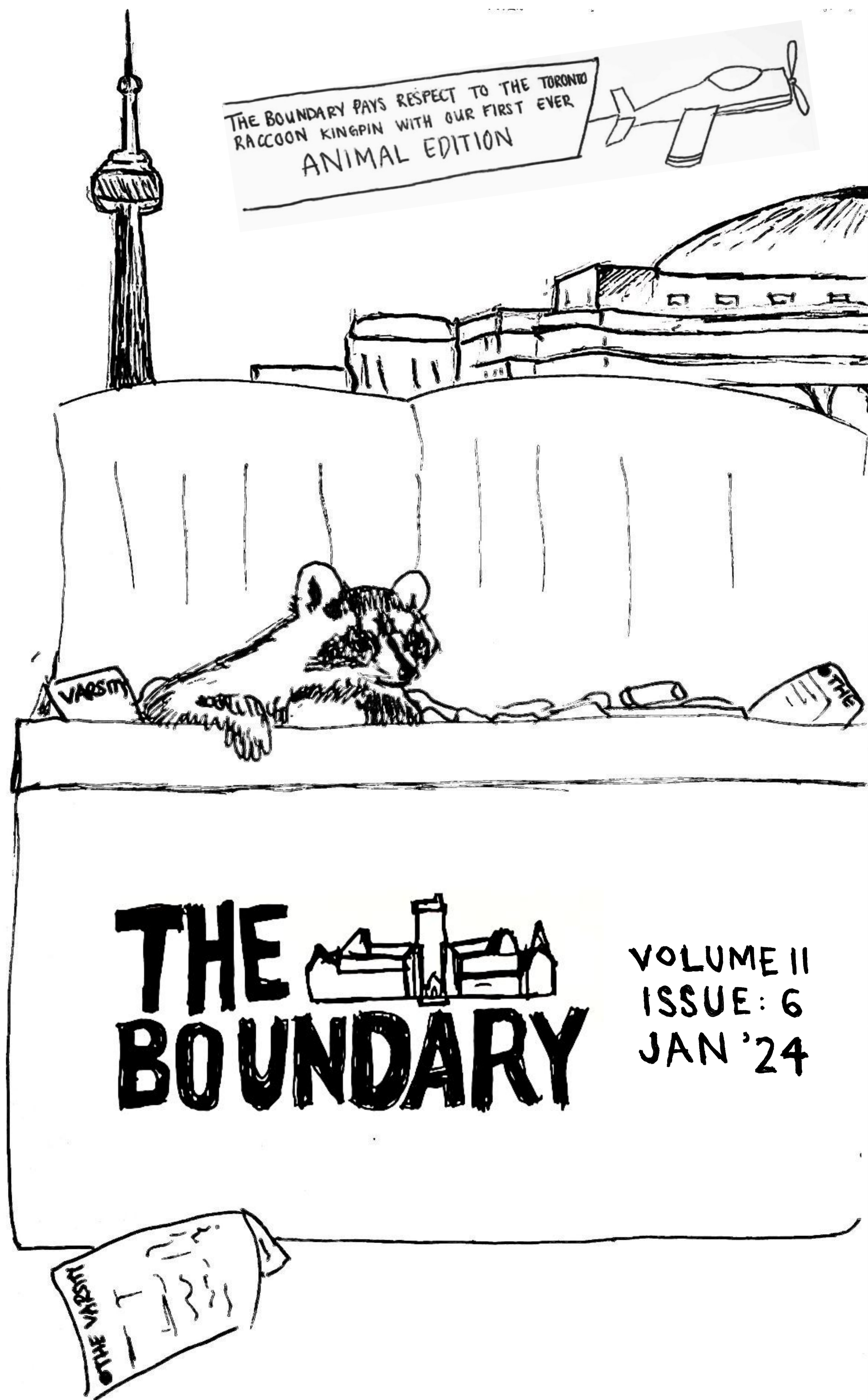


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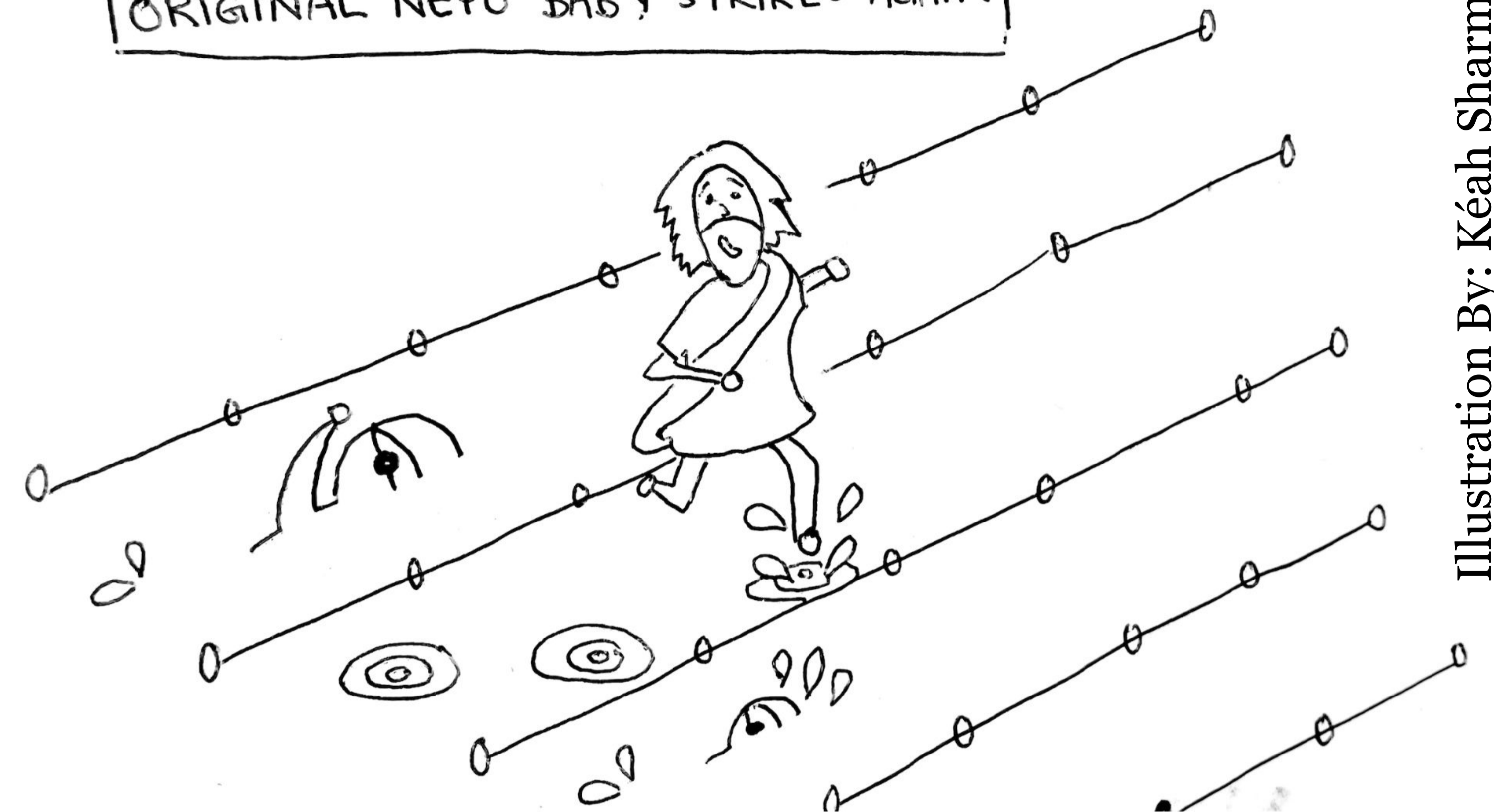
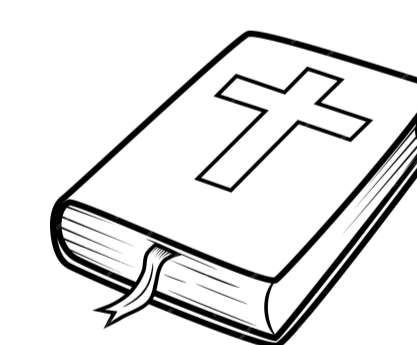


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Boundary Bible Study

A Glimmer of Faith in a Heathenish Publication



יְהוָה רֵעִי, לֹא אֶחָסֵר.

“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.”

Psalms 23:1 (KJV)

Commentary

This frequently cited passage offers incontrovertible proofs that the author of the Psalms, the great King David, was indeed a ram. This would make him among the earliest known ovine authors, preceding Homer, a long-haired Chios sheep, by two centuries.

Snake Tired of Being Compared to Rotman Students

Sammy Edwards (Oct. 27, 2020)

It's no secret that programs at UofT are tied to stereotypes: linguistics majors know every letter in the alphabet, engineers get off on painting themselves purple, and IR students love going to the Alps on mommy and daddy's dime. However, one of these stereotypes has been ruining the social life of innocent reptiles. Local cobra Kenneth tells The Boundary that he and his fellow snakes are "ssick and tired" of being compared to Rotman Students.

"I know that I'm a two-faced, remorseless, slimy reptile, but that doesn't mean that I, or all snakes for that matter, are Rotman students. Treat us with some respect," said a visibly distressed Kenneth.

Sadly for Kenneth, this preconceived notion about snakes isn't doing him any favours with the ladies. "You have no idea how many times I've been gossiped after telling a girl I'm a snake," he said, holding back tears as a Rotman student sauntered by. "It's gotten to the point where I just lie and say I'm an amputated lizard."

"It'd be nice if people got to know me as Kenneth first, snake second. But as soon as I let my guard down and say 'Hey, I'm a snake', their brain immediately thinks: Rotman student. The look of disgust on their face once they make that connection is frankly too much to bear."

Varsity Equestrian Team Releases New Backpack Design

El Chrapko (Nov. 17, 2023)



Giddy up, folks, because UofT's newest Varsity Team is about to stir up some excitement this show season with its newly announced team backpacks. The design is practical, allowing the university's equestrian athletes to carry everything they need to and from the field.

Despite the excitement, the news has also unleashed a stampede of criticism from students, particularly other Varsity athletes. Rugby player Chad Johnson was sighted stomping around the Goldring Centre with unbridled rage. "This is so lame," he snorted, "how will normal students know how much better I am than them now that horse girls also have Varsity backpacks?!"

The Boundary was able to rein in equestrian team captain Stephanie Whinny for a chat after eyewitnesses spotted her prancing around King's College Circle. "I'm not spooked by the neigh-sayers," she said, swishing her long blonde ponytail. "I'm just glad we're spurring conversation about the team. And no, we don't just sit there!"

Beyond leading the team to campus infamy, Varsity backpacks have also sent Captain Stephanie's social life soaring. "People don't even need to notice my Hermes bracelets or designer jodhpurs anymore to guess that both my parents are lawyers," she beamed. "By the way, you can't publish any of this until it's gone through my dad."

With the newfound knowledge that the university has a backpack-laden equestrian team, bets are kicking up among the student body. Will UofT beat TMU at the Southern Ontario College Derby? Will first prize go to Fluffy or to Beauty? And, most importantly, where the hell does the university keep its horses?

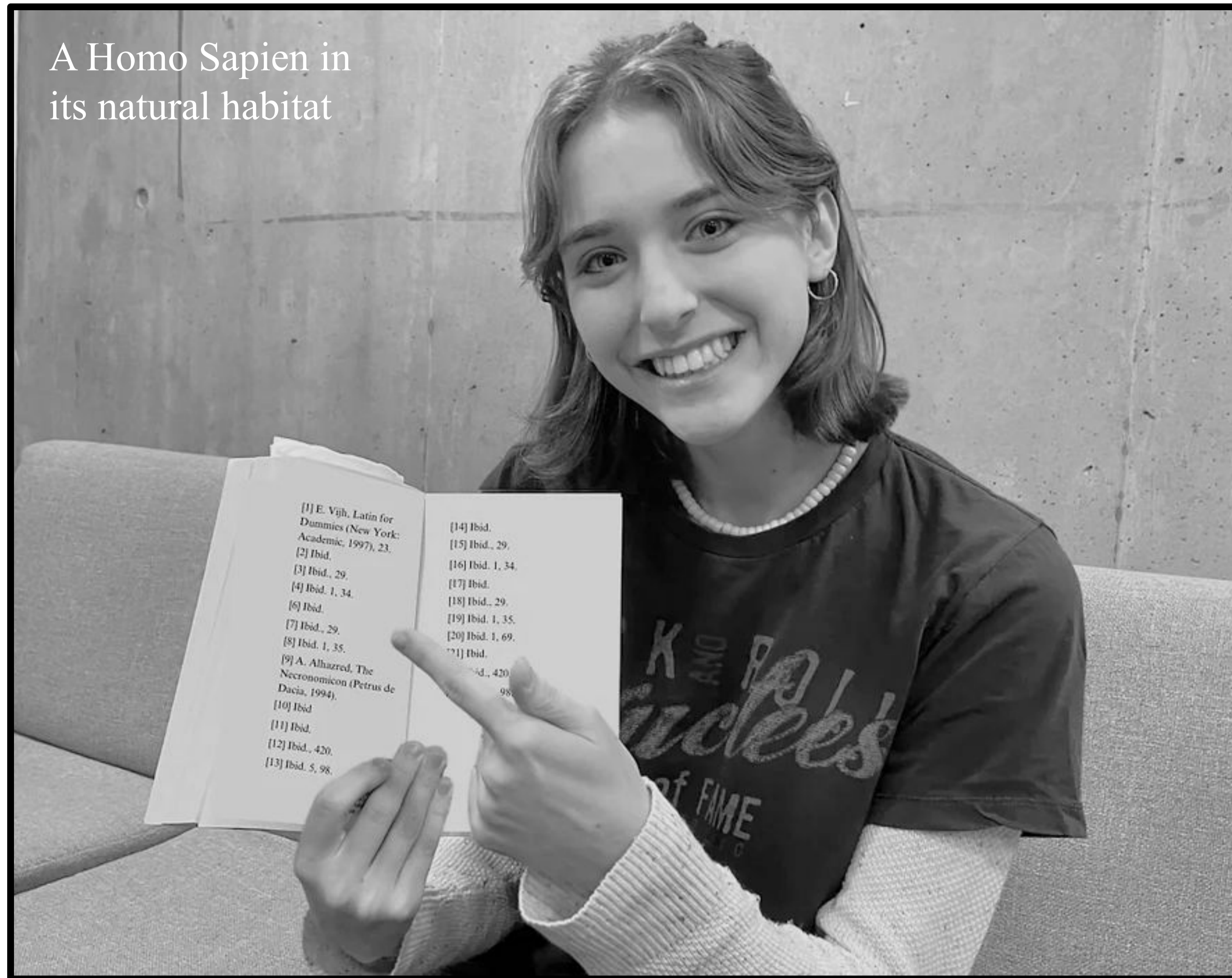
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Daniel Golden



First Year's Favourite Author Ibid

Alessia Pattara (Jan. 12, 2024)



First-year student Paige Smith has decided that this New Year, she will become a totally different person. Along with going to the gym every day, eating no sugar, and studying 10 hours a day, she's resolved to become an avid reader. However, searching for a new, underground author proved harder than she thought. "I mean, when people ask me my favourite author, I can't say some bullshit from the syllabus. I need someone that shows how different I am."

After turning away the much too mainstream Dickens and King, Paige discovered a new author she hadn't heard of. The so-called "Ibid" has worked with thousands of other authors and has been quoted by tons of scholars discussing extremely different topics. "I couldn't believe my eyes. Ibid is so versatile. They've been cited talking about animals, psychology, even how to be a better lover." Paige immediately felt a deep emotional connection to Ibid, stating that the moment she saw one book quote them 4 times in a row, she knew they would be her new fave. "Clearly they've written some good shit. They have something to say about everything! And that's what I love about them, they can't be put in a box like all these other one-hit-wonder academics."

However, Paige revealed it was actually quite a struggle to find anything Ibid wrote. "People talk about them all the time, but they don't have any solo works. Maybe they're all unreleased?" she wondered. She later added, "I hope someone posts links on Reddit or something." After a week-long deep dive on the internet and the Robarts stacks, Paige feared she might have to give up on her dreams of finding any of Ibid's work. "I guess I stumbled upon some lost media. Maybe I gotta look for a more popular author." When asked about her resolution, she explained that she would persevere. "There's this other author 'Et al.' I keep seeing everywhere. I may try to find some of their best works instead."

Ask Ariel

The Best Advice Column this Side of the Don Valley

"How do I, as a first year, deal with unwanted attention from upper year males?" -Victoria L.

I'm a bit confused here, Victoria. What is "unwanted" attention? In my lifetime, I've never encountered any attention that I did not want. And, for those of you who are unaware, I get a LOT of attention, like, a LOT.

Girls like me, we walk outside and everyone wants to talk to us. Sometimes it's something as simple as, "You got any spare change?" but either way it's because I'm smoking hot.

My word of advice: stop categorizing attention as wanted and unwanted. Just call it attention, because there's no such thing as bad press. Talk to those upper year males, maybe even give them your Snapchat, or a kiss!

"My job is mind numbingly boring. I feel like Sisyphus. Please advise."
- Michelle

Here's the thing, Michelle. Work sucks. You wake up, you go, you twiddle your thumbs, and then you go home. The only way to prevent this: integrate fun into the customer service experience. Let's say you work at a clothing store. If you're not working for commission, who cares whether you make any sales?!

Once you establish, within your own mind, that no one cares what you do, then you can start having fun with it. Recommend that a girl try on a shirt that is four sizes too big, or tell an older man you could treat him better than his wife.

Either way, you're playing with reactions here. THAT is how you make the work day fun. I used to work at a country club, and I once told a member that I pooped in the pool. That was a fun day.

Want more advice? DM @boundarynews and ask for Ariel. I'll give better guidance than your therapist ever could.

UofT President Meric Gertler Makes a Statement

Meric Gertler (Dec. 8, 2023)

On this day, I address you, students, staff, faculty and community members. It is extremely important, in these times, being unprecedented and never experienced before, that we recognize as the UofT community how important it really is.

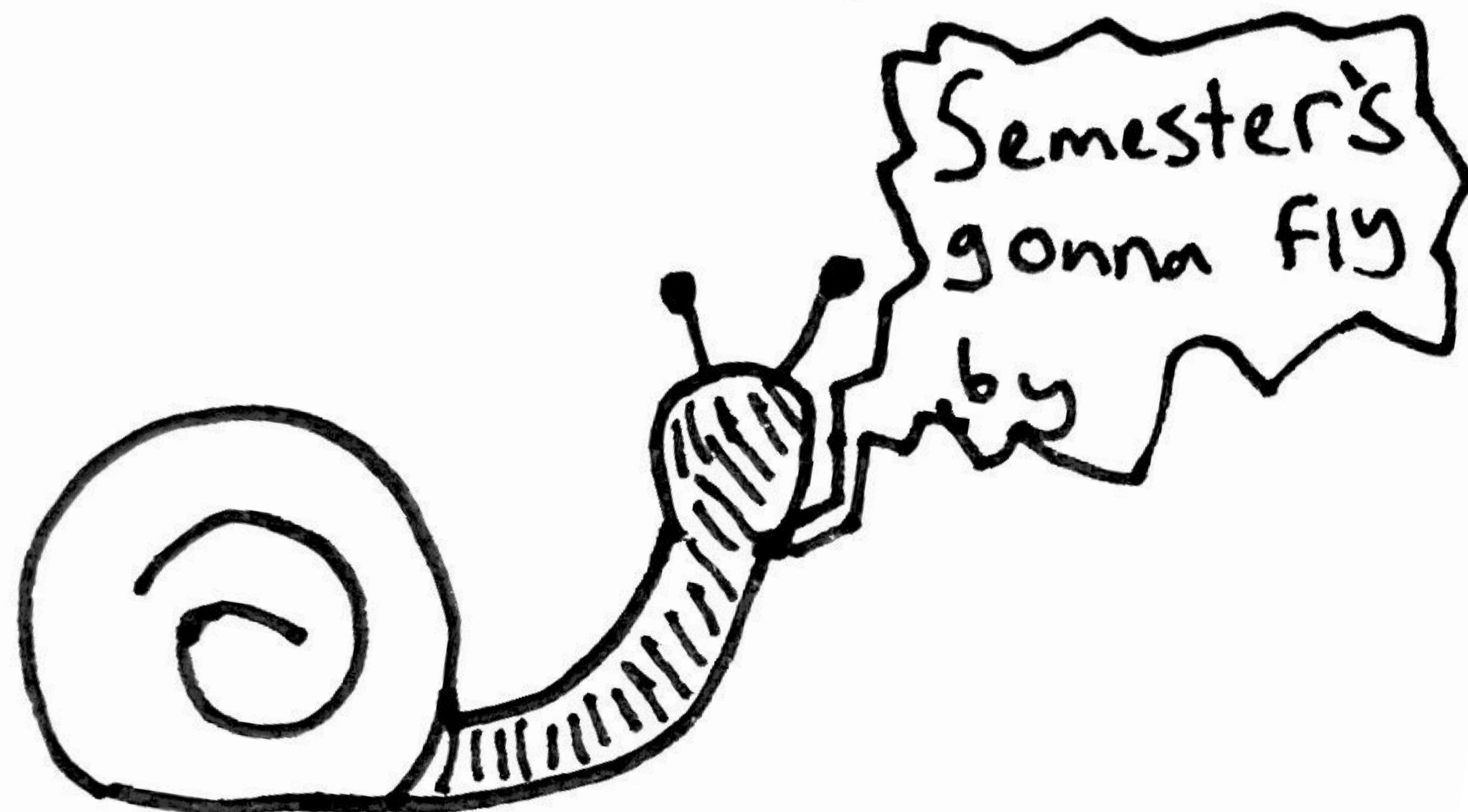
Recently, I have been thinking long and hard, and with much input from my esteemed colleagues, about what can be said in situations that we have all come to experience here at the University of Toronto. I speak to you, students, staff, faculty and community members, as a human, and member of the world in which we live.

With this statement, I wish to express that these are times that we are living through. Things have happened before, and, as many of us are slowly understanding, will probably happen again. We, as members of the UofT community, are coming to learn that society exists, whether we like it or not, and whether or not we are able to recognize it.

The truth is, this university stands on principles. These principles have been etched in the stonework of our buildings and the papers we read, as well as the digital documents we engage with in this new digital age. As things change, we must hold onto these principles.

I implore you, respected friends and members of the University of Toronto community, to hold tight to the things that exist, and to think about the things that do not exist, but may very well exist one day, or even, may have existed in the past.

I thank all of my colleagues, coworkers, staff, and the people I work with for continuing to work with me. With this team, I hope to lead us into a future where things are the same, but also some things are different, maybe.



New Summer Abroad Program: Epstein Island [Restricted to First Years]

Boundary Staff (Jan. 15, 2024)

UofT's Caribbean Studies Institute has released a new Summer Abroad opportunity for 2024. This program will take students to the beautiful United States Virgin Islands, particularly the island of Little St. James. This island has been a cultural and learning hub for decades, welcoming guests like Bill Clinton, Woody Allen, and even Stephen Hawking. Over the course of six weeks abroad, students will take part in various learning opportunities intended to expand their wealth of knowledge on the island, its history, and its mysterious past.

Mhislaine Gaxwell, a former student who has studied on the island, commented that, "Little St. James is the best place to spend your summer! It has everything you would want in an abroad experience, and you might even stumble upon a few things you wouldn't expect."

Requirements for the program are as follows: Less than 4.0FCE at time of application. Students over the age of twenty will not be considered. Participation in the School of Caribbean Studies is encouraged, but not required, for admission.



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U of T's Most Popular New Year's Resolutions

Kéah Sharma

Trinity College: Declare intent to take LSAT to three people a day who didn't ask

Our robe-wearing baddies have been studying all summer and fall and winter and spring and summer and fall and winter and spring...in case they haven't mentioned it.

Innis College: Become Letterboxd Famous

As they say, a movie a day keeps the doctor away. Your Innis bestie has super underground taste in cinema. Have you seen *Goodfellas*?

Kinestheology: Eat a meal for fun

It's not crippling body dysmorphia, it's just the gym grindset.

Editor Note: This resolution was abandoned by 99.9% of Kin students within 48 hours of 2024.

Victoria College: Start writing screenplay and/or poetry collection and/or memoir and/or hyperrealist novel with postmodern themes that address childhood trauma

We live in a society and in a society, shaming people for not going to therapy and not appreciating art is the only way we, as a society, can move forward.

International Relations: Secure internship at local terrorist organization that "protects world peace"

What's imperialism? Do you mean the faces of freedom and democracy?

Rotman: Do one thing a day to make a poor person's life worse

Poor people are poor because they don't want to get a job in investment banking. Why doesn't everyone get this?

St. Mikes: Confess for sins, atone, renew vows with god

The bond between the papacy and St.Mikes students has never been stronger than in 2024.

Life Science: Interact with two other live human beings

Conversation is hard, that's why it's a good thing interaction can constitute absolutely anything from a soft "sorry" to a loud fart in an unsuspecting library.

Computer Science: Consummate relationship with AI companion

Finally the dream woman: one designed by a man.

Woodsworth: No Respondents Found.



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Clare Mooney

