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Headline of the Day

Oh Snap! Shortlist of New BHSc Specializations Revealed

Now that the Biomedical Specialization has been abolished in a Game of Thrones-worthy coup by iBiomed, the department is now on the search for new bells and whistles to tack onto students' meaningless degrees.

The office shared the shortlist of new specializations being considered at an all-years meeting session on Tuesday, however *The Procrastinator's* ironically hard-working reporters were the only ones in attendance. The shortlist includes "Old People Health," a cumbersome name meant to parallel Child Health as a promotional tool to indicate how little Anatomy is in this specialization. Another proposed stream, "Mental Health," seemed promising until it was announced that this specialization will purely consist of 16-hour body-scans, weekly ASMR recording sessions, and the mandatory coursepack of a Sonic-themed colouring book and a navy wolfpack

satchel containing three (3) mushrooms.

The most controversial proposal, though, was the BHSS- and MSU-sponsored "Extracurriculars Stream," which would consist of 0 classes and allow students to dedicate 100% of their time to faking extracurriculars, instead of the mere 80% that regular BHSc students can already afford. This proposal was met with much acclaim from the sparse students in the room. They immediately began filling out extra lines of "[insert organ here] club" on their OMSAS, hoping that those extra entries would blot out the dark mark that participating in *The Procrastinator* has put on their records. Dissension arose, however, when one of our own yelled, "Wait, isn't this just the same thing as Child Health?"

The reporter that spoke up was instantly dragged out by Margie's Angels and subjected

to three consecutive days of debates on how to vote and dramatic readings of self-help books. As this clockwork began to orange, Margos herself took the CNH stage to announce that this meeting was adjourned and no further changes would be made to the BHSc program.

Edited to Add: Two days after the under-attended meeting, it was revealed through an external investigation that Margos was actually the one responsible for the downfall of the other specializations—the engineers were simply too burnt out to object to being framed. After collecting all four infinity specializations, Margos was able to snap half the streams out of existence, cementing the Child Health dynasty one year after the last true, normally-sized BHSc cohort graduated. Innis Library was also implicated as collateral damage; Health Scis will no longer have this precious safe haven for hiding from other Health Scis.

Health Sciences Office
Introduces Anatomy Inquiry

The Procrastinator *reporters have recently unearthed a new scheme put in place by the BHSc office, involving major changes to Anatomy and Physiology 2F03 and 2FF3 courses for September 2020.* BHSc whistleblowers have anonymously informed us that dark and powerful members of the faculty have forced Dr. Bouncy Ball into retirement so that “Anatomy Inquiry” can finally come into fruition.

With our beloved champion of anatomical education forcibly removed, the BHSc faculty have put in place measures to make the course “reflect Health Sci values.”

Taking direction from the McMaster Medical School, the new Anatomy Inquiry 2FU6 is now being offered as an elective in order to give students even more free time to whore themselves out to willing P.I.s to beef up their ABS.

The new course curriculum consists of one twelve hour class per year in which groups of 10-15 students are locked in an MDCL room with one, fresh, undissected cadaver and a dull butter knife. This new form of hands-on experiential learning is thought to encourage peer collaboration, problem solving, and creative methods of desecration. Students will be distributed designated vomit buckets, however any form of reverse peristalsis will cause them to be docked 5% for showing weakness.

The marking scheme of Anatomy Inquiry will include a 20% weighted midterm, in which students will be expected to successfully remove each object from the patient in the “Operation” board game without triggering the alarm while a TA distractingly whispers the HABITS body scan erotically into their ear. The final exam consists of an 80% bellringer with 30 stations. There will be no questions to answer, and instead each student will be given two minutes to speed-write a single page reflection on how each specimen, “makes them feel”.

Should any student fail the course, they will appear in front of the entire BHSS stripped naked and oiled up, and be forced to wrestle any facilitator of their choosing in order to keep their acceptance to the BHSc program.

Though this novel method of teaching anatomical science has been previously untested, the BHSc office is confident that Anatomy Inquiry will best prepare their students for their bright futures in the real world.

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Bleed for that Blue

Faculty of Health Sciences Replaces Classic, Basic 12-Point
GPA Scale With a Colourful Alternative

In a shocking, but not unexpected turn of events, the Faculty of Health Sciences announced last Friday that they would be getting rid of the classic twelve-point GPA scale for BHSc students. In replacement, the faculty plans to implement a colour-based grading scale, which gets rid of percentages and grade point averages in favour of hex-code based colours. This follows in the footsteps of previous Health Sciences initiatives, such as VRBR bellringers and facilitator-less 4X03 tutorials, in coming up with convoluted solutions to problems that never existed.

“The outdated numbers-based system fails to accurately display a student’s level of knowledge and participation in any given course. There are only so many numbers between 0 and 100 that we can use to measure academic achievement,” stated a FHS spokesperson, blissfully unaware of the existence of decimals. “This new colour-based system allows instructors to accurately assign up to 16,777,217 different possible grades per student, each represented with a unique hexadecimal code.” The spokesperson went on to further talk about something that they called “three dimensional marking,” wherein in-class participation is also represented through the opacity of the assigned colour.

This news has sent shockwaves across the Health Sciences community. McMaster University’s IT department recorded an unprecedented amount of Google searches for “photoshop download free no virus” amongst

BHSc students in particular, closely followed by “what is a hexadecimal” and “how to get rid of virus after downloading photoshop.” Sales for ultra-precise computer monitors also experienced a recent surge in the Hamilton area, presumably due to Health Sci students hoping to see their grades more accurately. In response to massive pressure from BHScs to “tell [us] how colours work,” the university is also planning to release a “Colours for Life” course (HTHSCI 1CL3), which will teach students colour theory content that most people learned when they were in elementary school.

The FHS has also come under fire for making the highest achievable grade “white” (hex code #FFFFFF), sparking allegations of potential racism. However, the decision to change the colour of the Pathogen suits this year was met with a much warmer reception, with the majority of the BHSc cohort thankful that they wouldn’t be associated with the “underachieving” colour of blue anymore.

Medical schools in the area have reported difficulty in parsing the final GPAs of BHSc students, which appears on their transcript as a garish mixture of all the past colours they have been assigned through their undergraduate career.

In other news, the University of Toronto’s medical school still refuses to accept “turquoise” as an acceptable grade for Anatomy & Physiology.

Gotta Respond Fast

Editors Break Silence on Publication's Sonic Scandal

HAMILTON - *The editorial team of McMaster's award-winning medical news publication The Procrastinator responded to critics of Issue eleven's love letter for Sonic the Hedgehog, by claiming dissidents were confusing anger with burning lust.*

"It is to our great dismay that there has been backlash against our recent work, *Ovid, The Metamorphoses. Book 16, Lines 14-53*. Our office has received several complaints about the explicit descriptions of Sonic's succulent bosom and delicate paws in particular," the editor-in-chief of *The Procrastinator*, Penni, solemnly stated at a press conference held in the HSC Cafeteria last Friday.

The team was particularly surprised when a disgruntled alumnus confronted them about their overuse of sexual humour. "Our team wants to reassure the general public that we have heard your pleas to refrain from defaulting to sex jokes after bleeding anatomy dry," stated the team's Head of PR, Charah Pluckabee. The team wiped a single, crystal-like tear from their eyes in unison when a bell suddenly chimed. Upper-years began to run away in a flurry of black and navy to make it to back-to-back interviews at MDCL, Stanford, and Hogwarts. However, to the perplexity of *The Procrastinator* staff, one person dressed in a bright azure suit ran with a swift-footed grace unlike any other. He turned around and winked with one single emerald eye, before disappearing into a crowd of sweaty pre-meds.

Sneakier Than Fiction

BHSc Unveils Revolutionary New English Course

After receiving multiple emails from students about the possibility of joining the new course, HTH SCI 6UBC (Ur Books Cool), the BHSc Office revealed their plans to create a revolutionary literature course. "BHSc students are truly a well-rounded population," says Jartley Hafine. "I'm so shocked that students will take English out of their volition, instead of taking some other stinky science prerequisite!"

The course plans to study the usual components of English literature analysis according to the ideals of an Inquiry-based approach. As per traditional BHSc fashion, weekly reflections will be assigned, and students will be able to meditate on how each of the assigned readings contributed to their personal development, stress, and wellness levels. Facilitators have confirmed that these reflections will never be read. In the first half of the course, students will be assigned weekly readings from the likes

of Shakespeare, Atul Gawande, and MCAT CARS excerpts. In the latter half, students will have the opportunity to engage in a hands-on learning experience, in which they will write and publish their own books. One BHSc student says, "I love the idea of this class — I'll be able to get my first publication! And I'll be first author!"

In an email correspondence about the potential barriers to the implementation of the new course, the BHSc office responded with the following: "We are worried whether we have literate techers[sic] to tech[sic] teh class. Sent from my Leap Pad Pro."

Procrastinator journalists also reached out to the English Department Head for their opinion. "It's really exciting to see that BHSc will soon be able to take over the Humanities department! We're underfunded, anyways."

A Fun Praxis Procrastinator Exercise

Scavenger Hunt for A 12

Welcome to The Procrastinator Community Scavenger Hunt! Please keep in mind you will be visiting shared spaces during working hours. Very hot. Please be conscious of your noise level and be mindful of the number of people at a particular location simultaneously.

1. Stalling for Time

Stop by here to write some reflections you've been holding off doing (or write a new one about this experience). The smell from the washrooms will match your quality of reflection. A video submission of this process will be required as proof to count this task as complete. Gas masks optional.

2. Boyz/Girlz/Trans Folkz-N-The-Hood

Try not to get mugged while visiting the B****n area. Take a selfie. Double points if it's after dark. Triple points if you taunt someone. You get an automatic 12 in Praxis if we never see or hear from you ever again.

3. Centro Safari

Bring a pair of binoculars to observe the cockroaches in their natural habitat. Catalogue the different species of bacteria growing in the salad bar. Double points if you discover a new strain and get first author. Steal a plastic cup as a souvenir. Buy Häagen-Dazs when your facilitator doesn't give you a 12.

4. Take it in the Back; Room of BHSc Lounge

Shine a UV light on that couch. Report the number of stains you see. Double points if you add to that number.

5. Body Party

Visit the anatomy lab on the weekend. Cry. It's okay. Water gun fight with formaldehyde. Hug a cadaver. Moisten it. Pin it. How did that feel?

Stainremover Sales Skyrocket

White Pathogen Suits Signal Start of New BHSc Era

The newly announced pathogen white suit has made waves in the BHSc community. "Although I received no medical interviews this year, I can still tell my friends that I've received my white coat suit!" remarks third year student Milly Dee.

However, the introduction of white suits has led to rising tensions amongst the student population. Approximately 4592 Pathogen applications were received this year, up from 250 last year. The absurd number of applications baffled the Welcome Week Coordinators (WWC), who found that they received applications from different faculties, universities, and from previously graduated BHSc students. "We should have charged these students at least \$125 to submit these applications," exclaims Shrub "The Rock" Yeet, this year's WWC.

To better handle the increased number of interviews, the Welcome Week executive team has opted to change their current interview model to a 12-station MMI panel. Future pathogens will go through stations ranging from "What is the worst change in the BHSc community in the last 10 years?" to collaboration stations where applicants must build LEGO™ structures together. The WWCs have told applicants to expect a 5% acceptance rate, with a very mobile wait list.

Physicians Pathogens can expect significant changes to training week as well. Instead of one week of boring training, Pathogens will instead be invited to a white suit ceremony! At this event, Pathogens will engage in the sacred tradition of painting stethoscopes around their collars. Photographers will also be present to take those iconic white suit instagram posts and profile pictures; don't worry, parents and loved ones are invited too. However, as training is still a requirement for all Welcome Week representatives, each Pathogen will receive a copy of *Doing Right*, so they can help first years in ethically sound ways.

During Welcome Week, first years can also expect a multitude of fun, new activities. Last year's successful event "You, Me, BHSc," has been rebranded to "You, MD, BHSc," where first years can learn how to receive their very own white suits coats. Pathogens will also hold interview prep sessions, and the yearly Welcome Week video has instead been substituted with the McMaster Medicine Admissions video. We're excited to see all the new fresh faces next year, and don't forget wolfpack, "What do we do? BLEED WHITE!"

Dear Dendrites

We Answer Real Questions

If these questions seem less funky, fresh, and fierce, it's because they were submitted by your peers. This is not our fault. Enjoy regardless.

Dear Dendrites,

How to tell your thesis supervisor that you messed up first term and did essentially no work at all?

— Generic 4th Year

Dear 4th Year,

Just tell your thesis supervisor that you messed up and did essentially no work at all. Then tell the BHSc office and open wide for your 12.

Dear Dendrites,

I have a crush on my friend but they have their sights on a MD student. Procrastinator what should I do!

— Desperate Health Sci

Dear Desperate,

Idk like work harder? Become an MD? Tell your friend that they should take a chance on a health sci with no future earning potential? Your friend is chasing that (OMA) bag; here at *The Procrastinator*, we respect the hustle.

Dear Dendrites,

What do I do if I am in love with my peer tutor?

— Horny 1st Year

Dear Horndog,

It sounds like you need to access the forbidden 'P': Professing Your Love. Every year, thousands of first year students fall in love with their peer tutors. This is because peer tutors are unpaid, and therefore, more likely to flirt back in order to stir the pot. Unprofessional? Yes. More spicy gossip for your facilitators? Absolutely.

Dear Dendrites,

Someone keeps interrupting me in my Inquiry class. What should I do?

— Student, Interrupted

Dear Interrupted,

A quick jab to the trachea should do the trick.

Now that you've taken a breather,

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GET BACK TO WORK WASH YOUR HANDS & TAKE CARE!

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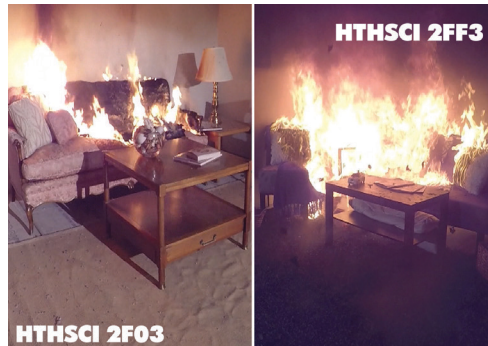
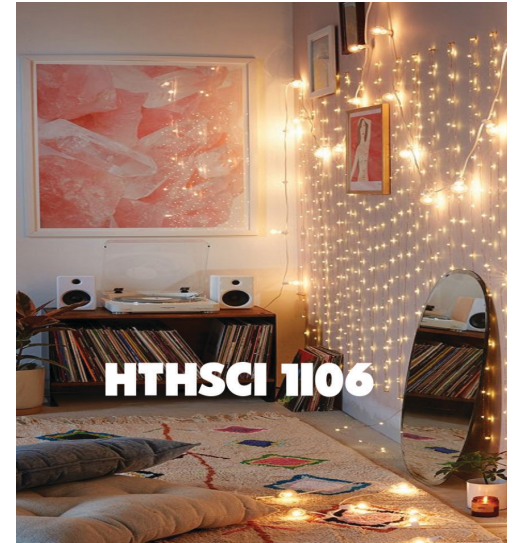
BHSc 2020 COURSE CATALOGUE

Sweet sweet innocence

This space channels the optimism and innocence of your first week in residence. If you want to be just like every basic-ass first year, then you can't skimp out on the fairy lights. You can enjoy the warm glow of the lights as you "study" cell bio and listen to your roommate Becky talk shit about her friends for the fourth time today.

Life at home research insights: When we live with other people, our spaces need to be flexible so that we can create the different kinds of private time we need: solitude, or time alone, is just as important as the time we spend connecting with others. We recommend investing in a cardboard box to silently cry into so your friends don't worry about you and think you're mentally stable when you're secretly not.

Who lives here: Naive first years who all think they're heavy weights.



7th circle of hell on earth

In the tragic reality of second year, it is possible to create a warm and cozy sanctuary to unwind after a hectic day. You can enjoy a place of reflection, peace, joy and the ability to recharge, leaving the busy world around you and bring attention to the simple act of breathing.

Life on fire research insights: As life becomes busier and work more demanding, the outside world (often via memes) seeps into our homes like never before, sowing internal chaos.

High haven in the city

Your course selection is an important part of your road to medicine, but why not have a little fun, too? You can combine your two favorite things in Cannabis Inquiry: getting high and getting high marks.



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