

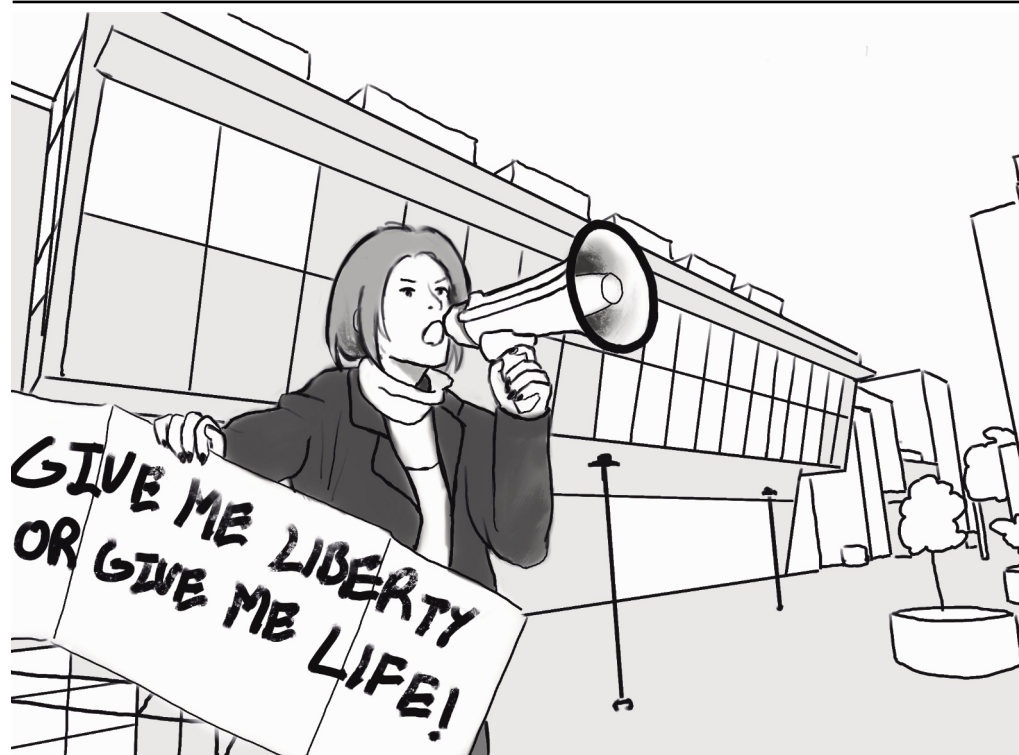
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"SLOGAN IS A WORK IN PROGRESS."

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Check back next week for more weather updates!

WHO'S CALLING THE SHOTS?

STUDENTS PROTEST EASY-TO-COMPLETE, 1 MINUTE MAC-CHECK SURVEY—BUT WHY?

Chaos struck outside the McMaster Student Centre today as a single student (who wishes to remain anonymous to avoid being targeted by the government) marched out in a not-so-silent protest over McMaster's recent decision to implement a daily COVID screening: MacCheck.

"Give me liberty or give me life!" she chanted.

Demonstrations like these are not so surprising as public outrage due to the new mandatory MacCheck has been widely trending on social media. On September 7th, after McMaster announced their implementation of MacCheck, tens of students flooded McMaster's Instagram, Twitter, Reddit and Tiktok with anti-MacCheck comments.

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"This is a basic violation of human rights! Why should I take literally only one minute out of my day to fill out some stupid survey every time I go on campus?" the student exclaimed on Tiktok as she danced to Donda by Kanye West. "Don't they know I have people to argue with on Twitter? Activism messages to repost on my story? We as humans only have a finite amount of time on this planet and I will not let it be wasted on some one minute survey! McMaster students need to wake up and realize what the

institution is doing, MacCheck is clearly a new proctoring service developed by Respondus! Soon enough, all our devices will be monitored and no one will be able to collaborate on their final exams! It's bad enough they are making us breathe in our own carbon monoxide by enforcing masks, are they really trying to take away our academic freedom too? We need to #CANCELMACCHECK!"

McMaster has yet to make an official response to the backlash nor has the official McMaster Instagram account responded to our DM. This silence might only add fuel to the fire as more protests are scheduled to be held.

More to come as this story progresses.

Fortinos Sells Out Of Sugar Due To Dalgona Trend

HTHSCI Course Offers a Chance at Free Tuition

HTHSCI 3SG3, facilitated by the BHSc office's very own K-Drama enthusiast Jartley Hafine, is a course based on the wildly popular "Squid Game". The sensational Netflix show, which will certainly be popular for years to come, inspired Dr. Hafine to exercise his generosity and offer students a chance at free tuition if they win it all. The course pits students against one another completing classic health science-based tasks, such as competitive reflection writing, a club-exec pentathlon, and sitting in awkward silence in MDCL 3504. But ornithologists beware, failure to properly execute these masterful tasks results in the worst fathomable punishment: an 11 on your transcript! The new course, which will start in Winter of 2022, will challenge students' capabilities in the 12 P's and how well they can pretend to be interested in health policy development. Borrowing ideas from another highly regarded class, Jartley has controversially decided to utilize the online discussion platform Kritik. A

divisive choice, Kritik has been criticized for facilitating the anonymous shaming of BHSc students' hopes and dreams. On the positive side, Kritik allows you to rid yourself of that burdensome \$20 that's been burning a hole in your pocket! When asked about the prospect of taking the course, a cautious student proclaimed that "[they] would love to take a shot at the free tuition, but [they] don't know if using Kritik to try for free tuition is worth it. If the alternative is getting hit by a bus on campus, 9 times out of 10 I'd take the bus."



Honestly, I'm Not That Surprised

EXPOSED: BHSC IS CONFIRMED TO BE A SOCIAL EXPERIMENT AND STUDENTS ARE THE LAB RATS?! (NOT CLICKBAIT!! 🤖🤖🤖)

In an unshocking turn of events, our team at The Procrastinator recently uncovered evidence suggesting that the Bachelors of Health Sciences (Honours) program has been a social experiment since its conception. Beginning as early as several first year courses, such as "HTHSCI 1E06 - Figure it Out Yourself" and "HTHSCI 1X01 - I Still Have No Idea What Praxis is Even Though I Try To Write a Lot of Jokes About It," students have been unknowingly enrolled in an observational study in which they are placed in various scenarios and observed via tape recording. Below is a transcript of one such recording.

"Experiment code: four-xylophone, version zero-three. Session number 1. September 13th, 2021, at exactly 14:27. Observe the students in their natural habitat, entering the MDCL classroom at 14:32. Unlike previous trials, we have removed the facilitator from the environment—we hypothesize that this change may result in the first instances of outrage at having paid tuition fees to sit in a circle with 20 clueless students.

"[static sounds, followed by silence]"

"There appears to be no reactions whatsoever! Whatever could be compelling these students to simply accept this scenario?"

Further investigations have brought no other information to light, although it is unclear if that is the result of the inefficacy and lack of results on the end of the BHSc research department or of our own reporter team.

After sifting through other reports and tape recordings, our investigative team uncovered further clandestine papers on the Health Sciences curriculum. Topics included optimizing the number of TED Talks in any inquiry-style course, the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle (how to be a pre-med program while not being a pre-med program), and developing virtual reality technology to transform BHSc into an online learning environment.

Saw's New Puzzle

Anatomy Department Restructures Bellringers

Bloodstained letter found at entrance to anatomy lab:

Hello, health sci student.

You might have heard of me. I'm Puzzle Piece, from the Copyright Conscious Cutting Instrument movie franchise.

You're probably wondering where you are. I'll tell you where you might be. You might be in the room that you die in. You called yourself a keener in front of your classmates. But how keen are you when your life is on the line? Are you keen on dying today, health sci student, or are you going to do something about it?

I want to play a game. A bellringer some might call it.

Here's what happens if you lose. The device you are wearing has two needles injected into your arms. They are slowly injecting you with the drug you may know as atropine. In an hour's time, the device will have injected you with a fatal dose, killing you slowly and painfully.

There is only one way to stop the device. In this room are various anatomical samples. To your left is a box of labels. Look around, health sci student. Know that I'm not lying. You must correctly identify and label all of these anatomical samples before the timer at the back of the room goes off. Each wrong answer steadily increases the dose of atropine currently being administered. This is your only way to free yourself and make it out alive. Better hurry up. Live or die, make your choice.



The Eighth P: Politics

PM Trudeau Implements A New Inquiry-Based System in Parliament

OTTAWA - October 8th, 2021

The election is finally over, and again, it seems like nothing has changed in Canada's 44th Parliament. Marred by a lack of change, PM Trudeau met behind closed doors with his newly-formed Cabinet this Thursday about a potential evidence-based overhaul of the Canadian Parliamentary system.

On Friday, this new Inquiry-based system was introduced and implemented for the first time. Members of Parliament were left perplexed after the Speaker of the House refused to begin speaking at the opening of the meeting, and continued in this motion of

silence for approximately twenty minutes. Only after a Conservative MP interrupted this silence did PM Trudeau proceed to talk. He began by asking every single member to introduce themselves and say one fun fact about how their summer went. Begrudgingly, the House of Commons went around in a circle and began to introduce themselves.

Responses were varied. NDP MP, Dean Allison, mentioned that he went kayaking in Nova Scotia with his daughter. Bloc MP, Louise Chabot, stated that she liked to bake. Don Davies, a 58-year old MP within the Conservative caucus, announced that he was

checking out "Snapface," which prompted some chuckles and groans from the House.

PM Trudeau then ended off this unusual, but innovative, session by assigning all the MPs to write a 200-300 word reflection on how this meeting made them feel. He promised that the contents of the reflection would not be used as blackmail in future electoral campaigns..

Upon asking what the meaning of this system was, PM Trudeau's office replied with a singular message: *"It's what you make of it."*

The New Christopher Columbus

Students Pursue Colonialism in the name of Health Systems Assignment

Despite a long history of BHSc students pulling shenanigans such as citing themselves as a source to get a 12, one group's submission for the first major assignment of the year has taken professors Michael Milson and Lohn Javis off guard. The course is conducted in the hopes that students will apply their Google Scholar review skills to teach themselves about health systems and policy through tangentially related assignments. Taking the program's philosophy of self-directed learning to heart, the students decided that real-life experience was needed.

The assignment seemed fairly straightforward: compare the healthcare systems of Ontario and Antarctica. However, this assignment soon became the bane of many BHSc students' lives as they struggled to find reliable sources on how Ontario and Antarctica make health system decisions.

Five BHSc students persevered and soon came into contact with a broker who sold them a country. One student from the revolutionary group, Flo Rita, shed some light on how they pulled off a feat that many conquerors throughout history tried and failed to achieve. "Yeah, so it wasn't even that hard. The only solid conclusion we found from our research on Reddit was that both systems sucked ass, but we can't say that's the only thing we learned from this course. Surely, planning an entire health system can't be that difficult. So

we decided to start a country of our own! Luckily, this user on Reddit called u/ScamNotLikely offered to sell us a plot of land that's right between France and Belgium if we paid \$9.99 and gave them our SIN numbers! It's like 10 km wide, there's like no one there, and our group is now the government - we sent an email to the UN and I'm pretty sure we're an established country now! Thanks to Scam, we're definitely going to 12 this course! Plus, "started my own country" would definitely fit the CanMED leadership role for my ABS."

However, Milson and Javis aren't so sure—there's nothing in the McMaster Code of Conduct that addresses a country being purchased in McMaster's name. In addition, the UN does not approve the formation of new countries, so the land that the students purchased may not have been officially registered as a country. While the university is currently debating whether this act is defamatory or beneficial to McMaster's reputation, Milson and Javis have agreed to alter the course content to include lessons on basic European geography, identifying credible sources, and how to govern a country. Currently, the group has put out a LinkedIn job ad searching for new hires to name and populate the country. Enlistment pamphlets may soon be distributed to prevent France and Belgium from attempting to conquer them.

We Did Indeed Publish Late

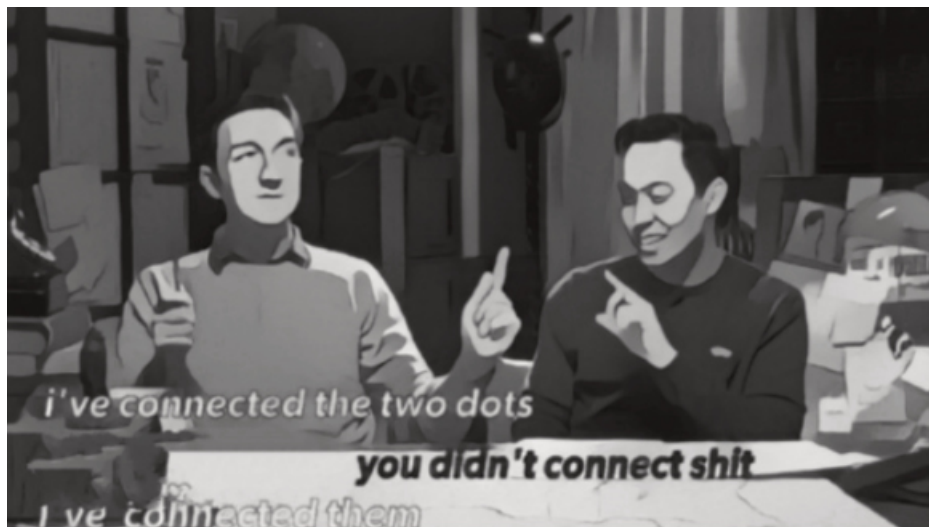
Help Wanted

Are you in your 4th year? Worried about not getting into medical school? The Faculty of Health Sciences has brought in many illustrious guests to show BHSc students that medical school may be the most desirable option, but it's not the ONLY option! We've seen postings for Olympic athletes and celebrated authors already, check out what else is available!

Position: Cadaver Creator; posted by: Jack T.R.

As a cadaver creator, you'd be responsible for the up-close and intimate details that come with obtaining cadaver samples. It's a lot of work to turn an alive person into a not-alive person, so be sure that you're ready for the messiness and law evasion! If you want to prepare for anatomical studies in medical school, this role is perfect for you! You'll get hands-on experience (depending on your preferred method of killing) with real-life human samples - you'll definitely remember where all the nerves and blood vessels are located now! Plus, we know that you'll still be gunning for that medical school acceptance and being a cadaver creator will only increase your chances of getting in. Medical schools are always in need of bodies, so the more bodies you donate to your medical school of choice, the more likely you'll be to get in! Just make sure you don't tell them how you got them.

* Disclaimer: The Procrastinator does not in any way endorse murder or becoming a cadaver creator. Please please please do not murder anyone.



Buzzfeed's New Hit Show

BHSuzzfeed Unsolved Ep. 13: Casper Controlling CASPer

This week on BHSuzzfeed's Unsolved, Brian and Dane McMaster decided to tackle one of the greatest unsolved mysteries that has been plaguing med hopefuls for decades. With the OMSAS over and fall CASPer dates quickly approaching, this duo is now asking the hard questions. Why do so many students barely prepare for the CASPer despite it being such a big part of their applications? Why are there set dates and times despite it being a virtual test? And most importantly, who is actually the mastermind behind the CASPer test?

THE SITUATION: Some number of medical schools in Canada apparently require the CASPer. All premeds need to book a test from the available timeslots that only seem to take place at night or late afternoon. The test is virtual, so it's unclear why students have to choose from predetermined timeslot options. The test involves students suffering through 90-minutes of actual thinking, which may put BHSc students at an unfair disadvantage. Some speculate that CASPer is a Canadian testing institution aimed at challenging the AAMC's monopoly over scamming money from med school hopefuls. It's also unclear how the test is graded considering students only get a percentile score and any attempts to get more information are met with emoji-

filled emails. The CASPer website says it's marked by random strangers - Brian and Dane say otherwise.

THE INVESTIGATION: Brian and Dane bought replicas of Ghostbusters equipment from the Ghostbusters reboot movie from Russian eBay. They found that when activated near the CASPer headquarters, the equipment emits a noise like a donkey braying. The donkey noise stops when the equipment is 7 metres away from the building.

THE REVEAL: Consider the facts - the CASPer test is only run at night, it seems to be run by an entity that doesn't understand how best to scam money from innocent premeds, and a donkey noise was emitted from legit Ghostbusters equipment. Therefore, there must be a ghostly presence in the CASPer building that is running the test. The only ghost that fits the bill? Casper the friendly ghost. Except he might not be so friendly after all. Further investigation is needed to understand Casper's motives with CASPer and whether he can be exorcised with garlic - for now, this case is solved. Brian and Dane have connected the dots. Any statements that they didn't connect shit is false. They've connected them.

Lower Motor Lesion on the Mosaic Servers

Mosaic Crashes Due to Huge Influx of MSAFs For Anatomy Midterm

"It wouldn't stop. Every second, another MSAF. I've never seen anything like this in 37 years of service."

These were the words of an anonymous technician at McMaster University upon experiencing a sudden but huge technical crash of the Mosaic servers. This crash began at around 1:32pm, around the time that the anatomy midterm had ended. MSAFs began pouring into Mosaic at a rate never before seen by the McMaster servers. Students reported wait times upwards of one to two hours in order to switch windows or click on links on Mosaic. Around 5:09pm, Mosaic finally gave in and crashed for good. At 5:34, technicians were called to ameliorate

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this issue. However, even the technicians were left dumbfounded and baffled on how to fix the crash. As soon as they would get Mosaic running again, a huge influx of MSAFs would come rumbling in and crash the system once again. This cycle repeated itself multiple times before the technicians admitted that they had no solution to the crash. It is yet to be seen whether Mosaic can be fixed in time for these students to successfully submit an MSAF for their midterm. If not, McMaster University will be facing an unprecedented issue. Since the MSAF was first implemented, this would be the largest problem involving the procedure. *Updates to follow.* Meanwhile, three hundred and fifty five anatomy bellringers on the central nervous system still remain untouched.

Get back to work.

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