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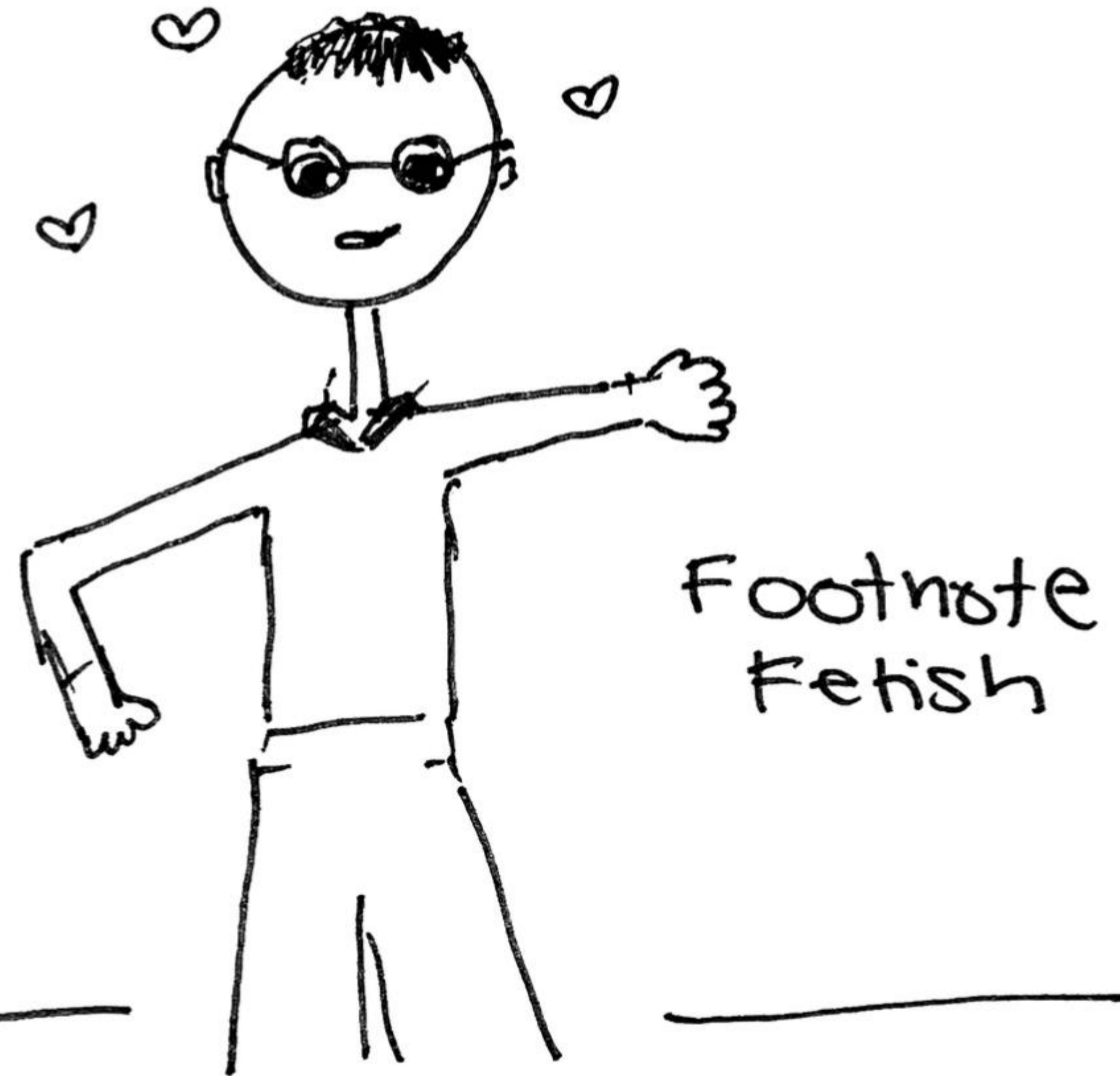
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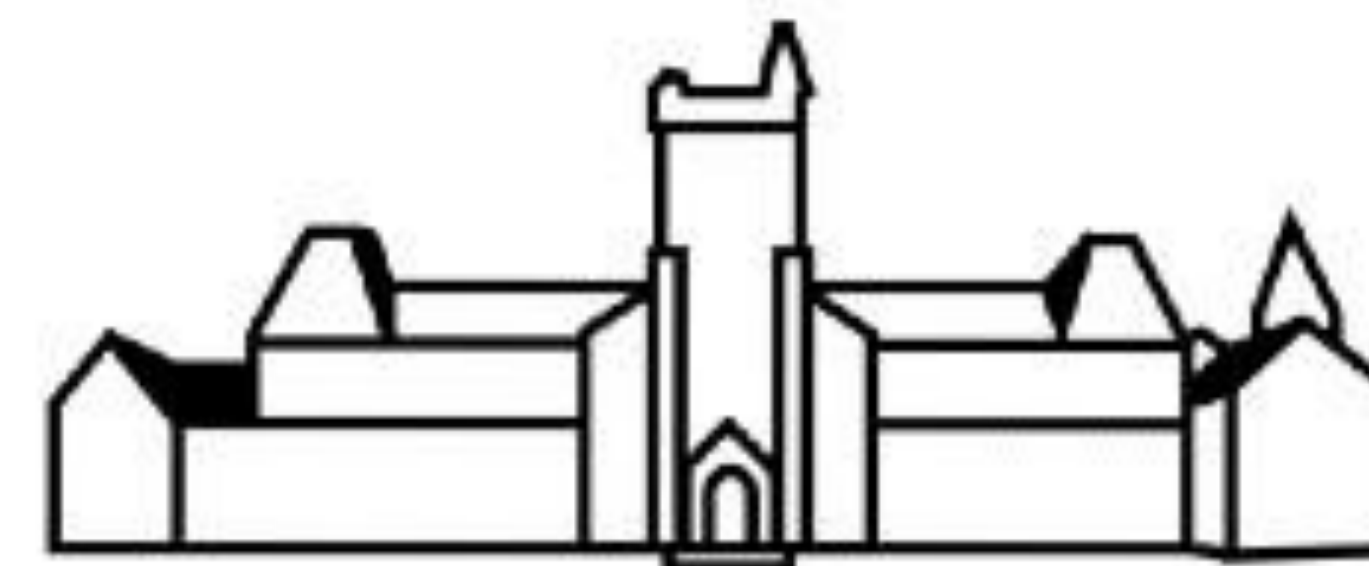
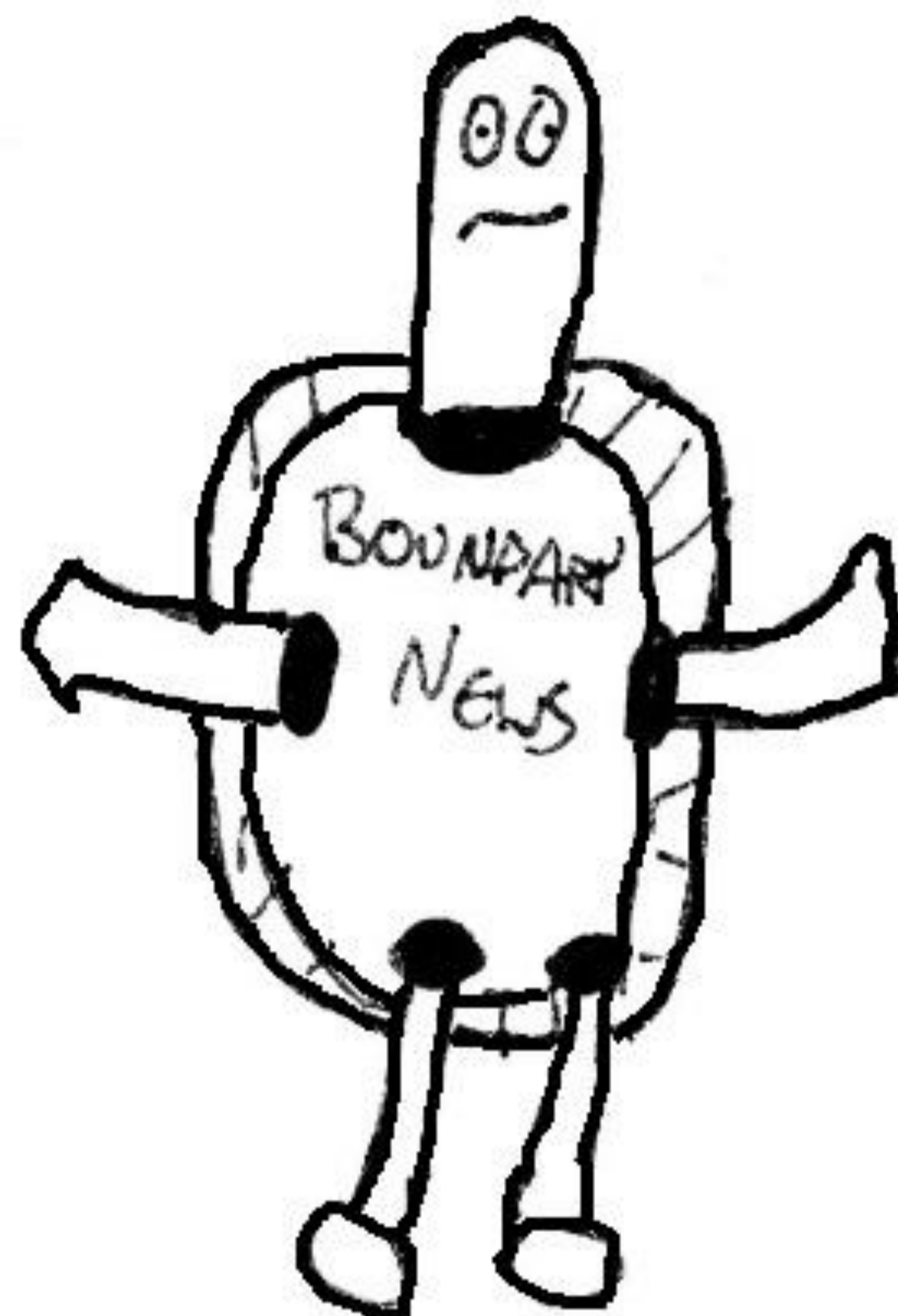
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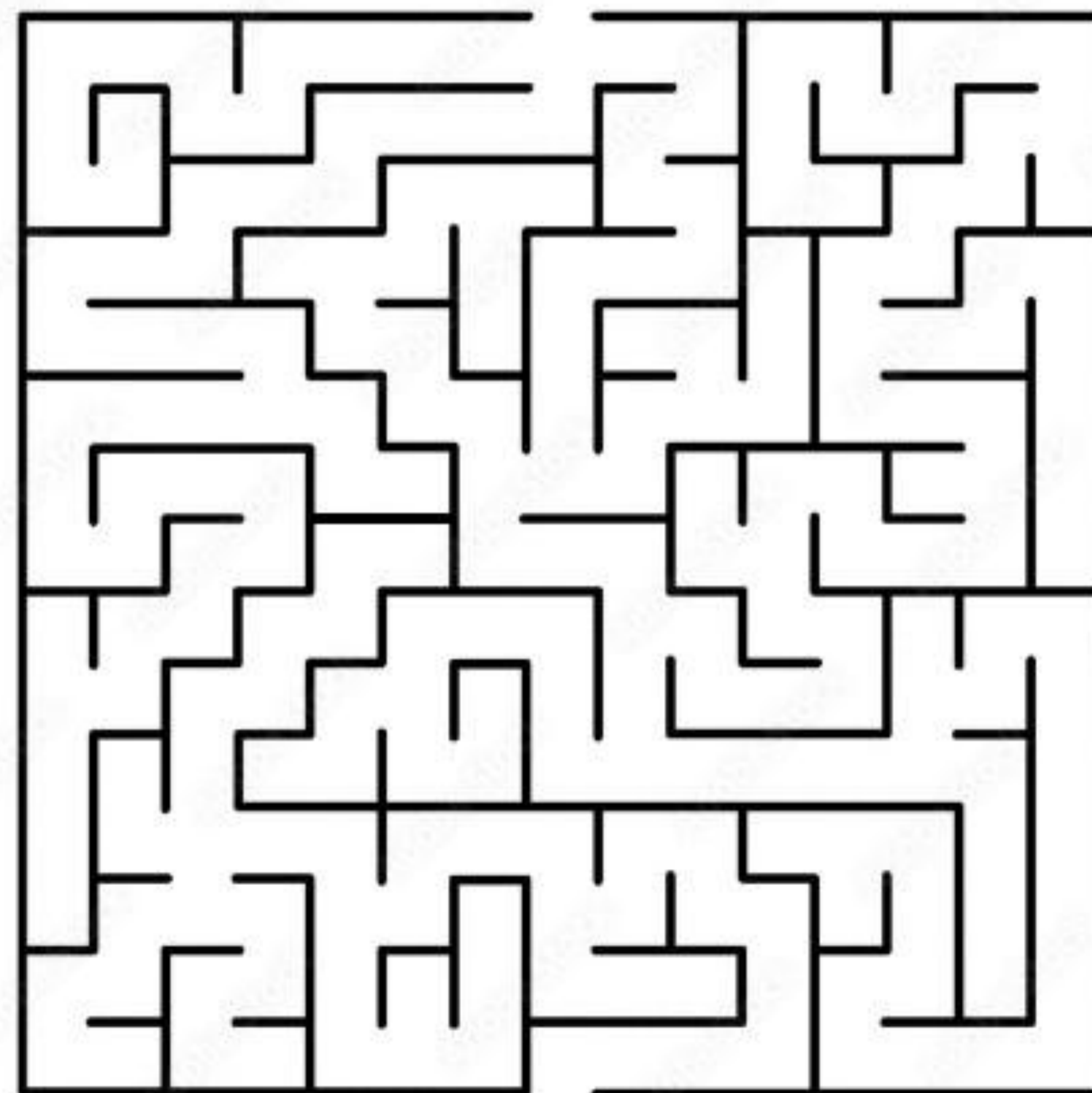


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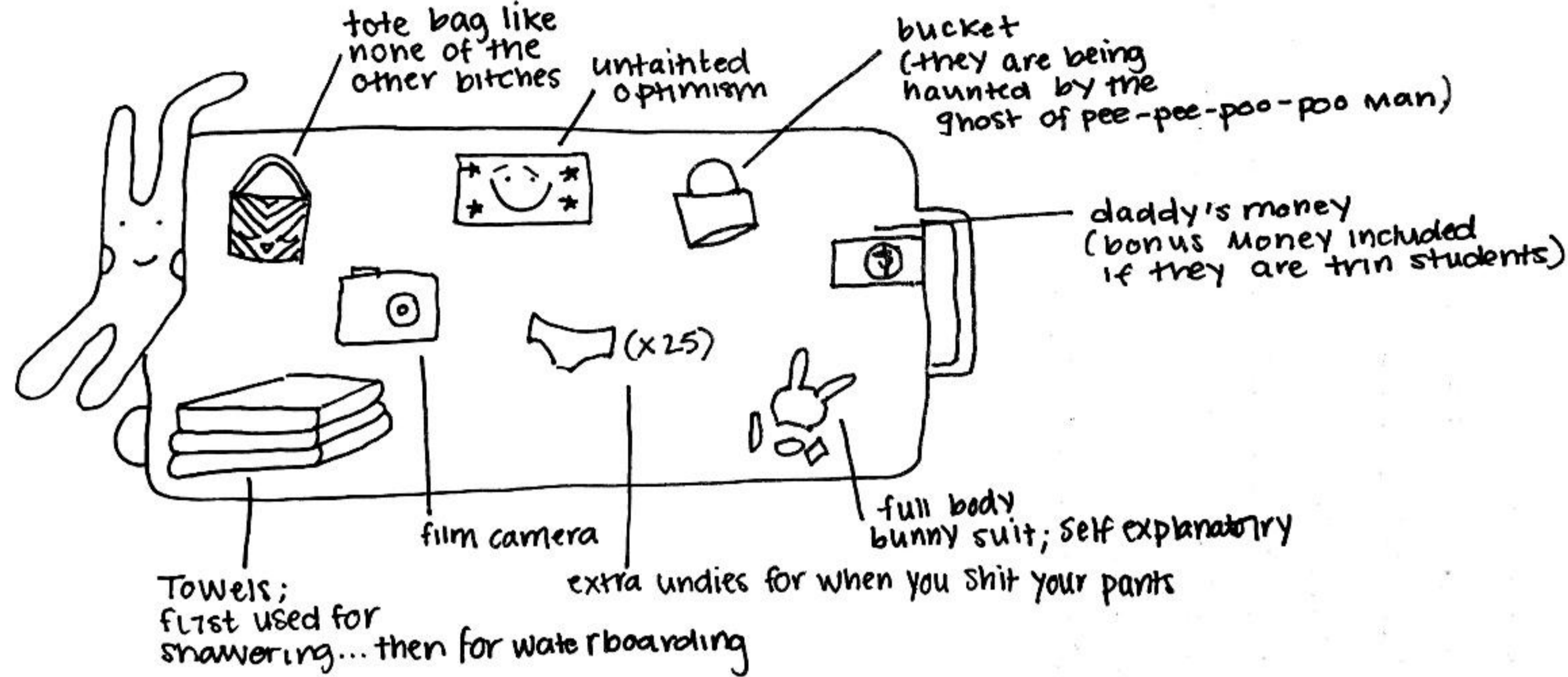
Since their inauguration in 1853 the winding corridors of University College have boggled, befuddled, and even bamboozled the best of U of T students. For those who want to get a feel for this scholastic labyrinth without running the risk of missing New Years Eve the Boundary has painstakingly forged the puzzle below. Enjoy!

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# The Boundary Census

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## What's In A First Year's Suitcase?

# BREAKING NEWS



## Student Returns From Study Abroad A Completely Different Person

Natalie Cader-Beutel (Sept. 13, 2023)

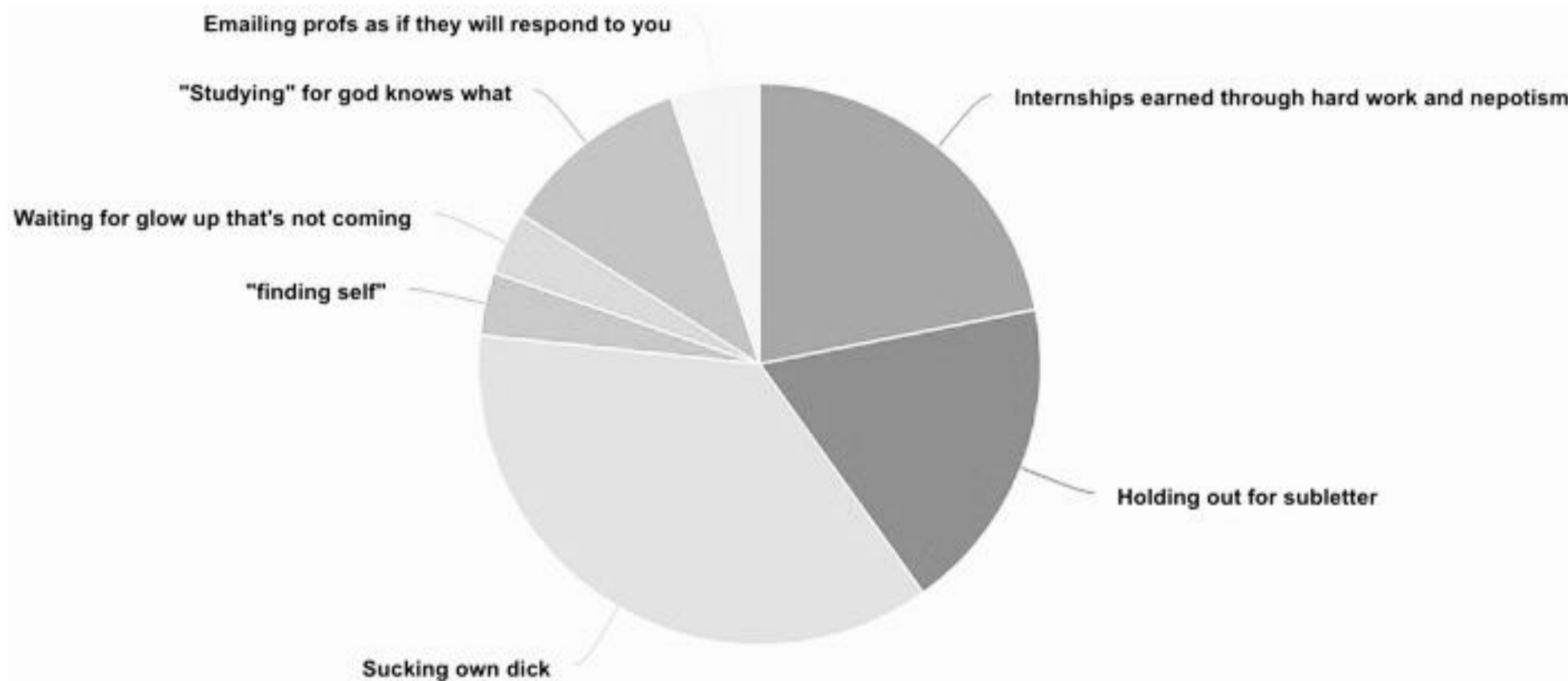
Students who go on exchange always say that their time abroad changed them. Some even claim that they are a different person than they were before they left. It seems, however, that one student really has returned from exchange a completely different person.

According to her friends Hannah, Alexis, and Sara, Marie Anderson is looking and acting quite differently than she was six months ago at her "Bon Voyage à Paris" party.

"She claims she 'just got a new French haircut' and 'immersed herself in the culture,'" says her friend Alexis. "I don't want to be rude or anything," she continues, "but she looks and seems more like an old French man with step-children and questionable political views than a 21-year-old girl who spent a big chunk of daddy's money on a weekend trip to Greece."

Marie, who asked us to call her Antoine-Louis 'for short,' says she had so much fun abroad. "I just really loved ze culture and ze bread and ze churches, etcetera etcetera," she exclaims, "but I am not so different from before. I love Canada and beavers especially. Hooray, girl time!"

Sara, Marie's best friend, has noticed that she seems different than before. "Yeah, Marie – sorry, Antoine-Louis – has changed a lot. But I went on exchange too, and I grew a lot too. I actually bike to school now," Sara says. "I watch a lot of criminal minds," she continues, "I would know if something was really off with her. Honestly, Antoine-Louis is such a slay name. Maybe I'll change my name too."



## What Did UofT Students Do This Summer?

# First Year Genius Nails Prof's Rhetorical Question

Emmett Zych (Sept. 19, 2023)



With the school year in full swing, many fourth-years are working up the nerve to ask their instructors for reference letters. Perched in the front rows of classrooms across campus, eager freshmen are also trying to get into their professors' good graces. Among this rump kissing horde is Kelly Wozniak, the star pupil in Introduction to Financial Securities.

"It's all about who you know," lectures Wozniak, a first-year Rotman student who's affinity for networking is rivalled only by her love for showing off. Asked to comment, Wozniak's instructor, Professor Jonathan von Mises, demanded a Belmont and 35 mg of Valium before proceeding.

"I love that I get students wanting to be involved in class." mumbles von Mises, "I want to foster a friendly learning environment so I can get to know my students, but some just take it way too far. In the first lecture, looking to add some levity to this horrendously dull material, I joked with the class, saying I'd give them a 5% grade boost if they could tell me anything about my fiancé's parents before I met them. When Kelly raised her hand, everyone laughed, but as I went on to discuss the advantages of equity warrants over convertible bonds, she didn't put it back down. When I finally called on her, she told me my soon-to-be in-laws' full names, ages, addresses, SIN numbers, and blood types. It was unsettling, but I'm glad to know that they're universal donors."

"Yet that's not the half of it" drones von Mises "I'm up for interim review, and yesterday my department head called to tell me one of my students claimed I was 'her best friend'. Do you know the ethical conundrum this puts me in? Have you ever tried to make financial securities entertaining? Don't answer that! Do you have another dart?"

# FROM THE VAULT



## Stressed Out Student Asks for Extension on What She's Thankful For

Natalie Cader-Beutel (Oct. 10, 2021)

We can all agree that this time of year is special. Students are seeing their families again, friends (and leaves) are showing their true colours, and assignments are rapidly eating away at our social lives.

For overwhelmed second-year Jessica Lee, everything was getting to be a bit too much. But, like a good little 90s-average-in-high-school-turned-barely-passing-UofT-student, she made a list of priorities to ensure that all her tasks get done. Unfortunately for her family, their "what are you thankful for" assignment was nowhere near the top of the list. So, right before her father brought out the lightly seasoned turkey, Lee decided to formally ask for an extension on this difficult task.

Lee tells *The Boundary* that she had "an anatomy midterm, an organic chemical to make, and an astronomy field trip to the International Space Station all due within the week." Sometimes, according to Lee, you have to know when your plate is full. "My uncle could learn that one too."

Lee adds that she hadn't even started thinking about her Family 101 homework yet: "This 'what I'm thankful for' assignment might be the hardest of them all. I have no fucking clue what I would say. Even the classic 'I'm thankful for living in Canada' just doesn't seem right this year."

This Thanksgiving, *The Boundary* is thankful for Jessica's honesty. And, of course, for the six people reading this article.

# Student Loses Meal Plan In Intramural Sports Bet

Noah Cazabon (Sept. 27, 2023)



Autumn isn't the only season that begins with the new semester. September marks the start of the long-awaited intramural season at U of T. Higher stakes than usual are being felt by students all over campus as Ontario sports betting permeates the intramural world.

"With my B+ in ECO101, I'm feeling really lucky," reported second-year economics major Michael Gambelle, right before losing over \$6000 of his meal plan in an all-in bet on a September Table Tennis game between the Rotman Commerce and Engineering Department teams.

When asked how he planned to eat this semester, Gambelle revealed his intention to "bet the dorm room" on an Ultimate Frisbee game in early October to recoup his losses. "It was a mistake to rely on a tip that an engineering player was battling carpal tunnel. And for betting on Table Tennis," Gambelle admitted, "With Ultimate Frisbee, there are more players, so fewer externalities. Duh."

Intramural games have seen an unprecedented spike in interest as a result of the sports-betting craze. Matches that would previously be lucky to see a handful of students spectating are now seeing, in some instances, upwards of two handfuls of students supporting their peers from the sidelines. "Intramural sports seem to have built a huge fan base," said Dusty Broom, a custodian at the Athletic Center, "I even had to drag out an extra bench."

If you or a student you know is struggling with an addiction to gambling, do not hesitate to contact Health & Wellness at (416) 978-8030, press 9 followed by 3, and proceed to wait until you cannot wait anymore. Then, come by the next intramural flag football game. An insider has confirmed a messy breakup between two key players on the red team.

# Prof Implements Innovative New Strategy To Retain Students' Attention

Jonah Wineberg (Sept. 20, 2023)



Having grown tired of lecturing to slack-jawed and uninterested students over the course of her career, Sociology Professor Judy Lubovitz has developed a new technique to sharpen her students' focus. In her SOC102 lecture yesterday, Lubovitz debuted the innovative new strategy: projecting Subway Surfers gameplay alongside her content slides.

"Lecture slides just don't cut it anymore," Professor Lubovitz reports. "If I don't project Subway Surfers, they'll be watching it on their phones anyway. It's better to overstimulate the students ourselves than to have them do it on their own, unsupervised."

Since its application, Lubovitz notes that attention in her classroom has gone up by 48%. By the end of the lecture, over a third of the class could name how many coins the public transit con had collected. Fewer could define Conflict Theory.

Despite the changes, some students indicate that these measures are not enough. Many have suggested the implementation of random sound effects throughout the lecture, while others would prefer a third split screen playing a Family Guy episode.

Next, we report on a shocking new statistic that 90% of readers do not make it to the end of this article without an automated reddit voice.

# Vic Student Finds Great Decor at Booksale

Daniel Golden (Sept. 24, 2023)



As any avid reader of posters, billboards, and banners will surely know, the U of T book sale season is in full swing. Whether you're in need of a mass-market Margaret Atwood paperback or 25 different translations of the New Testament, Vic is the place to be this weekend. But even for the functionally analphabetic on campus, the Victoria College Book Sale has something to offer.

"I'm just looking for decor" professes Gertrude Plath, a low-brow third-year in search of high-brow literary furnishings. "It's not easy being an English major. Sure, I'm well versed in the canon, you know, Seuss, Sendak, Carlisle, and Dahl, but still my professors and peers expect more."

Keeping up with the esoteric expectations of egotistical English students is hard enough for anyone. For Plath, whose English reading level is that of the average eight year old Mongolian, it's damn near impossible.

"When people see these new finds on my shelf maybe they'll change their tune" remarks Plath, brimming with joy at her recent acquisition of Hegel and Woolf. "I may not be able to spell dialectics and I'm unclear on how Virginia Woolf is related to the big bad one, but I still can't wait for people to see me holding these".

It's too early to say whether Plath's manoeuvre will be a success, but this Boundary correspondent wishes her all the best. As for the Vic book sale, so long as it guarantees that Ulysses and Candide will keep flying off the shelves, it's more than glad to participate in such feats of academic dishonesty.

# UofT Makes Students "Pinky Pwomise" Not To Use AI

Sergio Villiger (Sept. 25, 2023)



The first weeks of the semester are always exciting for students; we sign up for classes, look through course syllabi, and determine the weight of our course load. This year, however, some questions have been raised regarding the use of AI on assignments and assessments.

Fourth year Rob Otto, a student in Professor Carolyn McNally's CSC404 class, recounted his own experience. According to Otto, when McNally reached the Generative AI clause, she started acting strangely. "It's as if she had immediately devolved into a toddler," Otto claimed. "She asked us if we could 'pwetty pwease' not use ChatGPT for 'anyfing' in the course—not even on pwactices or test wuns! Between us though, I'm gwateful- I mean, I'm grateful for the simplicity."

Allegedly, professor McNally then had a temper tantrum, even crawling around on all fours around the lecture room whilst screaming and yelling for her mommy. "It was almost like she entered an elementary state of cognition," said a worried observer. Before each student left the class, McNally reportedly insisted on a "pinky pwomise" from each and every one of them.

When approached for an interview, McNally babbled nervously about the importance of "the comfort of the students," while desperately searching the lecture hall for her emotional support "weighted blankie."