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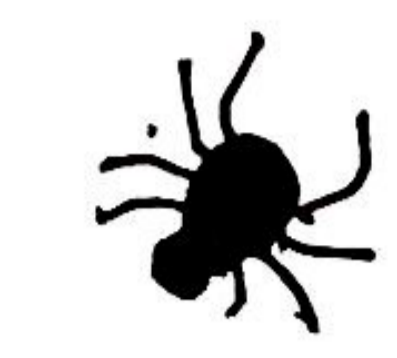
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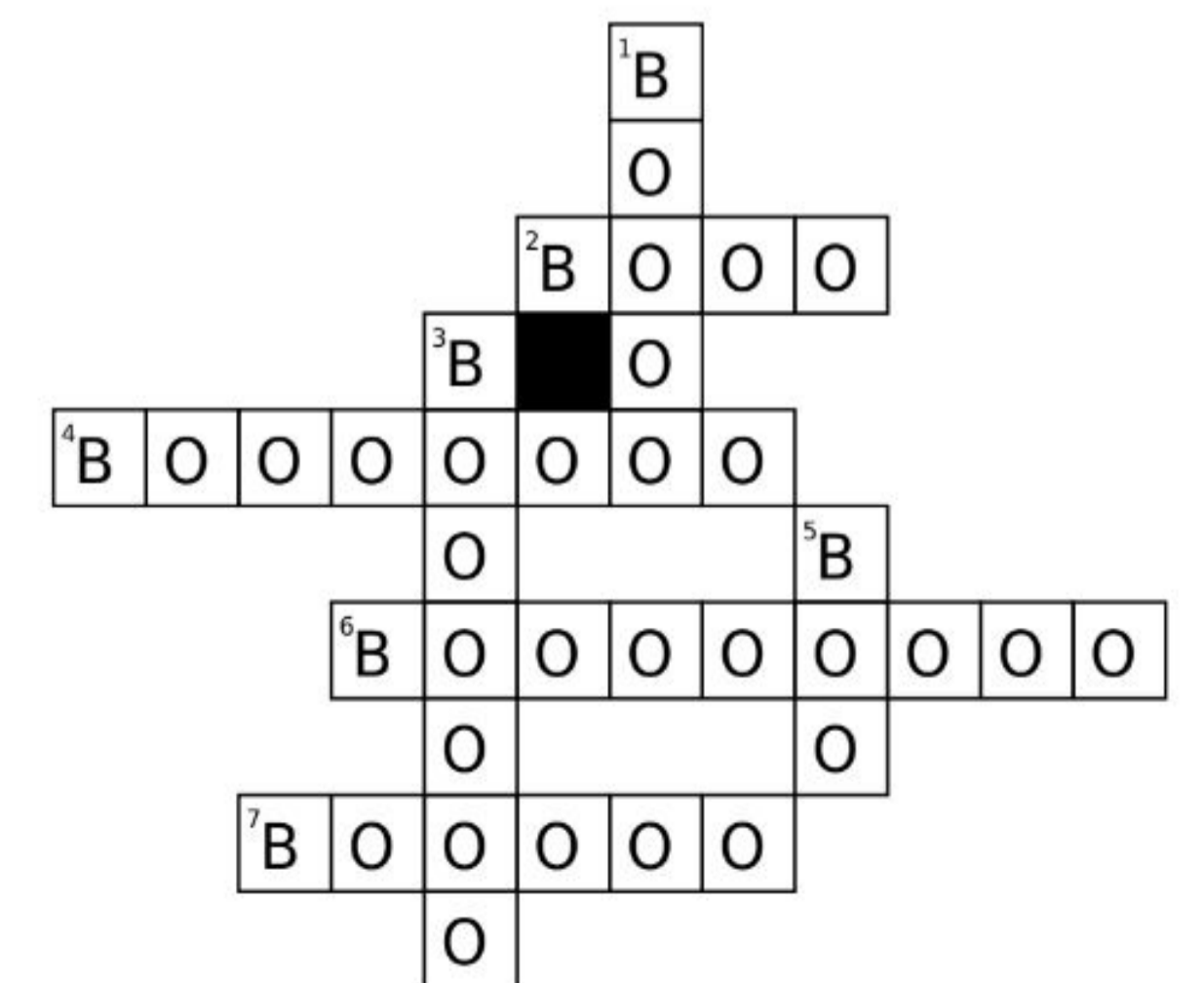
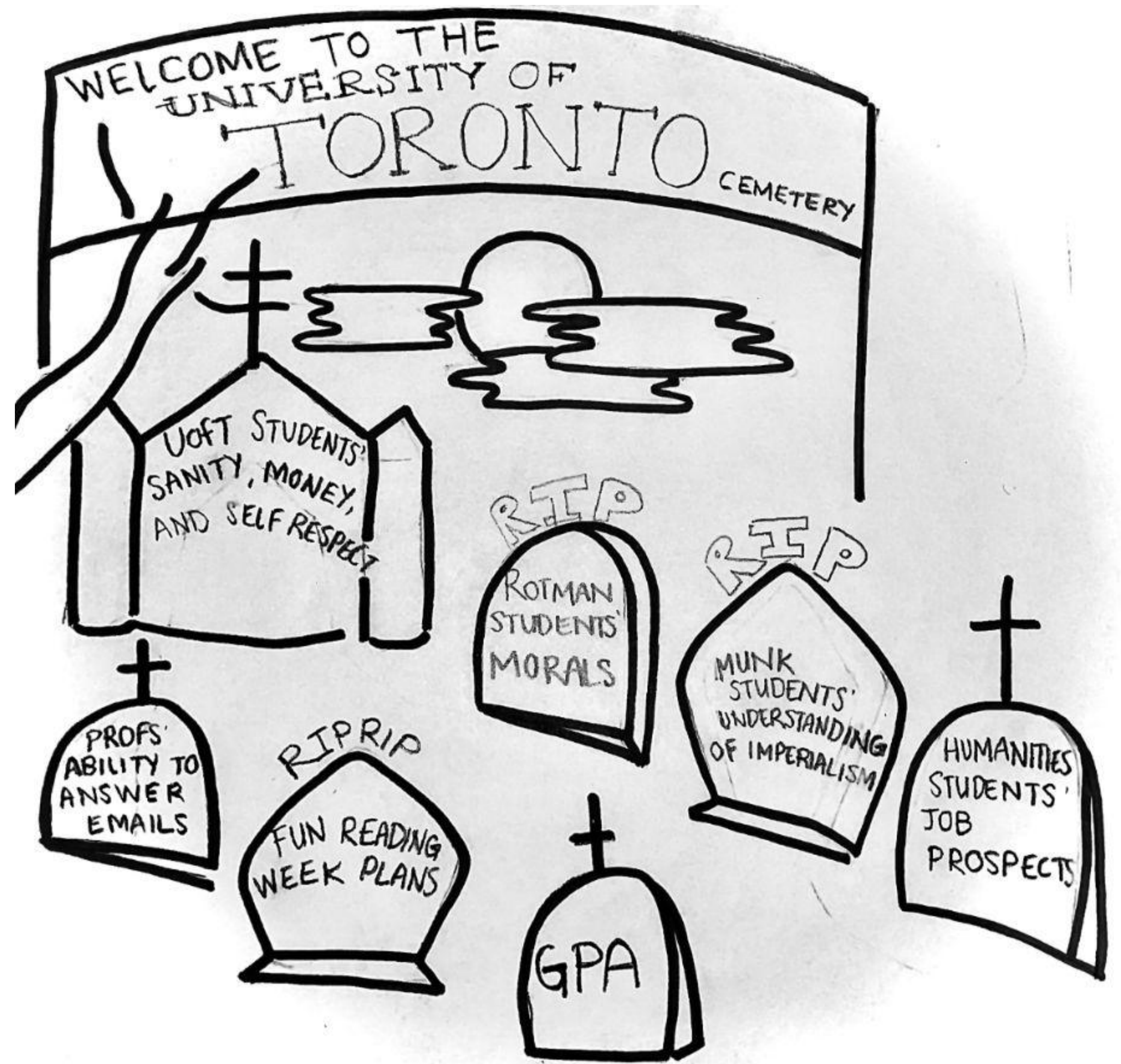
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Robarts Puts Out Bowl of Adderall for Trick-or-Treaters

Sammy Edwards (Oct. 29, 2020)



Online midterms? Assignments with fast-approaching due dates? Nearing the end of October? That's right, all signs are pointing to the fact that it's Halloween at UofT. Despite the horrors of the mounting schoolwork that you should probably consider starting and tacky frat group costumes, the kind turkey-loving folks over at John P. Robarts Research Library tell The Boundary that they have "something fun" in store for all students this Halloween: Adderall.

An insider from Robarts said that they are planning to leave out a bowl of hearty Adderall for all students taking part in the long-standing tradition of trick-or-treating in the stacks. While employees are too busy rigorously examining T-Cards to hand out the treats themselves, they hope students will follow the instructions to only take one, regardless of their addiction level or prescribed dosage.

Most students are astounded at the university's generosity, one of them being first-year Howard Deland: "I have an essay due at midnight and this was just the pick me up I needed! Thanks for caring, U of T!"

Others were more jaded, like third year Riley Stewart. "My friend at Queen's said they got cans of Mountain Dew and full-size Caramilk bars," she scoffed. "Next year I'm only going to trick-or-treat at more sophisticated schools like York or George Brown."

Econ Student Warns Trick-or-Treating May Eliminate Child Incentive to Work

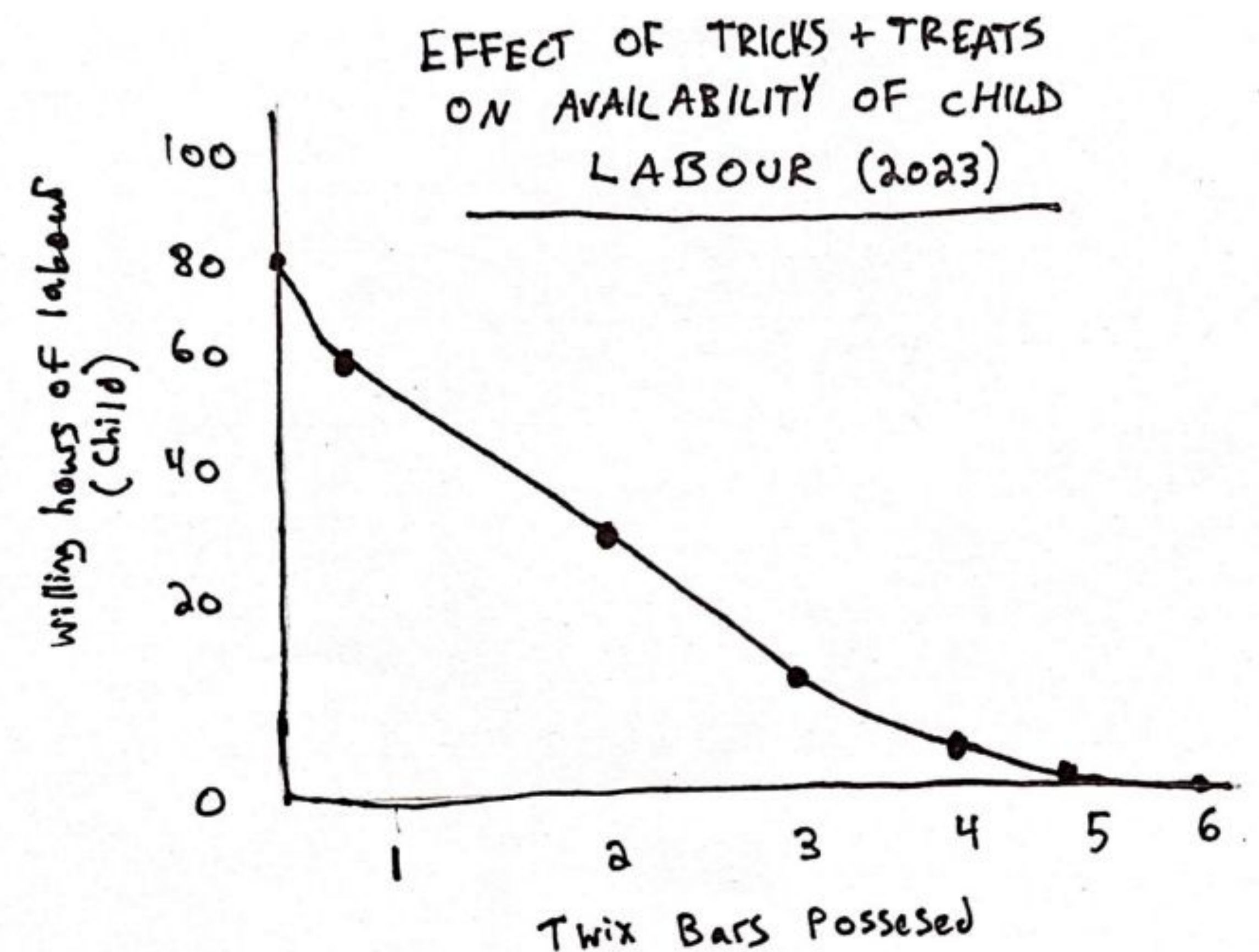
Robbie Janzen (Oct. 18, 2023)

With the month progressing, countless children are no doubt anxiously awaiting Halloween. For many of them, the highlight of the month is going from door to door trick-or-treating before going home and gorging themselves. However, one individual too old to partake has a rather large bone to pick with this beloved tradition.

Second year Econ student Smithson Adams spoke to The Boundary and expressed concern about the supposed message trick-or-treating sends. "Look, I know most people will say that it's just candy, and it's no big deal. But when you look at the big picture, what we're effectively doing is telling them that they can expect to get something for nothing. With that mindset, how are these kids going to feel any incentive to join the workforce? I won't hear any junk about how these kids are too young to work. Sure, they might put up a fuss, but the boost it would give the economy will be more than worth it. And I mean, how hard can it be for kids to find a job? When I was eight, I was already taking out the garbage at my dad's hedge fund!"

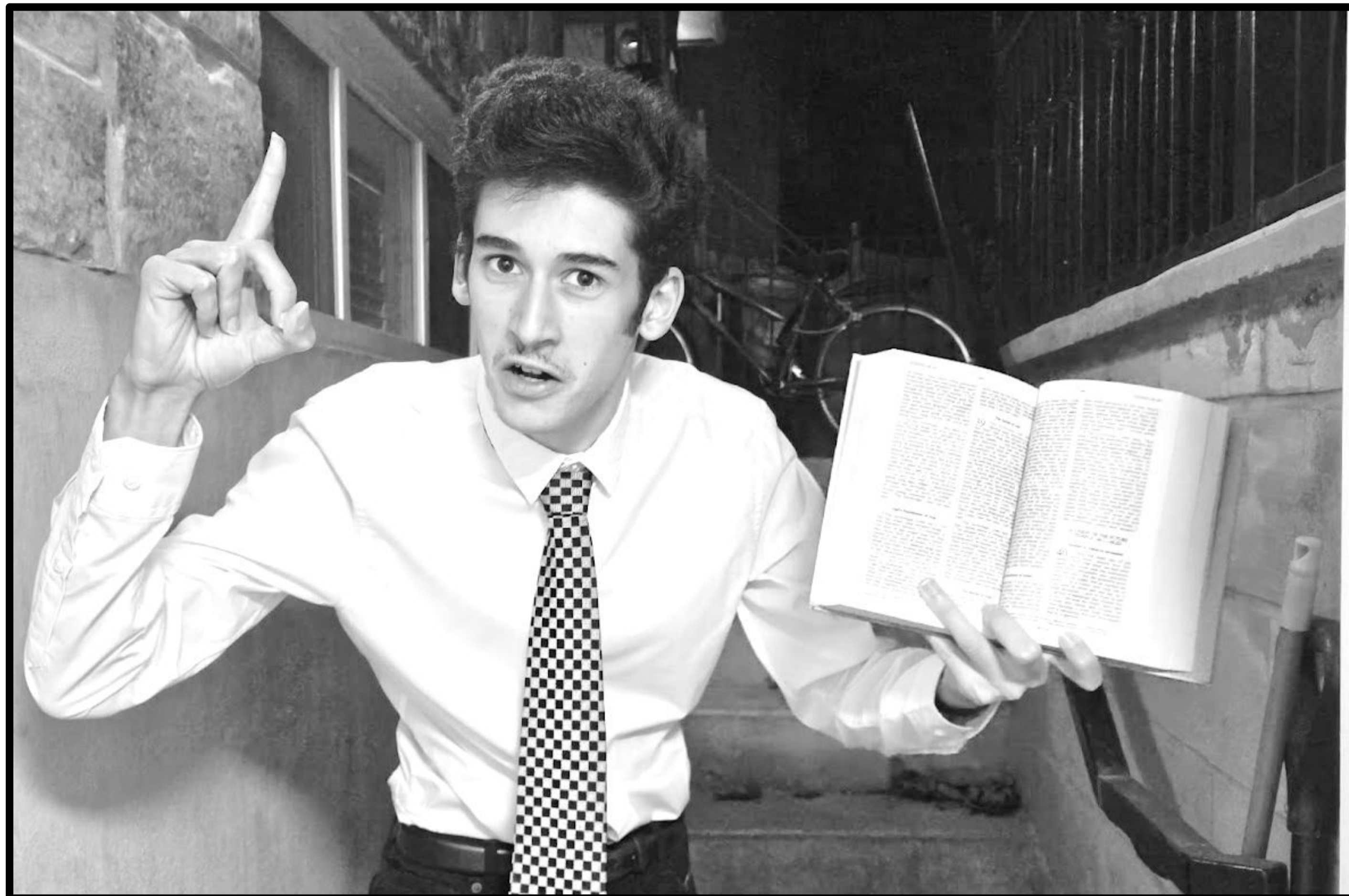
In terms of how to fix this problem, Adams said the best solution would be to just get rid of trick-or-treating altogether. "If kids want candy, I don't see why they can't just go to the store and buy some with their own money. At least that stimulates the economy. If we're going to have it at all, then we should at least require the kids to display a pay stub at each house they go to." When asked how to enforce the pay stub rule, Adams muttered incoherently about inflation for 15 minutes before admitting that she wasn't sure. "That doesn't mean it wouldn't work, though!"

Adams further explained that she's hated trick-or-treating for as long as she could remember. As a child she would stand on his street corner on Halloween and preach against it, only for the other kids to throw rotten vegetables at her year after year. "Unfortunately, most children aren't interested in capitalism," she said, shaking her head.



Early Trick-Or-Treater Has a Lot to Say About Jehovah

Jonah Wineberg (Oct. 27, 2023)



With Halloween just around the corner, many are eager to get into their long-awaited costumes. Some, however, can't seem to stand the wait. Life science student Don Martin has been getting frequent visits from a premature trick-or-treater with a seemingly divine enthusiasm for Jehovah.

"Someone needs to get this guy a calendar," scoffs Martin. "I keep trying to tell this guy, 'Look, I don't know who this Jehovah character you keep spouting about is and I don't want to roleplay with you, wait until the 31st like everyone else,' but he keeps coming back." Martin has tried to get him to leave by just handing over his candy, but the untimely doorknocker has repeatedly refused, insisting that his only concern is the salvation of the young man's soul.

"I'm still struggling to figure out his costume," reported Martin. "I'm thinking either an IT guy or Young Sheldon." When he tried to ask the visitor about his Halloween plans, he was met with a stern face, aggressive finger wagging, and a scolding about the machinations of the Satan.

On his last visit, the trick-or-treater left Martin with a book. "I'm not gonna lie, his fan fiction isn't bad, it's a pretty compelling read." Martin reports that he plans to attend conventions for this "Jehovah" character in the near future and, if time remains before the end of days, hopes to join the fandom.

Wario of Friend Group Definitely Not Getting Laid

Joseph Strauss (Oct. 31, 2020)

DISCLAIMER: This article was written in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and makes mention of the "pandemic" and "bubble". We know that we shouldn't be reprinting such dated material, but hey this one's pretty funny and it saves us a heck of a lot of work.

While pandemic containment continues to restrict nightlife and partying, many students in each other's "bubble" plan on dressing up and, in a more intimate setting than usual, keeping up the Halloween party tradition.

"It's gonna be lit," says Adam Tolleson, a Vic student whose tight-knit friend group is dressing as the iconic Super Mario foursome. "The boys are going hard this year."

"Yeah... Adam's going as Wario," says Michael, the friend group's Mario, in an almost apologetic tone. "Poor guy doesn't know what he signed up for."

Adam, who describes himself as "more of a casual, Mario Kart Wii type guy," felt a special connection with Wario due to their shared qualities, such as their harrowingly deep voices, affinity for yellow hats, and visible body odour. While Wario—Mario's arch-rival—is known for his disproportionately bulbous pink nose and generally terrifying face, Adam feels confident that his own attractiveness will shine through the unflattering costume. "I think it'll be 15-Love in some two-player Mario Tennis tonight, if you know what I mean," he flirtatiously added with a raised caterpillar eyebrow.

"I almost feel bad for the guy," Michael adds. "Wouldn't touch him with a ten-foot pole."

A recent survey conducted by the Sociological Journal of the Super Mario Franchise (SJSMF) found that, among all male characters in the Mario canon universe, Wario is ranked 46th in terms of sex appeal. This puts him behind such characters as Waluigi, Bowser, King Boo and, amazingly, the Piranha Plants.

"We're all trying to be nice to him," says Michael. "God knows he needs it."



WORLD'S SCARIEST CROSSWORD

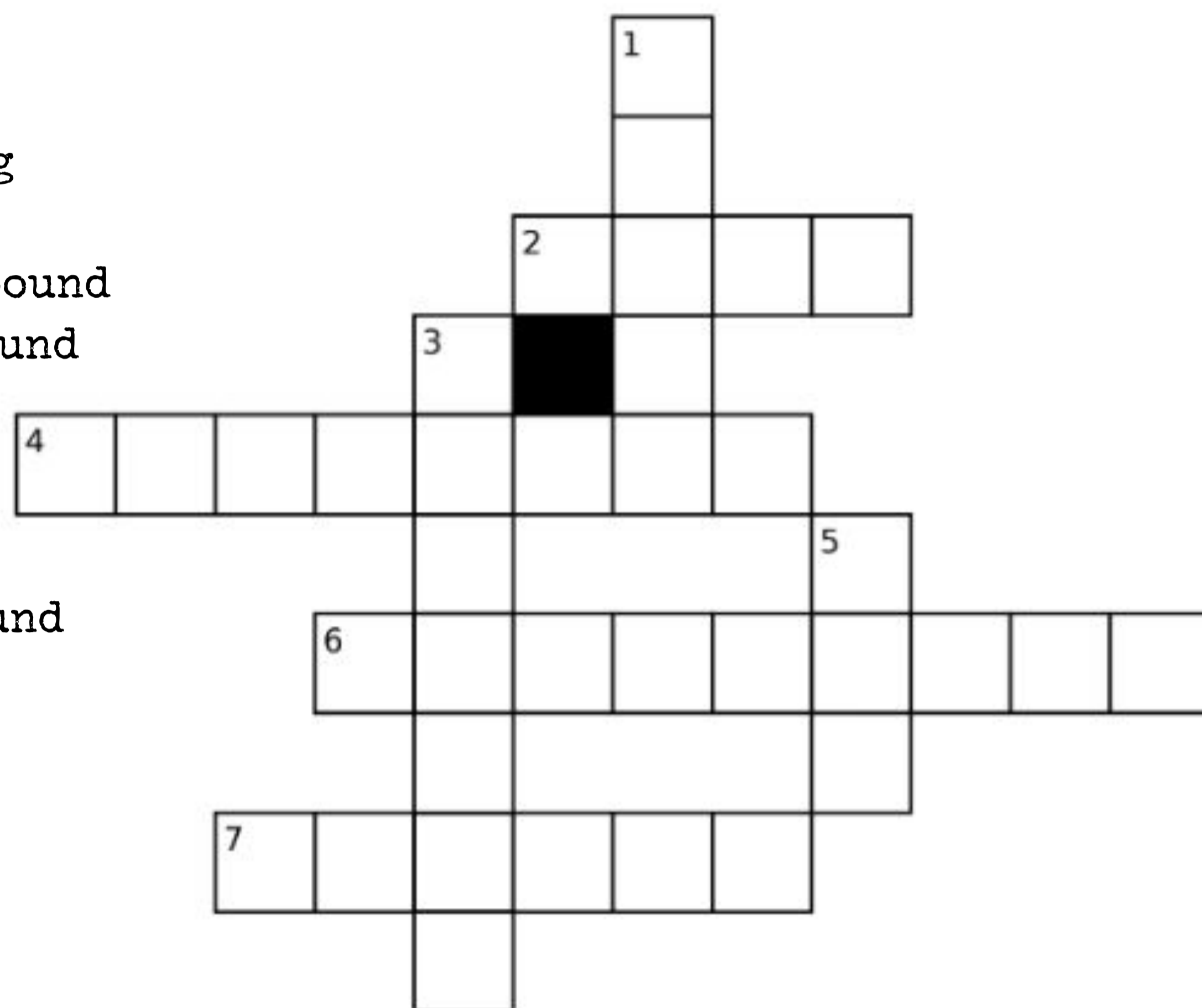
Natalie Cader-Beutel & Daniel Golden

ACROSS

- 2. A Spooky Sound
- 4. A Spine-Chilling Sound
- 6. A Hair-Raising Sound
- 7. A Frightening Sound

DOWN

- 1. An Eerie Sound
- 2. An Unnerving Sound
- 3. A Scary Sound



The Stiff-Scaring Solution to this puzzle can be found on Page 10

Queen's Student Unsure Which Culture to Appropriate for Halloween

Mauricio Gerdes (Oct. 28, 2022)

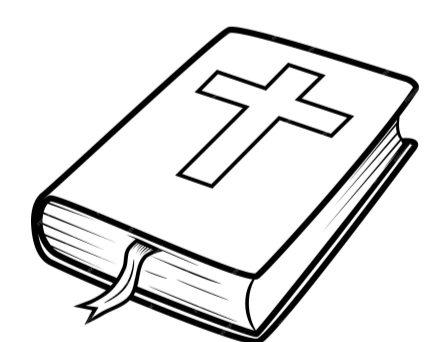


October is nearly over, meaning it's that special time of year again where everybody racks through their closets to try and throw together the perfect Halloween costume. Old favourites like slutty nurse, slutty nun, and slutty Ronald McDonald are sure to be popular choices as students go out and party this Halloweekend. However, for one Queen's University student, choosing a costume has proven more difficult than usual.

Charlie Anderson, a fifth year at the prestigious Kingston university, is reportedly struggling to decide exactly which culture he'll appropriate for this year's costume. With this being his fifth Halloween at Queen's, Anderson is in no shortage of culturally insensitive attire that he can don. The problem Anderson faces is choosing just one.

"There's a lot of big parties I'll be hitting up this weekend, and if I pick the wrong costume I could be called out for picking something too obvious." Anderson says, trying to recall the last Halloween he wore an afro. "Or even worse, I could run into other students who had the same idea. I just don't think I could handle that kind of backlash."

Anderson remains optimistic, however, as this year's global events have given him plenty of options that will definitely raise some eyebrows. "The war in Ukraine and the protests in Iran have really given me some good ideas for the perfect costume this year", said Anderson excitedly with a sparkle in his eye.



Boundary Bible Study

A Glimmer of Faith in a Heathenish Publication



πάντα ἰσχύω ἐν τῷ ἐνδυναμοῦντί με

"I can do all things through He who strengtheneth me."
Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

Commentary

Commonly assumed to be referring to Christ, this passage in fact expresses Paul the Apostle's affinity for notable Dracula-portrayer Bela Lugosi. He had fewer kind words for Christopher Lee (see *Corinthians 2:11* and *Ephesians 2:2*).

Scariest Halloween Costumes By Department

Will Stoecker (Oct. 31, 2018)

Students across this great land are panicking in sync today. Being too preoccupied with midterms to orchestrate a killer costume can result in some evident social neglect. Don't be Waldo for the third year in a row- switch things up with the get-up that most terrifies your program!

History - Interview with a Potential Employer

"My strengths? My weaknesses? I honestly didn't expect to get this far..."

Mathematics - A Shower

Nothing more frightening than an ol' rub-a-dub-dub, especially when Bahen is smelling as ripe as it is this time of the year.

Architecture - Toques That Actually Cover the Tips of Your Ears

God forbid the Daniels dwellers stay warm and stylish during this brisk fall.

English - A Heart-to-Heart with Your Dad

Pursuing a career in literary escapism is all fine-and-dandy until ol' Pops waltzes in and wants to reflect on your past four years.

Computer Science - A Woman

Frankenstein, Count Dracula, the Boogeyman, Humans of the Opposite Sex: they're all in the same boat when you're a Comp. Sci Major.

Musicology - Spotify Playlist Algorithms

"Are we, as a society, really gonna let a fucking computer tell us what to listen to? No! I'm gonna continue listening to the same Liszt Sonata in B-Minor that I have been for the past month!"

Philosophy - A Barber

Picture Johnny Depp as Sweeney Todd, except he's just a normal dude working at your local SuperCuts. If this sounds harmless to you, then you've clearly never closely examined Kant's doctrine of "transcendental idealism."

Psychology - Being Called "Daddy"

Mid-Coitus

Or as we like to call it, "Freudian Foreplay." This one will really get the wrong neurons firing for all the wrong reasons.

Ethics, Society, and Law - A 152 LSAT Score

Kiss your grad school acceptance letter goodbye and jump into the loving embrace of serving as a public defender in New Brunswick.

Engineering - One Page of Creative Writing

"Roses are red, violets are blue, what button do I press on my calculator to formulate a haiku? I'm spooked just thinking about it."

Cinema Studies - Someone Who Hasn't Seen Pulp Fiction

Good Lord. This one is a sure-fire way to drop every single jaw in Innis. Extra scare-points if the one wearing the costume aggressively claims that Friends is the best TV show ever made.

Rotman - Delayed Rent Payment from Your Parents

Oof, this one really hits home. Did they send it? Was there a wire-transfer complication, father? Should you ask them? Uncertainty is horrifying, and no model can accurately predict the amount of tears required for mommy to finally break and secretly snap a pic of Daddy's credit card.



Rich Family Hides Full-Size Razors in Candy Bars

Natalie Cader-Beutel (Oct. 31, 2022)



This spooky Monday night, wearing Spirit Halloween's exclusive new line, children are taking to Toronto's streets for the yearly tradition of asking neighbours for free stuff. Although kids will accept any grimy little piece of crap you give them, what they're really hoping for are those premium, full-sized candy bars.

Local child Ryan, who claims he is above average height for his class, has scored big time this Halloween. When he was just about done trick or treating, he hit the jackpot at the really nice house on his street. Instead of the typical one or two mini ones, at this house Ryan's candy was concealing a full-sized razor blade!

Smiling big through his Spiderman mask, Ryan tells our correspondent about his victory: "My mom said this was the last house and that we were going home soon, even though I wasn't even tired at all. But I was so happy when I took a big bite into my chocolate bar and found not just the blade, but a full-on razor! This is the best Halloween ever!"

Like any good parent, Ryan's mom sorted through his candy bag when they got home. "I took extra care this year," she said, "because I heard kids in the area were getting peanut snacks in their bags. Unacceptable." After stealing a couple of mini blades for herself, she handed the bag back to Ryan. "That full-size razor really came at a good time, we just hit a row of really lame houses giving out apples and Smarties" she said, "He's so happy. Now I can just sit back and watch him enjoy it."

Shelly and John, the well-off owners of the nice house on the street, tell the Boundary that they're just doing their part for the community. "There's nothing better than seeing the smiling, freshly-shaved faces on those kids when they take a big bite into a good Gillette," John said. Happy Halloween everybody, and stay safe out there – peanuts leave that taste in your mouth.