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Headline of the Day

New cryptocurrency launched in BHSc

The cryptocurrency craze has officially made its way into the faculty of Health Sciences with the launch of BHSCoin, a novel e-currency based on the LL framework. When asked to explain how BHSCoin works, a group of students looked at each other blankly, mumbling something about 'blockchains' before quickly departing. As students began to load up their purses, three of the most popular LL servers for mining (one coin per discussion post) were quickly established as Psychobiology, Health Systems and Health Policy, and the previously unused, Health, Attitude, and Behaviour. The Psychobiology server alone has racked up an astounding fifteen million posts. Our reporters reached out to Dr. Harry Czechman, former psychobiology professor, for

comment on the record-breaking amount of posts. No comment was attained as it was found that, upon hearing the news, Dr. Czechman entered a comatose state. The nurse responsible for his care noted that his face has maintained a permanent grin.

With the rapidly gaining popularity of BHSCoin, some students have expressed concern about the methods used in mining, complaining of a dramatic decrease in the overall quality of LL posts. Allegedly, students have been offloading their accounts to partners in Russia for BHSCoin mining. Students cited a number of Psychobiology posts of a suspicious nature: "Is your dog happy?" "OH NO! IT'S FRIDAY THE 13TH!!! :O" "Coffee Naps" "Do Fish Sleep?"

"Zzzzz: Naps!" "hugs" "Oooooohhhmm [insert heart sutra - neural noise here]" "Do you get HANGRY?" "OBESITY: BETRAYAL OF THE TONGUE" "How brain work?" and "Am I pregnant?"

Despite these potentially illicit mining techniques, the BHSc Office has made no comment. BHSCoin has continued to grow in popularity, and currently trades somewhere between 0.2 and 1,253.3 CAD. More and more businesses have begun to accept its use as a legitimized currency (for instance, a single BHSCoin can be exchanged for one Ice Cold Can of Delicious. Refreshing. Pepsi™). The Procrastinator will continue to closely follow the rise of BHSCoin and will totally probably not use its sources for insider trading.

Student breaks the mould, comes forward about godawful residence smell

McMaster staff continue to be puzzled by a miasmic odour permeating through first-year residences, causing a mass exodus in the past three days. While CA’s remain tight-lipped, some residents speculate that their keener BHSc roomates may be involved.

“My roommate keeps hiding mouldy sandwiches in the fridge behind my Ice Cold Cans of Delicious. Refreshing. Pepsi™,” said one anonymous student on Mac Confessions. “The smell was awful, but he kept refusing to clean it, saying he was busy playing League of Legends.” Other witnesses have spotted similar rancid sandwiches in their mini-fridges, closets, and washing machines. “My roommate was writing a lab report on mould last night,” added one source: “He told me it was for cell bio but everyone knows Health Sci courses are too hipster to require lab reports.”

Concurrently, Procrastinator reporters have also identified an influx of wet-lab research positions being added to first-year LinkedIn profiles, all pertaining to a mysterious study about “Fungal development on carbohydrate-rich substrates”. One student reportedly took it one step further, publishing a study describing their experiences consuming the moldy sandwich (Carson 2018, BMJ). This stomach-turning trend reportedly began after a health sci finessed a paid research position in first year by citing the observations of a mouldy sandwich as “previous lab experience”. *Further investigation into this topic has been blocked at the bribery request of the 4X03 Pimp-My-OM-SAS Initiative.*

Inquiry facilitators unable to explain inquiry

Student reads during reading week

3rd year BHSc health policies implemented; death toll rising

Editors pledge more breaks to meet procrastination deficit

Students shocked to find that BHSc is a four year program

The recent discovery of mysterious Learn-Link rumours hinting at the existence of a fourth year in BHSc program has thrown the student community into a state of panic.

Many students are reacting with profound disbelief in the face of these jarring revelations. “It can’t be true,” insisted Carla Petrovic, a second year student: “Fourth years are just ghost stories that they tell to scare children. Like UNSIN or Evil Santa.” Others have lashed out in frustration. “This is an outrage,” exclaimed 3rd year biomed Martha Baker. “I came here for exactly 3 years of GPA security, minimal effort, and *strategic* elective choices,and now you’re telling me I have to BS out an entire honours thesis?! Where’s the humanity?” The office

Sin of Commission

Procrastinator editors shamelessly exploit med hopefuls for satire material

Highly Esteemed Editors of McMaster University’s most prestigious (and humble) publication, The Procrastinator (h=87), have been caught phishing for article ideas under the guise of an executive-team application.

Having completely exhausted their pool of ideas on only their second issue, this elite team of eight to sixty-five has declined to comment, although our internal investigative team reports that maniacal cackling could be heard from their secretive exec meeting cave.

Applicants, however, were decidedly less happy about the matter. “I just wanted to be an exec for six clubs,” says one tearful Procrastinator reject: “One for each of the P’s. And now I have to settle for five. How will I ever get into med school?” I know for an unequivocal fact that Queen’s wants at least 10 club positions for MD considerations.

Editors of the Meducator, the Undergraduate Health Sciences Blog Journal, were quick to make wholly unsolicited comments on the matter: “You should have probably realized something was when they asked you to make fun of values like righteousness and respect in the very same application.” The aforementioned editors refused to comment on allegations that their articles are peer-reviewed by their parents.

responded by releasing a memo reminding students that the BHSc program does not have a humanities requirement.

The brunt of the fallout has landed squarely on the shoulders of BHSc administrators, who reported being barraged with passive-aggressive inquiries from students who adamantly refused to believe that the BHSc works the same way as other undergraduate programs. “I don’t see how this is fair,” remarked an anonymous 3rd year BHSc. “We’re supposed to be better than everyone and it only makes sense that our program structure should reflect that. If I wanted to squander the rest of my precious youthful years bustin’ my @ss for nothing, I would’ve transferred to BDC.”

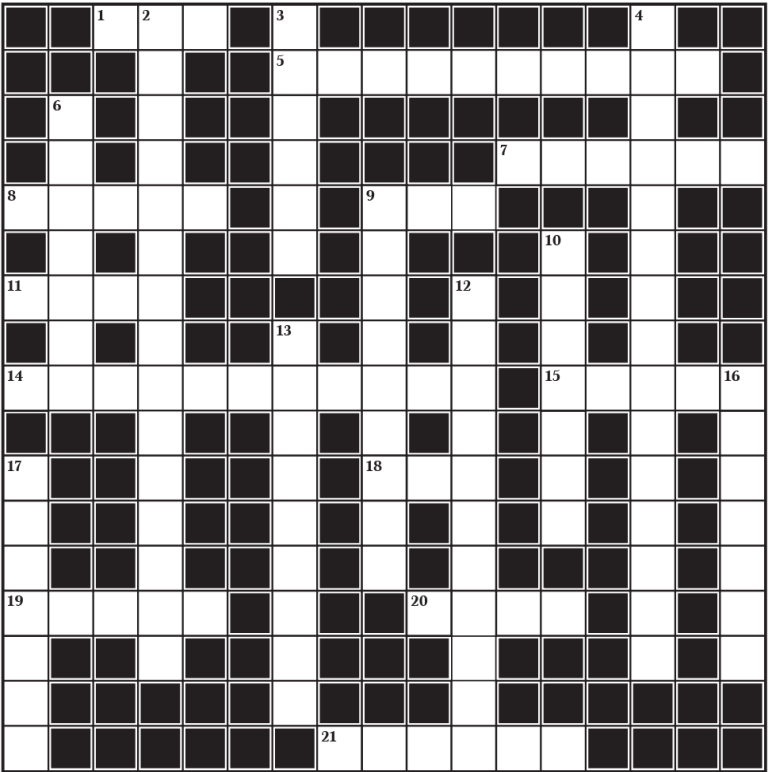
Ha-ha

Student receives award for exceptional work in critical appraisal

The newly instituted award for exceptional work within the subject area of Critical Appraisal (CRAP) was just awarded to Mike Raap. The award is given to, “a student whose dedication to CRAP is unparalleled and who exhibits uncommon work ethic.” We reached out to Mike to get some first-hand insight into his feelings on the award.

“It’s amazing. I worked on CRAP everyday and I didn’t even know about the CRAP award, so it was a complete surprise. My passion for CRAP and the hours I put in have finally paid off! Seriously, I put in a lot of hours. I was doing CRAP in the library, in my bedroom; one time, I even CRAP’ed at my girlfriend’s place! I had a lot of CRAP on my mind to be sure.”

His peers were equally impressed with Mike’s CRAP work. His group mates remarked that he was completely deserving of the award, called the Stanley H. Ingram Trophy. On the topics of Mike’s dedication, one group mate recalled: “Mike put the work in. I’d walk in after he CRAP’ed and there’d be discarded paper everywhere. He would CRAP everyday, twice a day if he’d been drinking coffee. That guy’s CRAP was seriously polished.”



Editor meeting minutes

Still to do list:

- Convert lounge to procrastinator HQ
- Pay Protection Money to department
 - Retain kneecaps
- Employee benefits/dental insurance
- Make procrastination one of the 6 P’s
- Pay off ethics board
- Spur a proletarian revolution and execute the Czar

Ideas for issue:

Make fake meeting minutes (or just put real minutes?)

Consensus: fake minutes too much effort

Post the crossword answers finally?

Nah

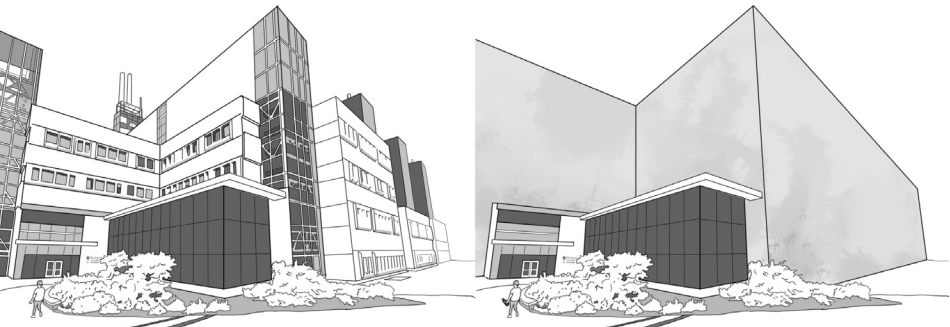
Maybe do it after 3 years <-*would be funny*

Promo videos

Video ideas: Procrastinator editors try to name the 6 P’s
You don’t know what a procrastinator looks like - “My strange addiction parody”

Acquire ice cold cans of Delicious. Refreshing. Pepsi™ for next week’s meeting.
Acquire ice cold cans of Delicious. Refreshing. Pepsi™ for launch party
To be determined: Too poor?

How do we end the fake minutes?



First year inquiry actually divination: students unsurprised

Recently, BHSc has undertaken a collaborative initiative with Prof. Trelawney from the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. After a daring expedition to the magical castle last summer, inquiry facilitators are bringing the newest magical innovations to self-directed inquiry learning. It has been rumoured that closets of magical trinkets and artifacts have been secretly stashed in preparation for the edupocalypse.

Classic inquiry topics such as scientific method, research, and content are now being brushed aside to make way for alchemy, aspirations, divination, and defense against the dark arts. This year, program staff introduced a new exercise for the first year inquiry curriculum: foresight thinking. The now-iconic activity sees facilitators and

students passing around a crystal ball and consuming ice cold cans of Delicious. Refreshing. Pepsi™ to gain critical precognition of categorically unpredictable events. “Foresight thinking is the pedagogy of the future. We need to equip young leaders to peer into the future in order to **control** it prepare for it,” summarized program leader Dartley DaFine. “Reflections? Pah! That’s just hindsight thinking.”

Terrified peer tutors have reported observing first years obsessively collecting countless newspaper articles, prognosticating about “alternative futures,” counting hay in broomsticks, and staring into the unending void. Since the new curriculum’s launch, three first year students have been scouted by Netflix to be writers for Black Mirror.

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The emoji article

Based on plummeting student literacy rates, as well as unanimous audience feedback confirming that “words are too hard”, the Procrastinator team has worked tirelessly* to bring you our freshest low-word count offering. 50% words or less guaranteed, or your money back.

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Dear Dendrites

The Procrastinator solves all of your life's problems

Introducing Dear Dendrites, an anonymous advice column. Submit inquiries via Facebook and we may answer them in our next issue!

Dear Dendrites,

While preparing for her Pathogen interview, my best friend decided to hone her BH Spirit by living with an actual wolf pack after injecting herself with blue paint. When I finally tracked her down through her distinctive blue droppings, she told me that the wolf pack was less bloodthirsty than BHSc and she's never felt more comfortable in her skin fursuit. What should I do?

Sincerely, Team Edward

Dear Team Edward,

Gee, that sure is wild! Bob on our writing staff can be quite animalistic sometimes, too; we find that setting a trap with Delicious. Refreshing. Pepsi™ as bait can be quite effective! Works on absentee parents and group members too!

Dear Dendrites,

I'm a high school student looking for Healthscis to write my supp app in exchange for a lab opportunity at my dad's trout farm (those are wet, right?) and an ice cold can of Delicious. Refreshing. Pepsi™. I understand that it might be dishonest for you guys to write it for me, so I have just one question: “What about the status quo would you ‘unmake’, and how would you ‘remake’ it?”

Sincerely, Healthsci Hopeful

Dear Hopeless,

It sounds to me like you're awfully eager to get into Health Sciences! We've got a few pointers that might help you out:

Give it your all and try your hardest
Earnest remarks are always appreciated!
Tell the apathetic fourth years about you

Open up about your many credentials
U is kind, u is smart, u is important
Trust your instincts

Student finds true love on Spotted At Mac

They say to never underestimate the power of technology, especially in the case of these two McMaster University students who found their love on Spotted at Mac.

The fateful encounter between Ed Mullen and Stella Hwan was sparked by an anonymous post on the self-proclaimed most active community on McMaster. “I still remember stressing out about the post,” Mullen told the Procrastinator. “I wrote: ‘If this is you, please leave a like so I can send you a message.’ Man, I thought my Asian Princess was lost forever when during the first two hours, the only like I got was from this Eng dude named Rahul.”

Despite the dearth of Facebook likes, Mullen was rewarded with an influx of 174 comments within three days, where students began to tag friends. “It was kind of amazing how many people were tagged. Like I thought I was pretty descriptive, you know. Asian girl in Health Sciences, long black hair with glasses. Black Canada Goose jacket. I mentioned how I saw her a couple times in HSL too.” After 12 days of waiting, Mullen knew that his K-Pop Seoulmate was found when Hwan was repeatedly tagged by her friends. The two started talking, and became Facebook Official two weeks later following a successful inaugural date at Baywest Café, where they shared an ice cold can of Delicious. Refreshing. Pepsi™.

“Things are going fantastic. We plan to get married 13.0 [11.8-23.5] years from now and build a hospital together in Cancún.” Now that's foresight-thinking.

Now that you've taken a breather,

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