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Headline of the Day

End of the Year, End of an Era: Obituary for Learnlink

LearnLink, age 9,898,934, of Hamilton, Ontario, will pass away peacefully on Friday, June 28th, 2019 (though some may argue that the deceased had already been deceased for a while). LearnLink will be survived by tearful staff who held onto this life for so long they really thought posting announcements in the 4X03 LL folder would attract the attention of entire cohorts. Students will always cherish the memories they had with LearnLink. From the annoyance felt when any text one copy-pasted from the platform had bullet points attached to it for reasons still not understood, to the thrill of figuring out how to submit to the correct homework folder for the first time, the little red schoolhouse has truly sheltered health scis through thick and thin. When friends weren't there, LearnLink, with its culty blue logo, was. It would check in with a cutesy little popup to see if you wanted to log out even when your parents had stopped checking in.

Inquiry facilitator Maura Becord was found in an unresponsive stupor after receiving the platform's prognosis. Sources claim that she has since remodelled Inquiry to discourage democratic voting procedures, as that was the kind of decision-making that led to LearnLink's demise in the first place. With authoritarian leadership styles now being encouraged in Inquiry I, the faculty is now considering the cancellation of the class entirely since dictatorship comes so naturally to health scis that there's nothing left for the course to teach them.

The anatomy department similarly plans to make changes in the wake of this tragedy by finding alternative outdated technology to implement in LearnLink's place. The department redirected the faculty's "2000's throwback" funding, previously allotted to Learnlink, to buying off all of the 3D glasses

remaining from the first theatrical showing of *The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl*. They then remodelled and integrated these glasses into the most inaccessible "3D imaging" bell-ringer stations of all time.

Funeral services will be held in the Health Sciences Lounge next week; this was decided to be a fitting location because, much like LearnLink, the lounge is crustily old, rarely accessed, and boasts an illusion of exclusivity to other programs that is shattered the moment you actually go in. In lieu of flowers, the BHSc office has requested that all BHSc students post a message containing 'F' on the announcements board to pay respects.

Rest in peace, Learnlink. Avenue to Learn will never compare. The world wasn't ready for you, and maybe it never will be.

Hits Too Close to the Home You Don't Have

Third Years Homeless After Getting Rejected from Med School

A group of 3rd year Health Scis showed up recently to the Health Sciences Office with a humble request: room and board.

The group claims that they didn't sign a lease for the next academic year as they were confident about getting into medical school this cycle.

"I honestly thought that I would at least get one interview. My parents are good friends with one of the adcom people, so it's honestly so discriminatory," lamented one member of the group. "I just wanted to party on the Dean's yacht!"

"I even self-declared as black," complained a student who had just gotten the result of his 23AndMe.

The group, now forced to do a victory lap, had to reckon with their impending homelessness and turned to the one person at the Office.

Ultimately, their appeal ended in failure: Tereza Basiliue was off at a meeting somewhere doing something "administrative" and despite waiting hours to speak about their concerns, no one was there to hear them.

"I guess we'll just sleep in an empty MDCL room?" they mused.

Of course, the irony of having to wait for the med students to clear the rooms before they could lay down camp for the night was not lost on the group.

"Honestly, this is all the fault of the guy my parents hired to write my MCAT for me. We'll have to hire a better one next time."

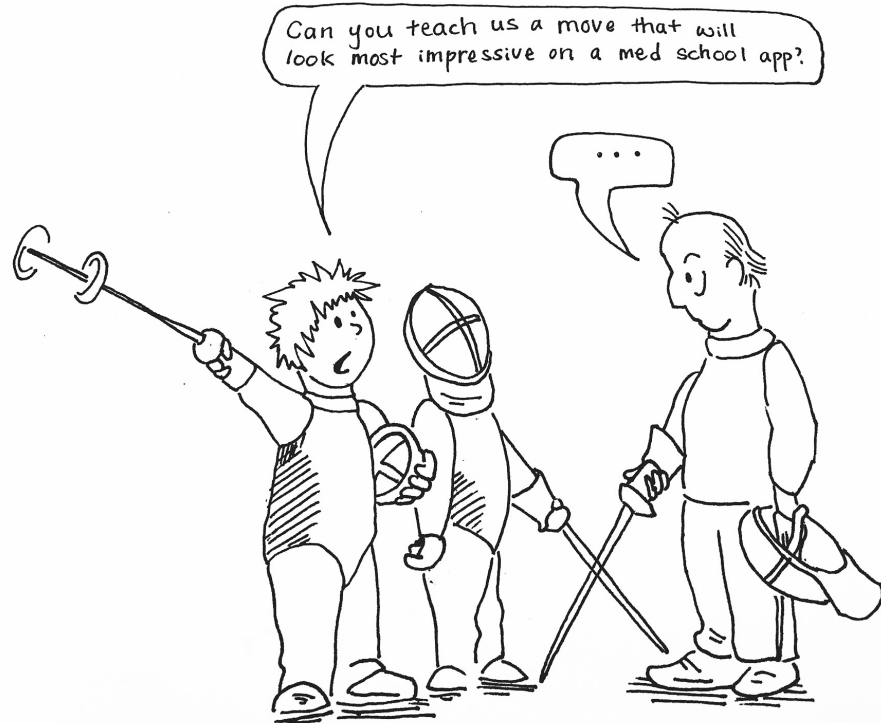
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WANTED: ONE HOME

Posted: May 14th, 2019

Fourth year health sci student currently in need of a place to live around McMaster Campus. Clean, hard-working, respectable. Will not prioritize OMSAS applications over doing house chores. Preferably a flexible lease, as I am on the wait list for several professional schools that could contact me at any moment. Please contact Rej.Ected@learnlink.mcmaster.ca before Friday, June 28th, 2019, or ectedr@mcmaster.ca after Friday, June 28th, 2019.

The F in Fencing is for Fake



More Loyalty to LL Than to Each Other

Brave BHSc's Refuse to Let LearnLink Die

With the impending demise of LearnLink, some BHSc students are struggling to accept the reality of a LearnLink-less world.

To that end, a number of students have rallied around the banner of preserving LearnLink by staying connected indefinitely. The group, known as the Fellowship of the Ding, started on the fringes, in complete anonymity. While most students were frantically downloading question banks and tests from previous years, the Fellowship has been planning for every possible eventuality.

"We're going to keep it running on one computer and sleep in shifts so we don't get kicked for inactivity," said leader of the Fellowship, Frody Baghands.

Now the group is gaining in popularity as people start to recognize the nobility of their quest. An underground gambling ring has started around who can most accurately predict how long the Fellowship will be able to keep it going. The total pot has reached \$10,000 in cold hard cash* for whichever student predicts closest to the exact minute when the Fellowship slips up and LL shuts down for good.

"Ya I know about the bets," said Frody. "I had to cut three members from the Fellowship who were offering to split the pot if they 'accidentally' spilled their ice coffee on our computer. It's bullshit. We're in it for the long haul. We refuse to live in a unlinked, unlearned world. LearnLink must never die. Praise the Ding!"

As of yet, no one mustered the courage to explain to the BHSc students that as soon as the server shuts down they will be automatically booted from LearnLink.

(*BHScash only redeemable at a value of five cents to the dollar at the Hospital Cafeteria)

Public Service Announcement

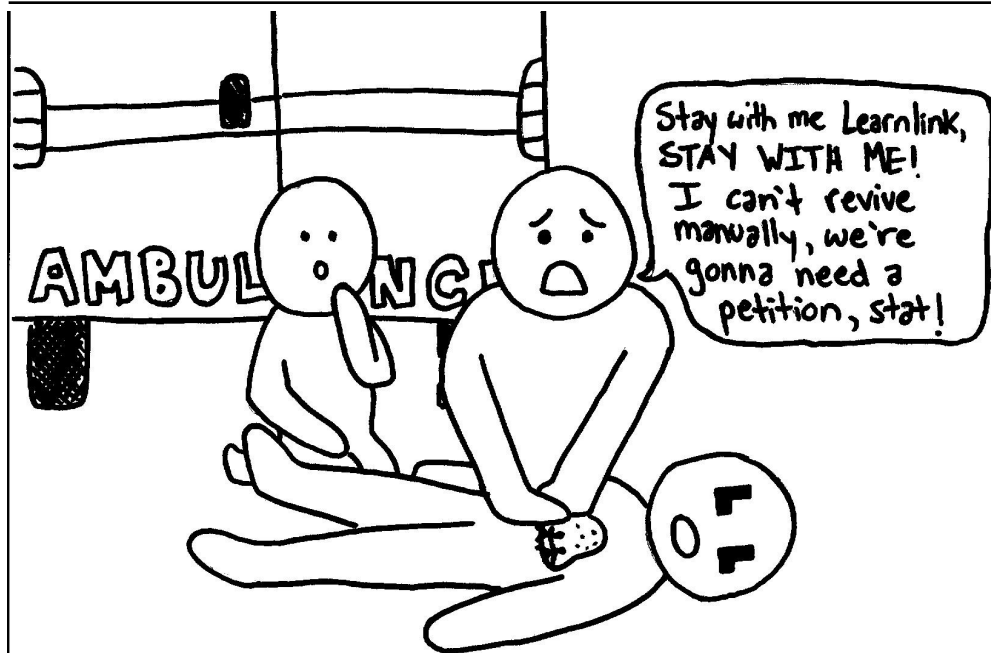
Brush Your Damn Teeth

No one wants rotting gums. Here's how to prevent them.

Brush your teeth at least twice a day after meals. Most important is to brush before you go to sleep. Let's talk brushing technique. Be thorough. You can brush for two minutes (which is recommended), but if you aren't brushing the RIGHT way you may as well not do it at all. Apply some force—but not too much—and make sure to get up into the gums. Plaque build-up can lead to gingivitis. Make sure to also brush the tongue. It's important and can even help freshen your breath.

Now let's get into flossing. Oh, flossing. A truly horrific word for some. Dread it, fear it, but it is an integral part of your dental hygiene. The truth is flossing is absolutely necessary and one of the best ways to maintain healthy gums. Don't just use the floss to pick out food from between your teeth. Get into your gums with the floss to get the most benefit out of it.

Follow these guidelines and your breath will be minty fresh, your gums will be a healthy pink, and you'll have a smile that will light up the dark void that is our reality!



Reality TV Got Too Real

The Bachelor Spin-off : “Are You Good Enough For My Son” to Air This Fall on CityTV

This fall, 2019, from the producers that brought you *The Bachelor*, a new soon-to-be classic: “Are You Good Enough For My Son?” This new production follows the journey of John Matthews, a handsome first year med student and his quest to find love. Naturally, he is much too busy to appear on a reality TV show, so he will be replaced by his his bible-thumping, Jesus-loving mother! Mrs. Mary Matthews will be tasked with selecting her future daughter-in-law. When asked about his feelings towards the upcoming season, John stated, “I’m only 22 for God’s sake, I’m not looking for a wife.”

Mrs. Matthews told *Procrastinator* reporters, “My precious son is so busy bringing pride to this good Christian family with his med school degree that I have to find a pure, white, Christian virgin for him before he gets too old! He never calls me anymore, doesn’t attend bible study, and I don’t even think he gave up anything for Lent!” When asked specifically what she is looking for in a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Matthews replied, “Oh just a girl from an up-standing family with good birthing hips and a healthy fear of God!”

Vying for his big heart (and huge line of cred-it) are 30 top contending women! Following each grueling week, the women must face 20 minutes of relentless nagging from Mrs. Matthews without bursting into tears in order to be awarded a rose(ary) and be considered a Very Promising Young Lady! We can’t wait to see how quickly these charming young women will be eliminated!

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The Procrastinator Offers \$500 Supp App Reviews

The *Procrastinator* staff are offering supplementary application reviews from a panel of insightful, nearly fully literate editorial staff for \$500 per essay. First of all, for all applicants interested in the least-academically demanding and consequently most-competitive undergraduate program on the continent, be sure to really get a grasp on why you’re applying. Make some good shit up, or do what every other successful applicant does, and ask a current health sci to write it for you do some deep reflection.

Next, after some deep soul-searching, be sure to draw upon your experiences, and discuss how your experiences align with the values of the health sciences program. It helps to have had leukemia before you actually started developing memories, although you should recall that the essays are totally anonymous. Feel free to just lie.

Finally, you have to really pour your soul out onto the page (or onto the screen, since it’s 2019). Being literate helps. Read a fucking book for once in your lives, you troglodytes.

We’d also like to offer a bit of wisdom for the fourth years who’ve graciously volunteered their time and sanity to separate the wheat from the chaff, to isolate the signal from the noise, to select future ennobled health scis from the dirty peasant life scis. To the elderly among us who’ve taken the time to read this piece of fine literature for the last time: be sure to read through as many supp app essays as possible to justify to yourself just how much you actually deserve to be here. Not that you ever wrote a better application than they did.

Welcome to the BHSc, Such a Lovely Place

Health Sci is Literally a Cult

An Exclusive™ Procrastinator™ Exposé

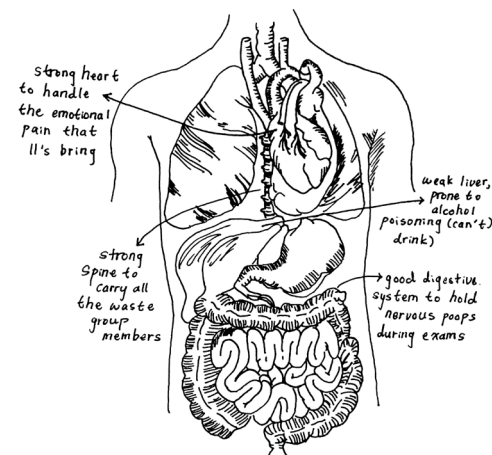
WEDNESDAY - *Procrastinator*™ reporters caught up with an anonymous third-year Health Sciences student this afternoon, who had attempted to transfer out of the program earlier this week. The unnamed student (Chris Armitage) reportedly, “did not enjoy the very few mandatory Health or Sciences courses,” and “only came to the BHSc program because [he] got accepted, and like, that low acceptance rate made [him] feel special lowkey ya feel?” He further added that he did not “get” the culture of Health Sci, questioning the “need for four different iGEM clubs. And all the wet lab clubs! Why do all these [expletive] [expletive] s love wet labs so much? Lab research, lab fundraising, wet lab training? For fuck’s sake!”

Allegedly, when the unnamed student (Chris) approached the Faculty of Health Sciences for a transfer request, he was immediately placed in an unmarked HSL study room “for his own safety.” “It was weird, like, I asked what was going on, and if I could leave or what, and then next thing I know [faculty person] was in the room with me begging me to reconsider, not to transfer out, something about keeping ‘medical school acceptance rates’ high. Fuckin’ weird, man.” According to the unnamed student (Chris) he wasn’t allowed to leave until he had written a reflection about the experience and submitted it on LearnLink. “I was there for hours, man. They forced me to drink bubble tea and wear Blundstones. And the [expletive] reflection was left unread! There’s some funny business going on here for sure.”

Following the incident, a formal LearnLink message was sent to all BHSc students requesting mandatory participation in a BHSc “rethinking” seminar, but astonishingly low attendance forced the event to be canceled, despite the promise of free (sans gluten) pizza.

Joke’s on You, I’ve Never Worked Hard, Ever

Anatomy of a Hardworking Health Sci



Back by Popular Demand

Microhoroscope

Friends. Love. LearnLink. Horoscopes. Four things you cannot live without. While we can't revive your favourite social media platform or convince your old friends to stop ignoring you in the HSC cafeteria, we at the Procrastinator can provide some sage, personalized advice for the month to come.

Aries (March 21st -- ~~Weed Day~~ April 20th)



First years: Today you may find yourself bonding with a new person as strongly as a ligand binds to a hypothetical receptor protein in a RAPSE. Remember to value and maintain this new connection, before life throws a conformational change at you both.

Second years: Your anal sphincter has been particularly constricted this month. We suggest that you pull your head out of your ass, take a page from the righteous book of HTHSCI 2J03, and chill-ax.

Third years: Getting in touch with your soul is almost as important as the need to overhaul the healthcare framework of Ontario (or comparator jurisdiction) in response to growing health inequities that stem from income disparity and the lack of action taken to assist vulnerable populations to escape the never-ending cycle of institutionalization. Keep going to Health Pol.

Fourth years: The carboxyl groups have bonded to benzene quite nicely this month. You are projected to continue moving viscously through life. Keep doing you boo, and try not to fail out of school in the few weeks left before graduation. Don't forget to submit your PoA.

Fifth years: Hope the two (2) of you have a nice year!

Faculty: 12. 12. 11. 12. 12. 12. Seize the Ritz. LL's only employee
Carpe diem.

Better Than the Sony Leaks

Leaked Job Application From a Former Learnlink Employee

LEARNLINK EMPLOYEE

PHONE: 1 212-1212-ONLY • E-MAIL: LLRoCkz@learnlink.mcmaster.ca

Resume

Awards: "Employee of the year" x25

Education: BHSc Class of 1894

Work Experience:

LL Employee

From the beginning of time to present

Cover Letter

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am writing to express my interest in the full-time position of Content Manager for Avenue to Learn, advertised as being open at this time. I am undoubtedly the perfect candidate for this role because of my 25+ years of incomparable experience managing a cutting edge and user-friendly platform, LearnLink. Although some annoying students believe that I have been simply pumping pointless software updates onto the platform to keep LL's lifeless, decrepit body functional and prolonging its life like a coma patient in a vegetative state, I believe that my work has been integral to the functioning of the program. As the only employee managing this technological miracle, I have integrated a plethora of features into the LL platform. One example is the "History" icon in the Mailbox, which has given students the power to stalk their professors day and night in an effort to confirm that their submitted Habits portfolios (and countless intimate reflections) never get read by the faculty.

Unfortunately, Project #BHSave could save the program but not the underpinning foundation of it. LL will be abolished and I, unemployed. Not hiring an expert like me would not only be a loss to McMaster but a step back to the Dark Ages for the entire world. I urge you, with all my heart and soul, to hire me pls.

Sincerely, truly yours and with the warmest regards possible,



Now that you've taken a breather,

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