbit “Why” in inquiry
- 16. Del’s favourite article?

Health Sci’s outraged that program requires health, science courses

The Dean of Health Sciences called an emergency staff meeting Friday as fifteen angry Health Sciences students booked all the HSL study rooms to protest the inclusion of health and science courses in their curriculum.

“We just want the faculty to hear our voice,” said second-year BHSc student Bob Waxon-Flaxon, a main organizer of the protests. “All we ask for is a lowly 12 without doing any work,” said Waxon-Flaxon, “and the instructors have failed to satisfy even that. We strongly feel that we are being oppressed.” Some stated that the requirements to take actual courses relevant to their discipline were holding them back from their real interests, stating that they “just want to learn about water, obscure latin words, and gemstones.”

Third-year BHSc Amy Kallim was equally critical: “Do I look like an engineer to you? I just want to go to medical school, where all of my problems will be solved. How can I expected to sacrifice my role as VP Internal Administration on OMSAS Club to do MasteringChemistry?!” When told that medical school workload was actually greater than that of the average engineer, Kallim regressed to a catatonic state and could not be reached for further comments.

At press time, an online referendum to cancel all health and science course requirements in the BHSc program had only three signatures. It is unclear why BHSc students seemed to take no action on an issue they had been incessantly complaining about.

Students prepare for annual study room migration

Dr. Mohammed Chu, N.D., expert on the rare species Bacheloris Health Scientia has published a paper on their behaviour after 10 years of research.

"They are a poorly understood breed that seldom leaves a jungle of concrete found in Hamilton, Ontario" said Chu.

B. HSc exhibit behaviours that Chu and other experts describe as migratory in nature. They travel in large groups, occasionally preying on free pizza. They strategically nest in study rooms, competing for them in a ritualistic battle where they attempt to bluff that they "have a booking". When they do find a place to settle, sometimes on the hallway floor, they only remain for around 10 minutes before leaving to feed.

It seems that this transient nesting behaviour drops off in the summer months but peaks during October and February. "Perhaps it has to do with hibernation," hypothesizes Chu. Chu is currently looking for thesis students to study the potential health benefits of migration in this otherwise sedentary group of students.

Other members of the MDCL student ecosystem feel that the large colonies of *B. HSc* in are disruptive. Some have attempted confrontation, but invariably fled when the Health Sciences students reportedly "bared their teeth and foamed at the mouth like some sort of rabid, bipedal raccoon." Their confusion and apprehension is only magnified by the *B. HSc*'s seemingly alien language as well as their mysterious base-12 numbering system.

"They are quite feral in nature. I wouldn't disturb their migratory ritual," warned Chu. Sightings of a novel *B. HSc/B. Eng* chimera have also recently been reported.

Confused first years install benching equipment to prepare for inquiry benchmarking

McMaster Residency Services has recently confiscated 12 sets of benching equipment over the past few weeks. Suspensions began after numerous complaints about complete elevator occupancies, as well as disruptive noise at odd hours. Upon investigation, Residency Services discovered full sets of benching equipment in the dorms of Mary Keyes, Les Princes, and McKay Halls. The Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) students have once again taken instruction from their inquiry facilitators too literally and too far.

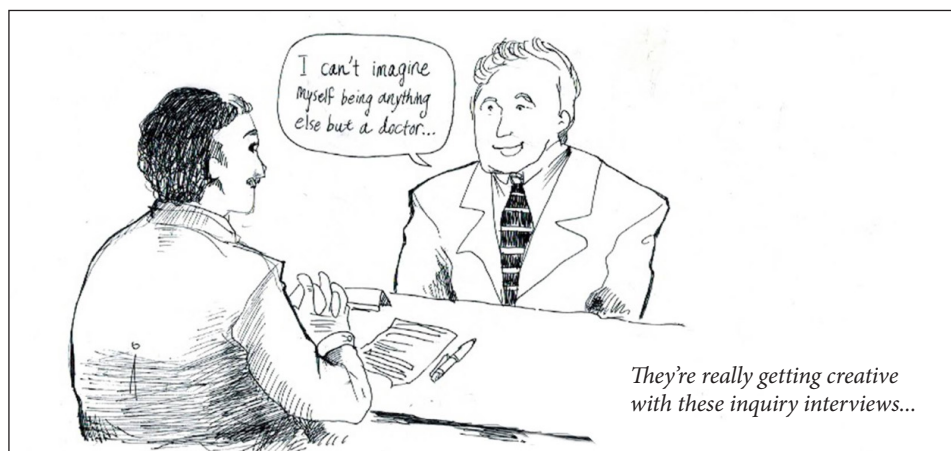
"Well, we asked our facilitator how to prepare for our benchmarking activity," said Felix Chingson (Year 1), "and since they responded with 'What do you think Bench-

marking means?' we just did the most sensible thing we thought of."

Many students protested the removal of the equipment, demanding that at least one bench press remain installed for their preparations. Upon learning that benchmarking is not literally a benching activity, students lashed out in frustration, some going so far as to burst into tears.

A kinesiology student in Mary Keyes residence commented: "When I first saw the bench presses, I was really excited to be able to exercise in the res, but the health science students hogged them all day, just like the common rooms." The BHSCs involved are reportedly now "unsure" of what to do with their overdeveloped pecs.

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In Other News

Health Sci survey study failed;
no-one admits to being in BHSc

Annual campfire cancellation
slated for October

BHSS debates relaunch as sit-com

Cell bio group cures cancer again
by drawing methyl group onto
real drug

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