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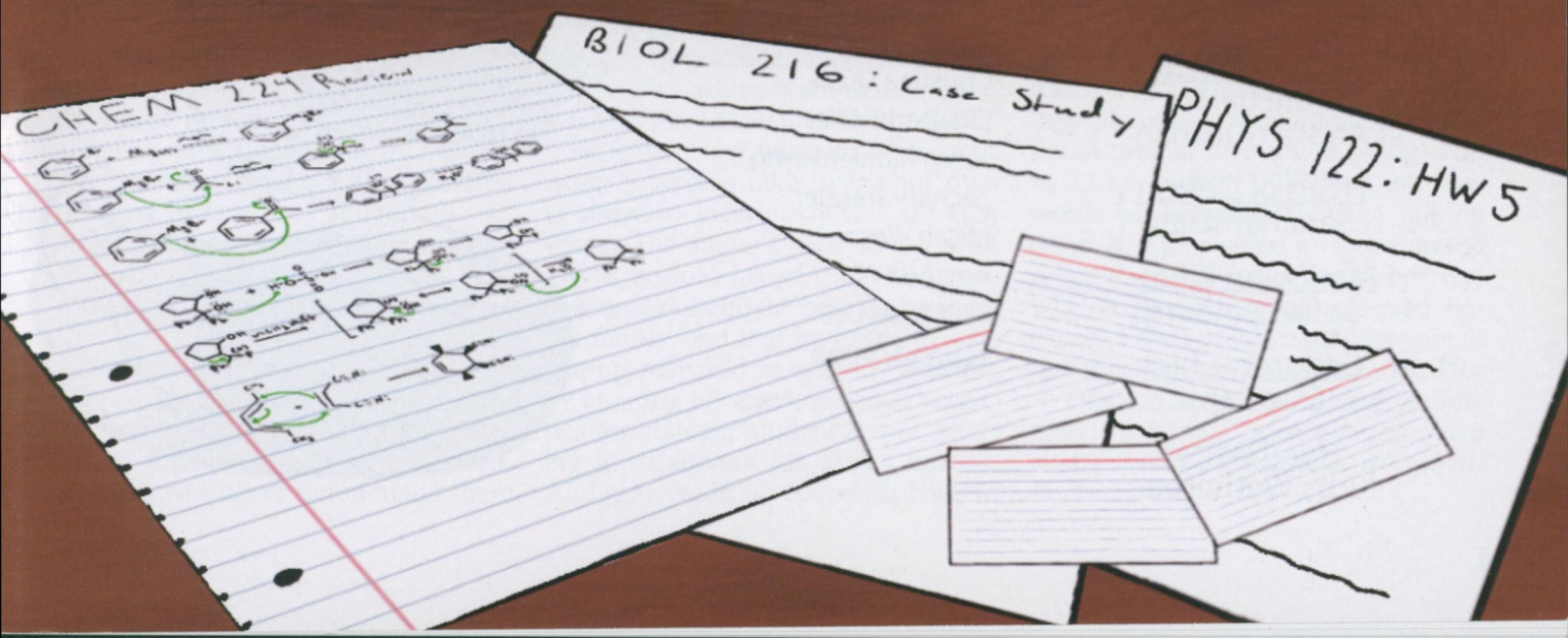
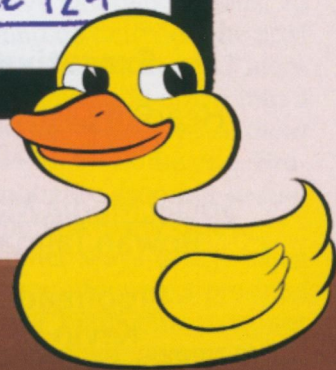
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- Apply to Med School
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Editor's Note

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Salvēte, amicī!

It's a beautiful day to save lives. I think Hippocrates said that one. It is also a beautiful day to be a pre-med...? I honestly can't even say that because I am lucky enough to have never gone through that phase. Not that it's a bad thing. It's... definitely a choice!

Don't get me wrong, pre-meds. I still love you. However, you really need to read this issue. You are in your cute little bubble that radiates "future pediatrician" energy, and that's great! But we need you to realize that reality is not, in fact, *Grey's Anatomy* or any of the other shitty medical dramas on daytime TV. It's not realistic to believe that you can completely violate FDA protocols and still be a practicing surgeon. Meredith Grey can pull it off. You cannot!

Please enjoy the works of our wonderful contributors who have consulted only the best pre-meds here at Case Western Reserve University. That being said, they consulted not a single person. It's okay, pre-med isn't for everyone (in fact, I'm not really sure if it's for anyone with a sane mind). Enjoy!

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Daddy Issues: The Freudian Basis of Being Pre-Med

Are you pre-med? Daddy-related or not, you definitely have issues.

Follilolli




Every aspiring doctor has their reasons—whether it be a heart-gripping story about how they saved a worm from getting stepped on in the rain, or something as simple as making bank. And for these promising students hoping to achieve their dreams of becoming the next Doctor Pimple Popper, the next step for them is to check off that box in their college application file as pre-med. But for other students, being pre-med stems from another cause: daddy issues.

Now picture a student, we'll call him Student A. Student A arrives at college cheeky and smiling. He has his goals visualized, and his ego is bigger than that of the CWRU Athletics department wearing their parkas. But it all comes crashing down when he sits down in his first class to take his first exam.

"Oh no!" Student A thinks as he looks at his chemistry exam results. "DAD'S GONNA KILL ME!" Now, what would arouse such a reaction from this student? Well, I'm here to tell you all that this is a first-class example of some grade A daddy issues.

"Daddy issues?" you may ask. "Aren't those reserved for emotionally stunted people who have had a difficult or non-existent relationship with their dad?" And by that you'd be correct. We just saw how daddy issues reared their ugly head by creeping into the results of Student A's chemistry grade. Instead of first thinking of how they failed and will strive to do better, their first thought was about their dad. Now, let's take a deeper dive into Student A's home life.

Student A has immigrant parents—parents who've instilled in him the value of working hard his entire life, of making something of himself. His dad was never emotionally there

MY HEART	
BECOMES PRE-MED	
FAILS CHEMISTRY EXAM	
DAD ASKS IF MY GRADES ARE GOOD	

unless he came back with straight A's and the science fair prize. And Student A never really minded; if it meant he could get his dad's approval, he'd gladly spend his weekends doing trigonometry homework and planning his VP speech promising new air fryers for the cafeteria. On career day, his personality test didn't even give him a job path—it just said "seeking the validation of his father". Student A decided being a doctor would have to be close enough; he did like helping people and his grades were good enough. After some deep thought, he decided to tell his dad.

What we are now about to witness is what I like to call the "daddy ditch." This is the exact moment when your father's dreams take over your own in order to vicariously live through yours. His father's face lit up with joy as he told his son that that profession would be the best for him and the family, and that he needs to start getting prepared as soon as possible by curating his extracurricular activities for college. Student A, not wanting to disappoint his father, agreed. And now we bring ourselves back to

Student A and his failed chem exam. Now, Student A has two options: to study harder and do better on the next exam, or to have an existential identity crisis, soon spiraling down into a bottomless pit of "Who am I without my dad's approval?" In the end, Student A will probably drop out to find a profession he'll actually enjoy.

There are other ways to tell when daddy issues are affecting a pre-med student, but the main one is to see if they bring up their parents when they talk about why they want to be a doctor. Also, see how quickly they change their major—for people with daddy issues it takes a lot longer since they are also dismantling the emotional trauma that comes along with it, so be patient with them and use words of degradation when talking about being pre-med to speed up the process. And if you or know someone who is going through pre-med because of their daddy issues, be sure to text this hotline: 1-800-SAD-DCTR.

We are not responsible if no one texts back, our operators all have daddy issues as well and are spiraling

Real vs TV Doctors with CWRU School of Medicine graduate Dr. Meredith Yellow

Edie Barlin

The first thing that medical dramas get wrong is the amount of sex you will be having at the hospital. These characters have hook-ups maybe once or twice per episode...what I would give for that. In real life, it is so much more. I meet Jerry after lunch in the broom closet, Kelsey underneath her desk at 4:00, Carol in the OR at 4:45, and then Fred on top of Kelsey's desk at 8:29. Then, I have to give each person a five minute monologue promising that I love them and would never hurt them before I move on to my next fling. The sex and the speech take up a large part of my day, so I needed to learn how to complete it quickly, yet have it feel fulfilling. This was not a skill I learned in med school, so I warn pre-med

students to try to get out of their dorm and practice now.

In medical dramas, the dramatic orchestral swelling happens automatically. In the real world, we have to hire the orchestra, give them adequate time to rehearse with the patient, allow them to set up, tune, and only then can we let them play. It's a long ordeal. Not to mention, double basses do not fit in hospital rooms very easily. They can easily bump into a life support machine and kill a patient, or worse, knock the bass out of tune so the bassist has to tune AGAIN.

And finally... the babies. I work as an OB-GYN and oh my, these babies are gorgeous. I know that newborns on TV are just regular-sized babies, but I don't know

what regular-sized babies are anymore. I saw one that was three feet tall! Only sometimes are the babies medical-drama-baby-size, but when it does happen, their beauty drives me to shame. Their luscious locks effortlessly blow in the wind even though they don't know what deep conditioning is... because, again, they are freaking babies. Sometimes they are born with mascara. I wasn't wearing any and this baby named Mckayleigh shamed me because SHE had the time to look nice when I didn't.

Being a doctor is a worthwhile, fulfilling profession, just make sure you are in it for the right reasons. After all, nothing here is remotely close to what happens on TV.

What Does Your Pre-Med Track Say About Your Drug of Choice?

Kirby Wetherbee

Biology pre-med: Weed.

You like your drugs like you like your major, basic but dependable. Just tell yourself that you don't have a problem in five years when it takes 50mg to feel anything.

Chemistry: Methamphetamine.

Aspiring Walter White's of the world unite. Who needs teeth anyways, just ask a pre-dent to fix them for you; they've got nothing better to do.

Biomedical Engineering: Adderall.

There is only one drug that is getting you through this absolute hell you have chosen for yourself, and let's face it, you don't have time for much else. Time to find a friend with a prescription!

Business: Cocaine.

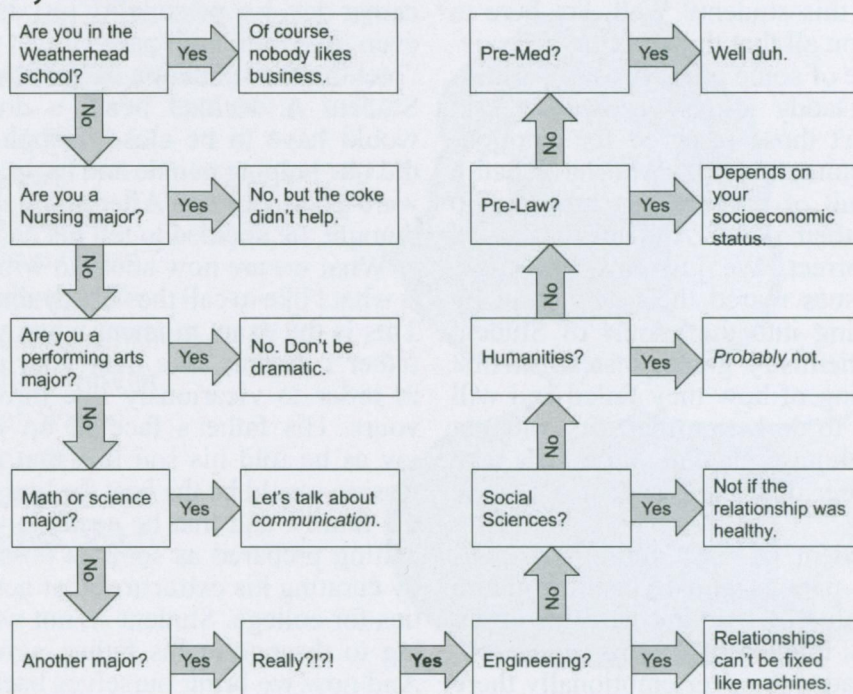
And exclusively through a hundred dollar bill.

Humanities: Shrooms.

Why just read about the inner workings of the mind when you can see them too?

Whether or not you are to blame for your parents' divorce based on your major

Henry Essex



CWRU Releases New Classes Required for Pre-Med Students

Ellie Rapp

After months of consulting professors, doctors, and healthcare providers, the Office of Undergraduate Studies has released a list of new courses for those looking to take the pre-med track. This decision is made with the intent of ameliorating the already-deteriorating healthcare system in the United States. By providing a holistic approach to learning, these exciting classes will fully prepare pre-med students for their futures at Case Western Reserve University and beyond.

PHRM 102: Intro to Opiate Trafficking

Instructor: Ericka Ler

Going to medical school provides various opportunities to

advance one's knowledge as a healthcare provider. Such opportunities include a 'side hustle', one of the most common being trafficking opiates obtained during clinical rotations. This course will explore different methods used to acquire drugs, find customers, and avoid the omnipresent eyes of the law.

ECON 107: Are You Sure You Want to Be a Doctor?

Instructor: Ellen Pompeo

While this course is especially useful for first-years, all students will engage in deep introspection regarding their potential career choice. Interviews with broken-down medical students and videos of rectal surgery are re-

quired features of this class. N.B.: students may not watch Grey's Anatomy while enrolled in ECON 107.

ECON 108: Are You REALLY Sure You Want to Be a Doctor?

Instructor: A Burnt-Out Med School Student

This is the second course in the ECON sequence to really, really make sure that students are completely prepared for the path ahead as a pre-med. Like, seriously... Are you sure? Your parents will not be that disappointed in you.

WGST 247: Why Do You Want to Be a Gynecologist?

Instructor: Sigmund Freud

WGST 247 aims to discover the true reasoning behind choosing gynecology as a desired field of study. Light psychoanalysis may be used during the course. Men are encouraged to take ANAT 399 as a corequisite (see below).

MGMT 302: Methods in Studying for the MCAT 12 Hours Prior

Instructor: Kevin Liu

Methods in Studying for the MCAT 12 Hours Prior, also cross-listed as Procrastination 109, prepares pre-med students for their inevitable demise before the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). Syllabus topics include cramming, giving up, crying, and switching majors.

ANAT 399: Where is the Clit?

Instructor: Les B. Enne

This two-semester course was curated especially for cis, straight men. It should be noted that this class is regarded as severely advanced for the aforementioned population, so caution must be taken when enrolling.

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ANAT 399: Where is the Clit? Session I of II

Open Consent Required

Section 100 / Class Nbr 7092 / Regular Academic Session - Lecture (4.00 units)

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri 8:00 PM-10:15 PM

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Les B. Enne

Open Seats: 6

Seats Taken: 0

Location: babe i can't find it

ECON 107: Are You Sure You Want to be a Doctor?

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Section 100 / Class Nbr 11270 / Regular Academic Session - Lecture (4.00 units)

Tue Thu: 1:00 PM-2:00 PM

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M. Grey

Open Seats: 75

Seats Taken: 0

Location: Grey Sloan Memorial Hos.

ECON 108: Are You Really Sure You Want to be a Doctor?

Open Consent Required

Section 100 / Class Nbr 1706 / Regular Academic Session - Lecture (3.00 units)

Tue Thu: 8:30 AM-9:45 AM

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A Burnt-Out Med School Student

Open Seats: 10

Seats Taken: 0

Location: Hell, Second Ring

MGMT 302: Methods in Studying for the MCAT 12 Hours Prior

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Section 800 / Class Nbr 10235 / Regular Academic Session - Lecture (3.00 units)

Mon Wed: 3:20 PM-4:35 PM

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K. Liu

Open Seats: 50

Seats Taken: 0

Location: Kevin's house!!

PHRM 102: Intro to Opiate Trafficking

Open

Section 100 / Class Nbr 10652 / Regular Academic Session - Seminar (3.00 units)

Thu: 5:00 PM-8:30 PM

01/10/2022 - 04/25/2022

Ericka Ler

Open Seats: 25

Seats Taken: 0

Location: Hartcourt House

WGST 247: Why Do You Want to be a Gynecologist?

Open

Section 100 / Class Nbr 10242 / Regular Academic Session - Seminar (3.00 units)

Mon Wed: 3:20 PM-4:35 PM

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S. Freud

Open Seats: 30

Seats Taken: 0

Location: Mather Memorial Green Couch

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Bedroom Advice from Special Guest Miss Dim Eenor

Miss Dim Eenor

Hi everyone! I'm Miss Dim Eenor, and we have been hearing from around campus that perhaps some people might need some *ahem* bedroom advice. So here goes, straight from Miss Dim Eenor and *The Athenian* to your eyeballs, 10 little things all you freaks can do to liven up your sex life.

1. Initiate by bowing, stating your name, major, hometown, and expected year of graduation.

Who doesn't like to feel young again? And what takes you back to freshman year faster than the official greeting of Case Western Reserve University? We highly recommend doing this every time anyone initiates any kind of relationships, from committed relationships to that regrettable missed connection hookup.

2. Talk about classes.

Nothing turns up the heat in the bedroom more than talking about that tough homework assignment you have to work on tomorrow morning. Even better: if you do homework, you do the deed.

3. Pay special attention to toes.

Enough said, right?

4. Lube makes things worse.

Who wants to be slippery, right? Seems pretty gross to me. Under no circumstances should you be using it, because friction is what brings the pleasure!

5. Starfish.

Who wants to do work? There was a reason we all liked taking classes from home—besides the fact that we never had to wear pants. In school and in sex, we definitely recommend doing the bare minimum.

6. Loft your bed.

Nothing makes someone more hot and bothered than the danger of a concussion or a six-foot fall, so loft that bed, roll those dice, and risk it for the biscuit.

7. Join Greek life.

Not so much a sex tip as a life tip, but if you want to associate with groups of people known for responsible and healthy relationships with sex and sexuality, there is no better place than Greek life.

8. Include the community.

CWRU is all about fostering an inclusive and compassionate community, and we think that should include student sexy times as well. So leave that window open,

blast that Marvin Gaye, and make sure that your roommates, suitemates, dormmates, and everyone else knows that you are having the time of your life.

9. Eyes are the window to the soul. Open your soul.

Stare. Eyes wide open. At all times. Make sure your partner knows that you appreciate them. So any time their eyes are open, yours should be too. And if they close their eyes, that's a sign of weakness.

10. Mystery is exciting!

Communication during intimacy is critical, but do you know what is more important? A sense of mystery. If you want to make your intimate moments even more fun and exciting, remove all communication, both verbal and nonverbal. Bonus points if you turn off the lights too.

Thank you all for reading, this has been Miss Dim Eenor, writing for *The Athenian*, and all of us here at *The Athenian*—CWRU's premier news source—wish you a very horny spring semester. If you have any questions, comments, or stories, please feel free to email us at observer@case.edu.

Horoscopes ✨

THE SIGNS AS PRE-MED THINGS

AQUARIUS Having a crippling addiction to... uh... caffeine, of course!	PISCES 3 hours of sleep per month	ARIES Taking a 70-credit, "light" semester	TAURUS Self-diagnosing </3	GEMINI Crying before, during, and after the MCAT	CANCER Crying before, during, and after PHYS 115/116 exams
LEO The thought of dropping pre-med altogether after one inconvenience (e.g., Matlab)	VIRGO Putting every event ever in your color-coded Google Calendar	LIBRA Having about 15 minutes a month to be happy	SCORPIO Explaining to Granny that you are not, in fact, a doctor yet	SAGITTARIUS "It's a beautiful day to save lives" laptop sticker	CAPRICORN The impending doom of med school and her friend, Miss Debt

Ellie Rapp, Licensed Psychic

Kaler: Making this issue, like everything else, about me

President Eric Kaler

The following article consists of a letter submitted to The Athenian by President Eric Kaler, who asked that it be published in its unadulterated entirety as an address to the student body.

To the Case Western Reserve University Community,

I know what you're probably thinking: "Kaler? I hardly know her!" My wife, Karen, does not like when I tell this joke.

I write today to recount my quarantine experience and share my suggestions for self-care in the coming semester, which I understand is a trying time for all of us. Personally, I enjoy taking long walks on

the beach and watching classic spy thrillers with my wife, Karen.

I could have played James Bond, you know. Maybe talk like Sean Connery. Myesh. It ish I, Eric Kaler, University Preshident. Shaken, not shtirred.

I have reason to believe I have contracted COVID-19 a second time now. Thankfully, our campus boasts 104% compliance with vaccine requirements—as calculated by our single most capable accounting student, whom I have put in charge of the math.

To address this ever-changing and re-emerging health crisis, I have decided to remove guaranteed

upperclassman housing yet again. I apologize for any confusion caused by previous correspondence from University Housing.

Also please stop pretending I am dead. My wife, Karen, has started to believe it and will no longer talk to me. She now only addresses me as the Ghost of Eric Past and pretends she cannot see me.

See you homeslices on the flip-side,

Eric Kaler
President
Case Western Reserve University
Founding member
Wu-Tang Clan

More anti-homeless architecture installed around campus

Micah Wayne



Case-for-Life-Approved Birth Control

Ann Drawginee

After Case for Life was featured in Issue 125 of *The Athenian* for their shocking support for gay marriage, many individuals have questioned whether this support extends to birth control. Birth control is generally frowned upon in groups with similar values as Case for Life. Yet, in another surprising statement provided exclusively to *The Athenian*, the group has provided board-approved methods for preventing conception and remaining pure. Please note that most of these suggestions are not FDA-approved.

1. Becoming a BME pre-med major.

According to Case for Life president, Anna Bortion, this is the most effective way to promote abstinence. It is reported that 0% of CWRU BME pre-med majors engage in any form of sexual activity, making this

option one that the group swears by.

2. Wearing your mask below your mouth and/or nose.

In a study funded by the National Institute of Hell, people were significantly less likely to text back someone they met at Dave's Cosmic Subs if they wore their mask incorrectly. One participant referred to the look as "unsexy," while another claimed: "My fight or flight response immediately activates. Just, like, put it away."

3. Being a member of ROTC.

CWRU students that are part of ROTC do not have time for any extracurricular activities, nor do they have time for school. Rather, they spend their days referring to terrified freshmen as "mere civilians" and keeping guard of the American flag outside the Amasa Stone Chapel. It is almost impossible for members of

ROTC to have time for any impure activities. They follow strict constitutional guidelines which state that they may not be quartered in other people's dorms (for military purposes or otherwise).

4. Wearing the CWRU Class of 20## Brain Shirt.

The Department of Biochemistry has confirmed that this shirt contains compounds that completely inactivate parts of the brain responsible for arousal. According to Case for Life, this shirt is especially effective when combined with a roller backpack.

5. Owning an Android.

Green text bubbles SCREAM, "Please do not approach me in any manner, especially one with sexual intent." According to an a member of Case for Life's PR team, using the code "CASE4LIFE" at any Android retailer will take 15% off your order.

School of Medicine to implement social credit system for pre-med students

Even business majors have higher social credit...

An Doan

After a fight broke out between a biology pre-med and a BME pre-med arguing which major is the hardest, CWRU administration has decided to implement a social credit system to further weed out its pre-med students. "To foster a safe and orderly campus environment, we are designing this system to address the rise in pre-med-on-pre-med, pre-med-on-business-major, and pre-med-on-LITERALLY-EVERYONE- ELSE violence," said an administrator. This social credit system, named "Spartan Points," will utilize security cameras across campus to monitor pre-med behavior. Additionally, the administration will install

more cameras at these specific locations: the third floor of KSL, the chemistry, biology, and physics laboratories, the HEC and HEC Main, and University Hospitals.

"Students on the pre-med track are encouraged to be courteous to others, even if your bio lab is hard. Please don't start a fight, and instead use the Tink second floor bathroom to let it all out (we installed dim lighting for a reason, it won't hurt your eyeballs)," the University said in its latest statement.

The social credit system will take effect next year. Each student will start with 10,000 points, and common offenses will cost

points until desired behavior is achieved. For example, whining about work costs 50 points, bragging costs 100 points, and saying the phrase "I'm an [insert major] pre-med" in a social context costs 500 points. However, the consumption of substances as a coping mechanism will not cost any points. The university hasn't released any statement about ways to earn more points as of now.

To opt-out of the "Spartan Points" system, pre-med students are encouraged to become business majors whom the university deemed "unnecessary to have a credit system" due to their inability to keep their "Spartan Points" positive.

Abandoned Morley building used to combat housing shortage

Henry Essex

try Laboratory. This toxic cesspool of a building is rumored to still be contaminated from an Exxon Valdez-scale mercury spill in the 1980s, as well as the numerous tasty lead paint chips falling off the walls. It's not surprising that there are also reports of asbestos, inadequate plumbing and wiring, and general disrepair, which means that once the building is converted it will have a standard of living approximately comparable to many first-year dorms. This is not lost on students, however, as one emailed us to express their displeasure with this policy. "This choice for the repurposing of Morley is terrible," the impassioned student wrote. "Instead the administration should move their offices there and convert the massive Crawford Hall into housing."

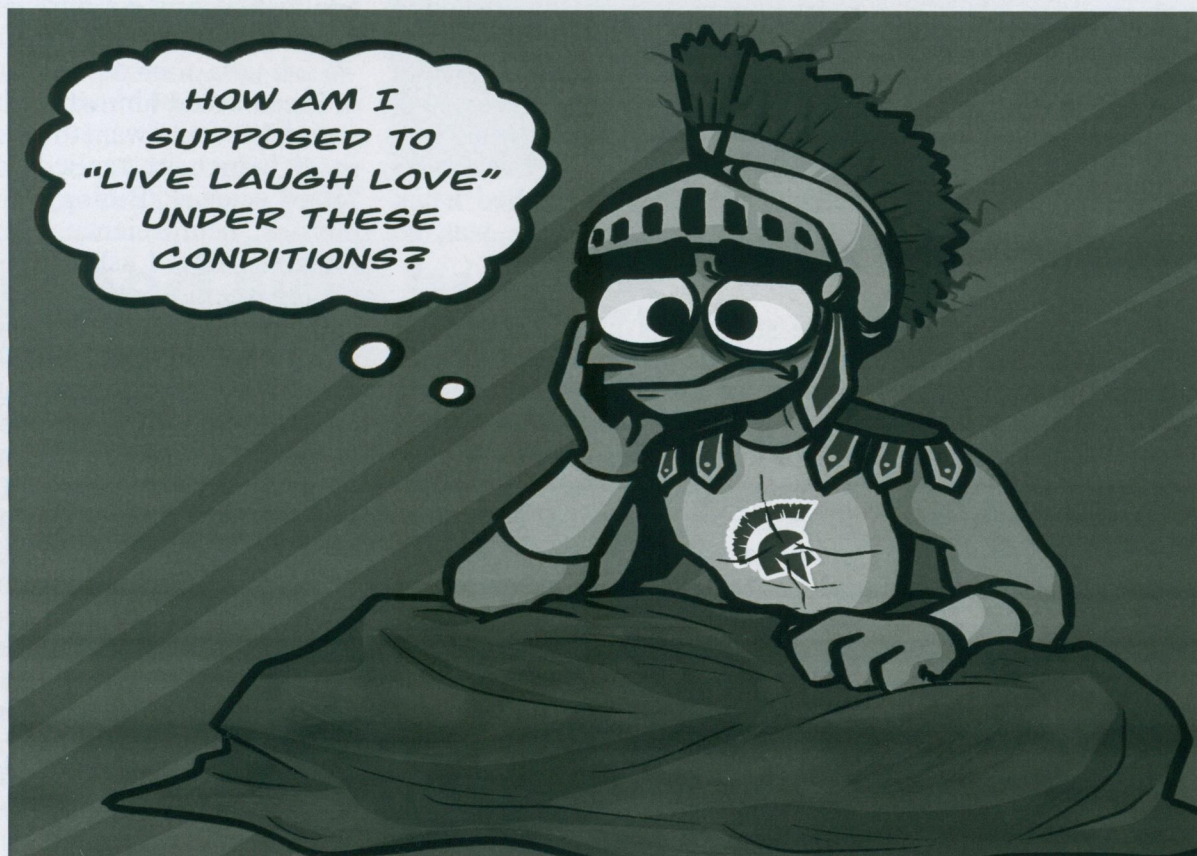
When reached for comment on this,

the administration replied "Morley Chemistry Lab does not fit current classroom or lab requirements, is contaminated with lead paint, and the plumbing is degraded and noncompliant with modern regulations. The building only continues to exist as it would be an environmental disaster to dismantle, so we're just going to kick that can down the road and hope it doesn't come back to bite us in the form of drastically higher disposal costs in the future. Or a total building collapse."

Until the Morley Chemistry Laboratory can be properly furnished, CWRU administration has authorized for students in chemistry and biology labs to take samples of the building's pipes, paint, and vermin to "encourage real-life, integrated classroom activities". The bookstore is selling HAZMAT suits for \$50 to any student in need of proper lab attire.

Spartie seen living on the sidewalks of CWRU amidst housing crisis

Christina Duan



Burnt-out pre-med student breaks news to family that he is settling for a PhD

T.J. Disabato

Recently, while perambulating through the M.C. Escher-inspired Hovorka Atrium, I came across a dejected face sitting outside of Schmitt Auditorium. He was on his phone and was hesitant in his speech. I came in at the tail end of the conversation, as he abruptly ended the call with "Someone might hear me, I gotta go." *Click.* It was clear he had recently been crying, or profusely sweating. I sat next to him and asked him what was wrong. He looked up from his lap, met my eyes, and declared that "it isn't for me anymore." Like the flag flying on a ship manned by a weathered sailor, he looked bruised, battered, and torn. I asked him what he meant, and he relayed his phone call back to me. What I tell you now is a confidential story—one of high hopes, all-nighters, and dashed dreams—it stays between you and me, but if you are also a pre-med student, some of it may sound eerily familiar.

It all started when he got an 88 on his first exam in organic chemistry. He remembered thinking that Dr. Sri had to have made a mistake. He had studied as mediocrity as he had in the past, but it wasn't enough to get a 100. Clearly this was not his fault, and so he did not make any adjustments for the second exam. After getting a 90 on the second exam and weighing the option of electing to P/NP the course, he had decided that he was no longer interested in medicine. He was not going to risk embarrassing himself by only getting into a DO school.

He knew from a very young age that medicine was his calling. Af-

ter being voted "Most Likely to be an Orthopedic Surgeon" at his kindergarten graduation ceremony, he knew what he had to do. When asked about his motivations for becoming a doctor, he relished the thought of letting everyone know he wanted to "help other people." In time, he would attribute his inspiration to when his grandmother died unexpectedly at the age of 102.

His parents had made it very clear what they expected of him. He had been raised in a stern household, where he was taught to emulate the roles and mannerisms of a doctor from a very young age. His friends had to make appointments with his parents to set up a playdate. He often took his friends' lunch money and then raised their insurance premiums for him to give it back. His penmanship was actually quite good, but he taped his fingers together to practice his calligraphy like a real doctor. He had even been giving himself monthly prostate exams since coming to CWRU. Unsurprisingly, he was crushed when he realized that medicine was no longer for him.

He started his phone call to his parents with most of what I just told you. He then moved on to his new future plans, at which point he was overcome with grief and had to take frequent breaks to regain control of his emotions. After a moment of silence that seemed to fill the deepest pools of eternity, he admitted the grim news. He was going to pursue a PhD.

Contributing to beneficial re-

search that could help save lives in the future was a reality he said he never prepared himself for. He recalled how disgusted his parents sounded on the other end and asked him what they were supposed to say when their friends asked them when he was starting his residency. He did not know how to answer this question, but it induced visible anxiety in him to think about how he would tell his friends from high school that he was only going to end up with a doctorate. Technically, he would still be a doctor, but a "Doctor of Philosophy," he scoffed, was like a "planner of parties." After sitting puzzled for a few moments, I informed him that some people actually plan parties for a living, to which he responded that I must know everything and that I would likely be taking his spot in the MD application process during the next cycle.

I then asked him what kind of research he would want to get involved in, to which he replied succinctly "Hard science. Biology, chemistry, physics, neuroscience. Any of the things I hate." I asked him why he couldn't get involved in a social science laboratory. He then looked at me as if I was the one who had been pretentiously self-deprecating for the past five minutes and answered, "I still want to be taken seriously." I thought this was a blunt statement, so I made no attempt at continuing the conversation. As I was about to stand up and leave, he began talking to another friend, asked them what they got on their most recent physics exam, laughed, and decided he would give medicine another shot.

"The medical doctor lifestyle just is not for everyone. Especially this guy."

Pre-med is just the business of nursing: A brief opinion

The potted plant in the corner of HEC (and Webber)

Pre-meds: the seemingly “exhausted” average Case student. Pre-meds: the students with iPads and Apple Pencils in their backpacks. Pre-meds: the lingering group of students with bags (of money) under their eyes and a seemingly familiar characteristic that sets them apart from the rest of the exhausted Case crowd: the vibe of a business major. If you really consider the statistics here, who rips off people more than “pre-meds”? They are literally in training to cut into people, both medically and financially. Upon further investigation, that is what the MCAT (My Creativity in Advantage Taking) really tests.

So, what do pre-meds really do?

On a given day, pre-meds can be seen leisurely waking up at quarter past one, before strolling to the Phealth Bedcuation L'Campus (i.e., PBL) and learning new ways to add imaginary payments to patients' hospital bills. Have you even considered the classes they take? Classes on drawing “autonomy” and “handwriting.” Their marks are lower than my social reputation after this article publishes than a business major in a STEM class.

In an interview with a United States Sciences Studies (USSS) major, Eyetri

P'Alot, he remarks, “I have been to UH more than any other pre-med student here. Literally, name one that has been to the hospitals more than me.”

With his permission, we managed to acquire his medical bills. The result? Higher than Case's tuition *without fi-*

nancial aid. What are these exploiters really learning in these so-called “classes”? See the truth. Wake up, Case.

We paid off his bills, in full, by driving a truck of The Athenian stickers into the UH parking lot. They did not seem to be fond of our kind sentiments.



Max Webber

Pre-med side hustles

Edie Barlin

Are you a pre-med student looking to make some extra money for medical school? Then look no further than this *Athenian*-approved list of excellent side hustles to get you some extra cash fast.

1. Go up to billionaires and ask “What would you do for a Klondike bar?” Someone might pay your tuition!

2. Sell crack. Now that Eric Kaler has divested from it, dealers don't have to follow universi-

ty rules anymore. You can sell in the dorm after quiet hours.

3. Prostitution is a budding industry. Here are some ideas of names for you to use, free of charge:

Palpa-tit-tions
Citric ASS-id Cycle
Helicase
Medical Malpractice
Transference

4. Steal drugs. Not illegal drugs, but there are so many undiagnosed depressed students in medical school, just sell Zoloft.

5. Create an NFT. No one really knows what they are so just pick a price at random and sell it. You'll probably be right.

6. Give blood. You always know where you can find more and get some back.

7. Be a fake plus one to a wedding and make a Jewish mother proud of her child for a moment. Hit me up because 1) I am not dating a doctor and 2) My Jewish Mom keeps reminding me. I have 20 dollars and a Jolly Scholar meal swipe.

Pre-dental students mad they keep getting confused with pre-meds: “I’m not like other pre-meds, I have a social life”

Shivangi Nanda

Case Western Reserve University is known for being a pre-med hub, rounding up students from around the world to study and compete for coveted spots in medical schools. However, among this sea of scalpel-loving undergrads are a unique pre-professional species, often confused with pre-meds due to their similar classes, interests, and behaviors. But pre-dental students are, by all accounts, the superior pre-professional group. I think I speak for all pre-dental students when I say we have the best of both worlds: academic richness and free time. So when one of our own decided to speak out about being mistaken for a pre-med, I decided it was finally time to set the records straight.

I remember it like it was yesterday. I was in the South Quad when I heard a sharp shrill coming from outside the Millis Science Center. A business student, clearly identifiable by an appearance untainted by stress or responsibilities, was stand-

ing face to face with a pre-dental student who had just gotten out of lab. After interviewing the pre-dental student in question, I was shocked to find the business student had thought he was a pre-med. A PRE-MED: the ultimate swear word in our community. So, as any self-respecting pre-dental student would, he announced to reassure everyone in the quad: “I’m not like other pre-meds, I have a social life.” I’m here today to prove the legitimacy of this statement, so no other pre-dental student must suffer the emotional turmoil of being mislabeled.

Unlike most pre-meds, we do not stalk the University Hospital website in search of volunteer opportunities, or bombard faculty emails begging to clean beakers for no pay. Instead, we take advantage of the laxness of the fact that the average GPA for a pre-dental is 0.2 lower than that of a pre-med. That’s time saved for a social life. A phenomenon usually only reserved

for finance majors, a “social life” is also occasionally adapted in the pre-dental lifestyle; such behavior is not observed in pre-meds, who have cut the phrase from their vocabulary entirely. In that extra hour not spent studying, we engage in leisure clubs, take walks around Wade Lagoon, and politely laugh at pre-meds with no scheduled free time.

So, while pre-dental and pre-med students may share a common sense of doom for their impending futures in graduate school, we are nothing alike. Our tightly knit group has found a way to “take breaks” and be normal college students every once in a while. We have found a way to navigate the STEM-heavy curriculum with time to pursue friendships, hobbies, and a personality. My only hope now is that the world realizes that pre-dental students are more than their pre-med counterparts, because we have the social intelligence to back up our academic one.

A Psychoanalysis on Why You’re Pre-med

Elizabeth Miller

Are you a pre-med reading this issue and wondering why we are attacking you? The answer is quite simple—it’s because nobody in their right mind would willingly become one! So, here is a list of possible reasons why YOU became a pre-med...

You probably relate to at least one of the following:

1. Daddy issues.
2. Mommy issues.

3. Both.
4. Specifically, immigrant parents who want you to be a doctor.
 - a) Bonus points if they are doctors themselves in their home countries!
5. You come from a family of doctors and you do not want to be a disappointment to them, and you are too scared to follow your own path.
6. You were already a biology or chemistry major so you decided you “might as well” be a pre-med.

7. You want to have a wedding at HEC?
8. You didn’t want to be a nursing major.
9. You were obsessed with Grey’s Anatomy, or alternatively, were not allowed to watch it until you were 18.
10. You actually like medicine and do not faint from seeing blood (ugh, imagine!)
11. You just want to make money. That’s it.

Pre-med students required to work in hospitality as HEC is converted to luxury hotel

An Doan

Case Western Reserve University is happy to unveil a new state-of-the-art luxury hotel opening inside of the Health Education Campus. Located at what was previously Samson Pavilion, the new Four Seasons Samson hotel will

feature a bar, spa, and restaurant, as well as a massive pool inside the building's atrium. When asked about the school's plan to employ hospitality workers, administrators said, "We will make being a hotel worker a part of our pre-med

curriculum." Though some students are concerned about the hotel's hospital-like design and the benefit of making pre-meds hospitality workers, the university gently reassured: "Hospital, hospitality. Whatever, it's all the same shit!"

Case Mens' Glee Club receives serious Valentine's Day competition

Case's Cupid

With over 100 singing valentines sold this year, the Case Mens' Glee Club had a successful Feb. 14th crashing classes, singing to professors and students galore, and adding an occasional dose of embarrassment. Fortunately for student productivity and the stability of our educational environment, a shadow unit of *Athenian* staff attempted to intervene this year in order to prevent the Glee Club from disrupting classes with the creation of our "stalking walking valentines", known as the Valentine Squad.

Rather than have a complex

system coordinating when and where valentines could be delivered, walking valentines simply occur whenever and wherever. You could be walking across Case Quad when suddenly the Valentine Squad stops you, picks you up, and romantically drags you to your next class. With an added element of light traumatization, we here at *The Athenian* believe that this practice will help reduce the level of class disruption due to the Glee Club because students will already be confused and concerned when the singing starts. Even better, walking valentines are free!

We are happy to report that our trial run of walking valentines was incredibly successful, with more than 75 happy customers throughout the day. It is possible that our consumer survey results are biased—as participants were asked to give their opinion under the duress of an incredibly large and threatening actor dressed as Cupid—but we did not have a chance to control for this variable despite striving for the best experimental results at all times. We hope that next year you will consider participating in the walking valentine program!

Amidst CWRU housing crisis, Carnegie Mellon steps up

Spartan Scottie

Recently, Case Western Reserve University has been experiencing issues with rising student populations because the head of the Undergraduate Admissions department used a Python script to inform students of acceptance. Due to poor design choices, the script only considered first names, such that every Matthew, Samantha, and Steve who applied was told they were accepted when only one of each actually was. It was more difficult to tell desperate students that they did not get in than to simply let them attend, meaning

that now there is no longer sufficient housing for all students on campus.

Meanwhile, Carnegie Mellon has been adjusting its acceptance algorithm to consider whether students have already been accepted to CWRU. As a result, CMU's student body is dropping precipitously, and many dorms in Pittsburgh now languish empty. The *Athenian* has received intelligence that the administrations of both schools are deep in talks to allow Case students to transfer their housing to Carnegie Mellon. This would

solve problems at both schools by filling CMU's dorms while giving CWRU students a place to live. An added benefit of this agreement for students is that they would get the feeling of attending Carnegie Mellon while still participating in all of their classes at Case through the ease of a Zoom classroom.

If recent reports are to be believed, applications for this remote housing option will be opening soon. Keep an eye out, and reassure your parents that Pittsburgh is just as great a place to live as Cleveland is!

Steal Her Look: A Nursing Major's Style

Rowan Talmadge

Have you ever seen a nursing major walking around campus and just thought to yourself, "Damn, I wish I could look like that?" I know I have. If what you aspire to do is match every. Single. One. Of the nursing majors at Case, we at *the Athenian* have broken down the look so you don't have to.

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Iced Coffee: Without this, you have no chance of blending in with the hoard as they wait for the nursing shuttle to arrive. And it doesn't matter how cold it is or how late in the day, the iced coffee is essential. If you are willing to fully commit, it is advised that you order a large iced coffee with oat milk and hazelnut syrup from Dunkin'. Alternatives from Star-

bucks are also considered acceptable, but it must be sweetened and it must be iced (essentially, if your barista is not judging your order, you're not doing it right).

Uggs: The iconic footwear of all nursing students. It is important that they are the traditional tan Uggs, and bonus points if they're low rise because they keep your feet sweaty without actually keeping your ankles warm at the bus stop.

Leggings: The iconic black leggings are a huge part of the nursing student look. The neutral color allows it to be paired with the same sweatshirt over and over and over again. When you purchase your own pair make sure to get a set without pockets, because it is important that you have nowhere to store your phone so you may justify scrolling through Instagram all of the time (especial-

ly in class, because who actually pays attention to that).

Oversized Sweatshirt: The classic oversized sweatshirt must go down to at least mid thigh and be in a neutral tone (navy blue, dark grey, or light grey are the recommended colors). It is highly recommended that you invest in a sweatshirt from any college other than CWRU. If you want to rep this part of the look, consider a Stanford sweatshirt.

Undereye Bags: No nursing student look is complete without under-eye bags darker than Lou Stark's soul. If you do not have the strength of will/caffeine tolerance to come about said under-eye bags naturally, I suggest following a Youtube tutorial that utilizes charcoal and tears to mimic the iconic look.

Stains: Whether these be from shit, blood, or something else unmentionable, they come with the look. They may be on a notebook, watch, hair or hoodie. If you don't have lab or clinicals to obtain these yourself, then take the route of strategically spilling a bit of coffee on yourself, just as is demonstrated in this video.

Rocking this look yourself is super affordable and easy. The price breakdown is as follows:

Iced Coffee - 5.69 USD
Low Rise Uggs - 69.99 USD
Leggings - 42.00 USD
Stanford Sweatshirt - 75.99 USD
Charcoal - 9.99 USD
Tears - your happiness
Stains - 72,128.00 USD

Pro Tip: Practice saying Greek letters in random orders to be prepared for when you're inevitably asked what sorority you're in while rocking your new look.

Steal The *nursing* <3 Look!



Sandwich Bags:
\$20.75



Shitstains:
Free!



Suspicious white powder:
Cost Varies



Caffeine Pills:
\$21.85



Mandatory shelf of first-aid supplies:
\$200-\$600



Offer Soul to devil for grades, internships, tuition fees, or drugs
Become soulless like them!



Dr. Recommended Sneakers:
\$239.95
(awful for snow)



See-through white scrubs:
\$19.89

New "Dorm Swipes" Introduced

Sara Ramaiah

Loyal readers of Lou Stark's mass emails might recall weeks of uncertainty surrounding the availability of housing to CWRU upperclassmen that seemed to be resolved overnight. Many students found themselves wondering where a solution could possibly have come from. After thorough investigation, the Athenian has found an answer.

Following a proposal from graduate students in the Weatherhead School of Business, Bon Appetit will now provide dorm swipe options coupled with their meal swipe

program. Students will have numerous options, including the 5 swipe per week "commuter" plan, the unlimited swipes "paying rent" plan, and the 0-swipe-per-week "homeless" plan. This proposal expands the current system of card swipe doors currently available in South Side dorm buildings. Starting next semester, students will be able to use the existing key cards to unlock the door to their lottery-assigned communal single or double bedroom. Each swipe affords students a generous 6 hour stay in campus facilities. Furthermore, portable swipes will be made available for in-building utilities such as the laundry room and bathroom. COVID-conscious students need not fret, as to-go options will continue to be available through Bon Appetit. Students can pick up a to-go package in the form of a tent and tarp from Fribley commons or Leutner commons at their leisure. Wondering where your mail will end up? Don't fret, Bon Appetit has your back. All mail is guaranteed to be delivered to a mailbox on campus, so simply check for an email with [HARLD]

in the subject line for a lovely surprise scavenger hunt, courtesy of the CWRU Office of University Housing. Make sure to register for your dorm swipe plan quickly, as all spots are limited, particularly during the peak bedtime traffic hours. Overnight guests will be permitted with the guest swipe upgrade, sponsored by Trojan (go Spartans though!). Got kicked out by your bedmate's guest? No worries, as CWRU has secured a partnership with the Residence Inn on Euclid Avenue, where students can pay for a room with CaseCash, at the discounted rate of \$100 per night. Students familiar with the housing lottery process may recall having to select a group coordinator for their applications. This same process will be used to assign groups of students to bedrooms. This new position, termed "landlord" will have the responsibility of assigning people to their bedtime slots, so be sure to compare your schedules! Group registration is open now, so find a landlord and schedule your COVID tests, STD panels, and the slow decay of your friendships!

Bon Appetit Presents:

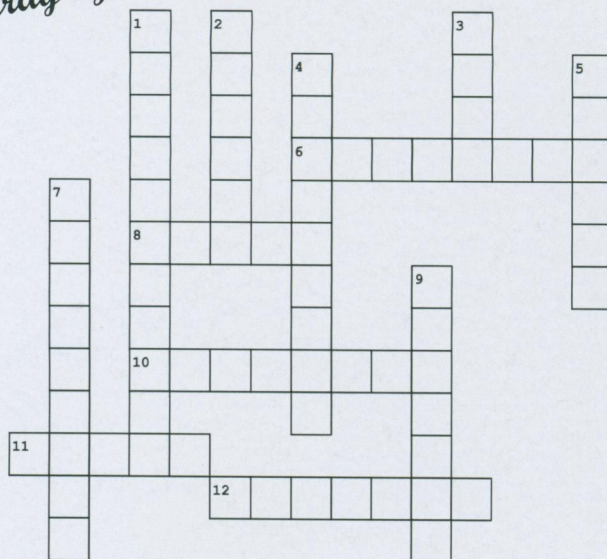
Dorm Swipes!

All the convenience of the meal plan and all of the luxury of the dorms!

Sign up for your bedtime slots today on MyHousing!



Brought to you by
Bernie "Ashtray" Jim Pre-Med Crossword

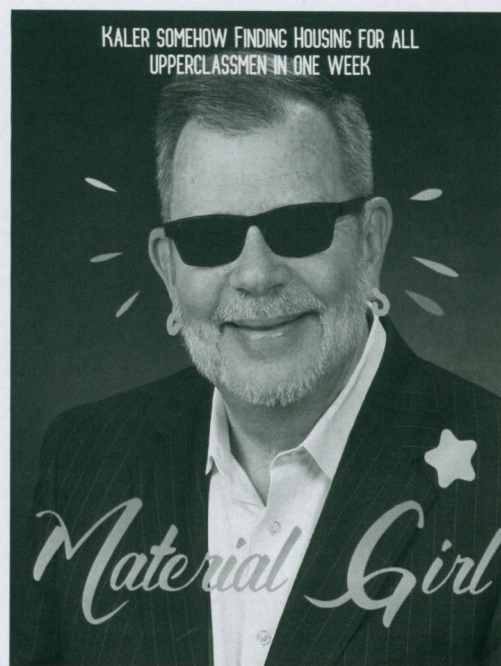


Across

6. Change of scenery college-wise
8. Daily Starbucks order
10. Where to find Zendaya's Rue
11. Dr. show
12. Ride to the HEC

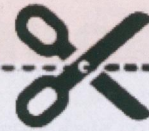
Down

1. Freshman _____
2. Test prep company
3. She's gone but not forgotten
4. Hungry for a new major?
5. Dr. show/Med student wear
7. Med student wear with its own ceremony
9. Campus mascot



Edie Barlin

Free Poster!



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Dear BME Premed,

With sincere regret, I must report that the Committee on Admissions has completed its selection of the class entering in September 2022 and has not been able to offer you a place.

We were most grateful to have received applications from so many students like you with excellent intellectual and personal qualities. This year, over 5,000 students applied for the 165 places in the first year class at Harvard Medical School. With so many more talented and highly qualified candidates than we could admit or even interview, the Committee on Admissions faced a very difficult task.

Although you may be disappointed, my personal wish for you is that you find fulfillment studying medicine at another fine medical school.

We thank you for applying to Harvard, and we send you our very best wishes for a successful career.

Sincerely,

Jules L. Dienstag, M.D.

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