

*"Don't bother asking for directions -
the old legends say that the architect himself couldn't find his way back out."*

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Headline of the Day

iBiomed program launch met with confused apprehension

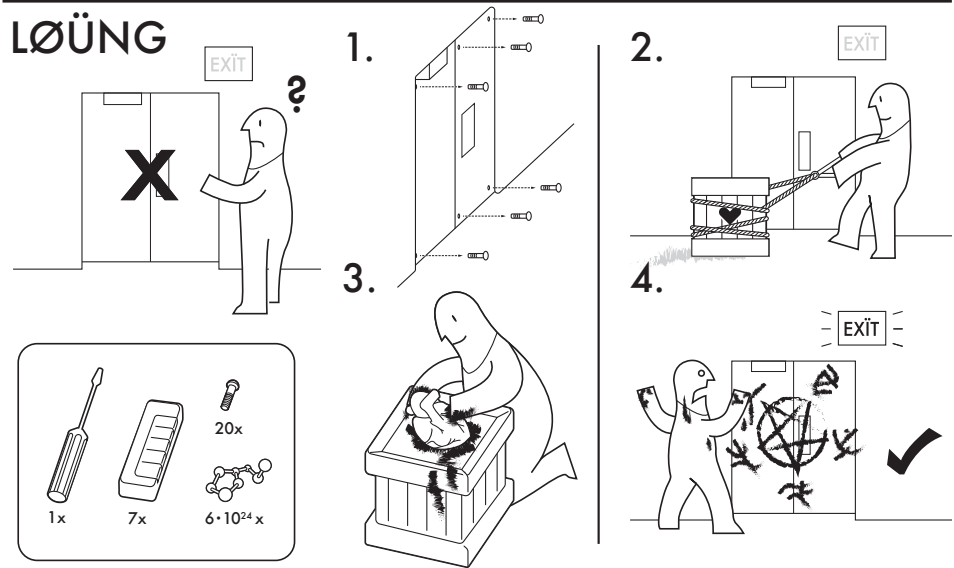
The newly announced Integrated Biomedical Engineering and Health Sciences program has been making waves for pushing the limits of pedagogical innovation, leading academics to completely rethink how many characters can be non-ironically fit within a program name.

However, the prospect of welcoming a novel program has led to rising tensions amongst the BHSCs. Many students reportedly believe that the iBiomed are in fact just students in the BHSc Biomed specialization. "They think that the 'i' will throw everyone off," said one iBiomed denier: "But those tryhard weirdoes can't fool me. I took critical appraisal."

Others remain suspicious that the program is just a front for shady collusions between the Health Sciences and Engineering departments. "You can't trust those manipulative b@stards," remarked one BHSS official: "They know math and sh*t, and that ain't right." Speculations abound that the new cohort may in fact be the first step towards a frankensteinian Eng/BHSc amalgamation. Though students and faculty universally agreed that this would make excellent fanfic material, one cannot help but question whether the deans might be playing at machinations not meant for mortal minds. When asked whether the program had exchanged any "favours" in the lead-up to the iBiomed launch, BHSc administrators

simply whispered "the two shall become one", staring into the far distance until our reporters departed.

The elusive nature of the iBiomed has led to several questionable allegations, including suggestions that they can "speak to cars", "perform horizontal gene transfer" and "do inquiry without group process". Harrowing rumours circulate about depraved study rituals involving "both blood and motor oil". Despite the varied and sometimes absurd controversies surrounding the fledgeling program, many students seemed dejected to learn that the new iBiomed will not be available at the Apple Store.



If Only

Budget cuts force Procrastinator-Meducator merger

After first years took the “BHSc dynamite” cheer too literally, the funds usually allotted towards the printing and distribution of The Meducator and The Procrastinator have instead been redirected towards the reconstruction of the Health Sciences Library.

Said fund reallocation has led to the two publications continuing under a new, amalgamated title: The Pro-Meducator. This name was reportedly chosen during a high-stakes budget reconciliation meeting between the editors of the merging organizations. At the subsequent press conference, Procrastinator editors disclosed that they had acquiesced to a Meducator-biased name in exchange for reserving the first two-thirds of each article for themselves and their universally acclaimed news coverage.

While the internal activities of the new publication remain unclear, telling sobs were heard from The Pro-Meducator’s new offices on Monday. Witnesses state that the sobbing was intercut with exclamations of “What’ll I put on my OMSAS now?” and “No one’ll take us seriously anymore!”

The former editors of The Meducator would like to reassure its audience that all is well, and that the above is just an example of the “humour” for which The Procrastinator was known. On the topic of sobbing, a discovery was recently made concerning the biological link between the lacrimal system and the urinary tract.¹ Dr. Timothy Hoggins postulates...

In Other News

Procrastinator editors confused by flood of biomedical abstract submissions

Students binge watch medical dramas to prepare for med interviews

After intensive lobbying, facilitators announce “Procrastination” as the 7th P

Student actually submits course evaluation: faculty suspect server hacking

Procrastinator team forgets to fill column, makes up self-referential article titles to distract audience

Abstracts

Inquiry students set sights on Singleus after curing cancer for the second time

Singleus lacrimosus (SL) is a devastating reproductive system disease endemic to BHSc students between the ages of 17-22. The DSM-V diagnostic criteria for SL include a clinically significant state of disarray, lonely rom-com movie nights, and griping to friends about relationships at a frequency of ≥3 episodes per week. While scientists remain divided on the molecular mechanisms behind SL, it has thus far been positively correlated with cortical expression of Massive Endogenous Ego Peptide 2 (MEEP2), and Résumé Farming Associated Cluster Kinase (RFACK). The efficacy of the matchmaking software LearnLink in rescuing SL symptoms was studied by first years

Student tragically dies in asbestos-related accident

20-year-old Ollie Tamold has recently passed away after inhaling a lethal amount of asbestos fumes. The story of Ollie’s death began with his improper completion of his 3H03 Inquiry Project safety form. We reached out to Ollie’s roommate who would often listen to Ollie venting about the course. Said roommate recalled that Ollie was frustrated about having to complete Asbestos, WHMIS, and Workplace Violence training in order to conduct a narrative review from his bedroom.

Investigations by Hamilton police revealed that Ollie had simply clicked through the Asbestos safety slides and made random educated guesses on the final quizzes until he got the answers right. Our reporters learned that this is not the first tragedy attributable to improper completion of safety training. In the Ergonomics Mishap of ‘02, a student’s poor posture led to thoracic vertebral kyphosis and subsequent death.

Ollie, who lived in a decrepit, rickety, industrial-era crack den was totally unaware that the exposed drywall was riddled with asbestos. McMaster University was quick to release a statement denying liability, “Of course it is a terrible tragedy, but if Ollie had only paid any attention whatsoever to the safety quizzes, then he would still be alive today.”

Ollie is survived by his cat, Madame Tuffle-snout.

via a quadruple-blind RCT design. Over a 3-hour “Inquiry” period, participants in th control group (n=2) attempted to ask out students from other faculties either in person. Participants in the experimental group (n=4) were given LearnLink accounts, and tasked with “sliding into someone’s DMs.” While the control group was completely unsuccessful, the experimental group exhibited one success (p=0.9). These findings credibly indicate that LearnLink, used as a matchmaking tool, may be more effective at treating SL (p<0.0001) compared to surgical alternatives such as Tinder, Spotted At Mac, and Viagra.

Obnoxiously Confusing Aptitude Test

ACROSS

- 5. Christmas for your thyroid
- 6. Health sci’s not-so-friendly poltergeist
- 7. McMaster’s best reps!
- 9. Agonist in receptor, butt in _
- 11. Half-saturated macaroni
- 12. LL, for plebs
- 13. Transfers hide their drugs here
- 14. Free refreshments provided
- 15. Foosball, pool, but no _
- 16. Winged lounge pets

DOWN

- 1. What must be done after a BHSS election
- 2. Intoxicated first year’s spookiest drink
- 3. Proteinogenic sour spartan
- 4. 14% lack this brachial feature
- 5. New Health-sci/Apple collab
- 8. Mike’s favourite anime
- 10. Cell bio pipe dream
- 12. Elect or _?



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Sin of Commission

You’ll never believe this one weird tip for getting a 12 in Psychobiology!

The Guinness Book of World Records has announced a record high of psychobio posts after the Learnlink psychobiology discussion board has hit 6,835.2 posts in just 1.2 days since the start of the semester. The LearnLink platform has traditionally been filled with educational posts regarding Google search terms of “Psychology”, “Biology”, “Psycho-biology”, and “Bio-psychology”. This year has seen the emergence of a novel posting paradigm, as students compete to have the greatest number of posts of mediocre calibre in order to achieve high marks and social validation. Students have reported seeing outrageous post titles including “*NOT CLICKBAIT* YOU WILL DEFINITELY 12 IF YOU RESPOND TO THIS”, and “Psychobio profs HATE her!!”. The responses to these articles are also reaching critical levels of appraisal. Typical responses include “Wow, I like the way you put 2 and 2 together, and got 4. I’ve never thought of that before. Quick maths.” One anonymous student explained: “High responses are necessary to get perfect in participation. We have to out participate or else we lose all chances of medical school. I have to be the very best, like no-one ever was!”

Microhoroscope

Scorpio (October 23rd -- November 21st)
1st years: Mercury is in retrograde. Be careful in which TRIPSE group members you trust: ~~someone~~ everyone will let you down.

2nd years: The tea leaves say the significance of your future in epidemiology is $p>0.5$ ~~#sorrynotsorry~~

The Inside Scoop

9 reasons you can blame the recession on LearnLink

Brave Procrastinator reporters snuck behind the red tape of the Little Red School House to bring you this ALL EXCLUSIVE INSIDER INTERVIEW with the creators of Learnlink.

P: What inspired LearnLink?
LL: We needed our own version of A2L to maintain program superiority. Associating with other programs in any way is showing the ultimate weakness. We all know that BHSc brings in the majority of this university’s income and street cred. If McMaster is NSYNC, we are the Justin Timberlake. If Avenue, PebblePad, and LearnLink together are Destiny’s Child, we are Beyoncé.

P: Does LL have any external affiliations?
LL: We cannot confirm or deny the selling of user account and external electronic data including but not limited to passwords, internet history, keystrokes, pupillary movements. We also have a summer job teaching MCAT courses for ThePrincetonReview.

3rd years: The spread entrails of the pigeon we took down outside HSC had crap in it. *Take that as you will.*

4th years: The aorta is ascending. Odin has spoken. The time is now. DO IT.

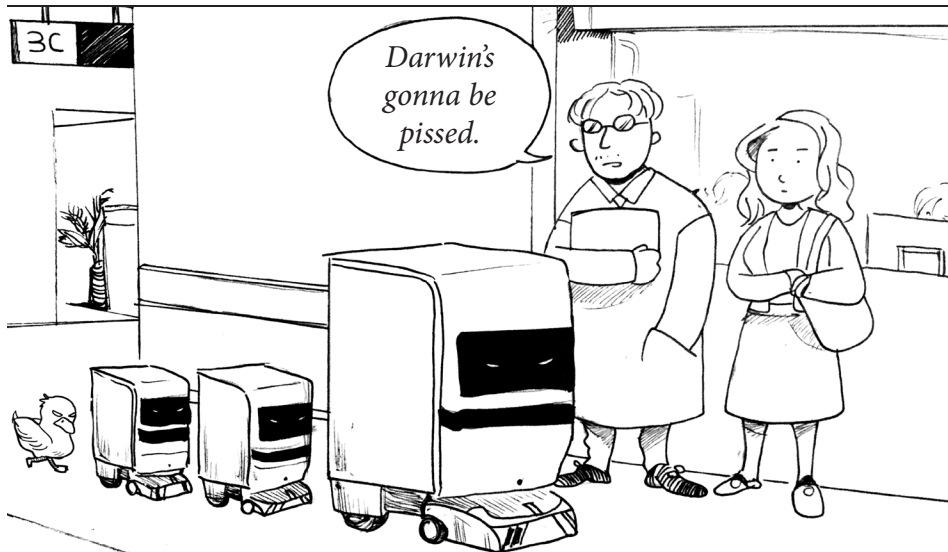
P: How come LL is so outdated?
LL: You call it outdated. We call it vintage.

P: Why’s everything open in new windows?
LL: So you can reflect on your learning pathways

P: What do you envision for LL’s future?
LL: We’ve initiated crowdfunding campaigns for Link2Learn, LearnLinkedIn, Learnlinker, LearnTube, LearnLinkpedia, WikiLinks, and a chain of coffeeshops called Ronaldo’s. Watch out for us on GoFundMe! Pledge \$5 and get 100 weeks added to the Total Time Used counter in your LL Account Statistics. You know you want to surpass your friends. *I know you want to.*

P: Any final messages for your fans?
LL: The communication link has failed. Your requests can no longer be transmitted to the server. Please Quit and log in again. [1027]

You Don't Say



The Struggle

Student takes on HSR in protest, loses

Procrastinator reporters shadowed second year BHSc student Selena Saratov as she makes her stand against the HSR-- a rookie mistake. As the sun neared its zenith, Ms. Saratov made her way to the bus stop at Whitney and Emerson for her 12:30 anatomy lab.

12:10 pm— The bus seemed to be running a tad late. "I'm committed to taking the bus!" Ms Saratov comments: "The HSR's not gonna make me walk today."

12:30 pm—Lab had now begun for Ms. Saratov. "I'm so pissed. They think that they can just screw me over again - but we'll see who holds out the longest," she garbles out-- having lost sensation in her face from cold.

7:00 pm— Saratov, now seething with anger and dismay that the bus had yet to come, refused to leave the bus stop out of pure spite. "I can't let the bus win. I can't let it win," she repeats, in a trance-like state. Saratov could

not answer her phone anymore to answer calls from worried housemates-- her arms could no longer move. Ms. Saratov's battle against the HSR has her friends and family worried. "We just want to see our daughter," says her mother.

2 days later — Ms. Saratov was by now frozen to the ground in fetal position, basic bodily functions slowed. Saratov comments: "It's been so long... so long I can no longer remember the faces of my family." Saratov later reports no memory of events following. A fellow commuter soon finds her and calls 911. The bus arrives moments before the ambulance.

Saratov's perseverance and bravery will be remembered by all. Many can empathize with her struggle, having waited for a bus that never arrived. When asked if she would do it again, she replies, "No. The bus... you can't fight it. You can't win. My will has been broken. Accept it. All hail the bus. All hail the HSR."

Now that you mention

BHSc enrolment woes

Be it Theatre, Written Communications, or Nutrition, Health Sciences students are willing to go a long way to secure course placements, including sacrificing other courses, money, or even their own perirenal fat.

The chaos commenced on the dark date of June 28, 2017, as enrollment in popular courses opened. Course releases at 10:00:00 A.M. EST (GMT+5) saw every student determinedly waiting with courses in their Mosaic shopping carts, eager to press "Enroll". It only took until 10:01:59 before the frantic cries for help began. Innocent students victimized by merciless fate, unable to enroll in the courses they had wanted since before they knew what wanting meant.

Social media immediately erupted with desperate requests for course swaps, with backroom negotiations solicited on a clandestine document known only as "THE LIST". During these transactions, radical sects of students were seen betraying their own friends with heinous acts of course robbery (violating Sec. 12.12 of the BHSS code). "Everything's fair in love and war", claimed one member, "And this war is waged on our immeasurable love for the *finest* courses in the program."

Anxiousness and despair drove many to extremity. One third-year student claimed be willing to perform his own nephrectomy at home. "I learned about kidney anatomy in HTH SCI 2FF3. If you're willing to give me 3CC3, I'll have the kidney ready for you within a few hours!" exclaimed the student in a teary post in the 2019 Facebook group. The course was later traded for a cookie from the hospital cafe.

"Eh...", remarked a fourth year, "still better than SOLAR".

Now that you've taken a breather,

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