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MY PROMISE TO YOU, NEW COLLEGE



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PRESIDENT, NEW COLLEGE COUNCIL)

In case you haven't heard, they call me Dom and I am serving as your President of New College Council for the upcoming year. I have several goals on my agenda that I wish to achieve with my term of presidency and they come in three pillars:

1. Community

Have you ever had an interview with the Master's Office or New College Council? Did you actually pay attention during academic orientation presentations? Then you have probably been asked at one point "What do you know about New College?" New College is a community. A community that is comprised of the Office of the Master, the Schools of ADMS, ITEC, and HRM, the New College Council, the affiliated student clubs, Pond Road Residence and most importantly, us as students. Together, we make up New College. It is my intent to bring these sectors of the college together and to form a stronger sense of community.

2. Academic Culture

The reason why we (students) attend York University is to definitely ~~party~~ get a degree. Understanding that, I have the full intention of de-

living the necessary resources to maximize New College students' opportunity for academic success.

3. Student Space

The ongoing battle of student space rages on. We have already lost ATK 002. Why are New College students stuck with only a lounge in Atkinson 107? We deserve more accessible space as a student community. There is an undiscovered area of Atkinson beneath us, with the potential for more student space. I intend to explore every possibility for bringing New College students more space to socialize and study. My last promise is that over the summer and the rest of the year I will fight for this basement space that the students deserve. We have a voice, and we deserve to be heard.

Thanks for voting in support of my presidency, I won't let you down!

BAS TO BCOM

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(2ND YEAR, BDES)

"*M*ight as well call it ABC" many alumni comment, regarding the BAS degree. The Administrative Studies program needs a more credible, and understandable degree designation to be considered in business management. With the support of 3000+ signatures, the BAS (Bachelor of Administrative Studies) degree type will officially be closed, and students instead will be rewarded with the BCom (Bachelor of Commerce) degree as of September 2017.

The change of degree name does not alter the academic requirements of this rigorous program with one of the highest GPA requirements at York. Instead, this name change hopes to address the concerns of alumni and students who feel misunderstood with a BAS degree, ultimately putting them at a disadvantage when applying to employers and firms. In a competitive job market, faculty supports the name change to improve York graduates' job prospects.

Alumni voice their frustrations with the BAS label. Without universal recognition as a business degree, graduates face difficulty when applying for jobs. With a BAS,

graduates find themselves explaining its equivalence to a BBA or a BCom to prove their credibility. Being one of the most popular management degree types offered at many Canadian universities, graduates can find pride in their BCom degree.

The BAS degree has continuously evolved in course content and student demographic throughout the years. The BCom degree better represents the current direction and focus of Administrative studies, so the name change is an ideal solution.

READ MORE: <http://laps.yorku.ca/files/2015/04/CCPS-Report-to-Council-incl-BCom-proposal-consult.pdf>

TO LIVE OR NOT TO LIVE WITH A HELIUM TANK

WRITER: CHRISTIAN MARJOLLET
(FACULTY, MASTER OF NEW COLLEGE)

We all know that helium is used to make balloons float and we all know that we get a duck-like voice when we inhale it. Is a helium tank dangerous? The answer is: any compressed gas can be dangerous.

New College Council held its formal in March and as many of you probably remember, the hall was decorated with lots of balloons. To do this, a member of Council picked up an X-Large helium tank but never returned it to the balloon company BLOW it. (Yes, the company is called BLOW it!) Time went on, and by early May the helium tank was still in the Atkinson building, in the Council office, where it had become a toy. Was it safe? Probably not. So it was later moved to the Office of the Master.

What did I see when it arrived to the office? A tall thin pink tank, that immediately reminded me of the controversial and provocative marketing campaign created by the Benetton Group. On the first of December, 1993, the famous fashion brand covered the Obélisque on Place de la Concorde, in Paris, with a giant pink condom, fighting against AIDS and HIV. United Colors of Benetton, as the company is often known, was the champion, in the 90's, of "shockvertising"

SEE: http://www.ruerude.com/2005/12/the_giant_pink_.html

Oh my God! I had, in my office, my own pink Luxor Obelisk. "These are the joys of being a Master" I thought.

But the fun story did not last. A few days later we received a visit from the York Safety Department (for an unrelated reason), and lo and behold the man went frantic

about this dangerous hazard in our office space. Not only did he force us to get rid of it ASAP but he scared everyone in the office and beyond about the dangers of compressed gas.

The problem was, nobody wanted to take the helium tank back to BLOW it, not even the York Safety Department. Besides nobody had a copy of the rental contract, and BLOW it wasn't prepared to pick it up.

In the end, after many hours on the phone with the balloon company, they agreed to come to pick it up. The next day we all said goodbye to our giant pink helium tank, and peace was restored in the Office.



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EAGLE OF THE MONTH



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Meet Haya Alsayegh. June's Eagle of the Month. Heading into her third year, this student is already making a bang in the 17'-18' school year as one of your two New College Orientation Chairs.

Alongside Co-Orientation Chair, Jack Onorati, and President, Dominic Ong, Haya has been working tirelessly to make frosh week one to remember.

She's young being a third year student in her first council position, but Haya confirms her growth as a leader. "[I learned] how to deal with incoming students during frosh week, answer any questions they may have had about their program, and what campus/student life is about." By attending the YODA retreat and training, Haya hopes to attain more skills and confidence to become the leader she knows she can be.

Haya has faced many ups and downs, but is thankful for these stumbles because she has finally found herself in the position as O-Chair. "Don't be afraid to fall, and don't give up if you lose, because you don't know what other opportunities are coming your way."

SCHOOL & WORK: A BALANCING ACT



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(2ND YEAR, HONOURS BHRM,
SECRETARY, NEW COLLEGE COUNCIL)

University life, and finding the balance between work, school and a social life is a daunting endeavor for any first year student.

I was nervous transitioning into university, but frosh week and a positive outlook on the new school year helped the drastic change. As the year progressed, I began to feel the stress from juggling a heavy academic workload and two part time jobs. I felt discouraged, thinking that I didn't have enough

time to study for all of my courses or that I was too tired to get through my school work. During this time I also felt isolated. I found it difficult to justify spending time with friends with the weight of academic stress on my shoulders.

The year was hectic, but I finished with the relief of completing first year with grades I am satisfied with. Stress is an inevitable part of our university careers, but learning to contain it is a skill all students should master.

Looking forward I want to ensure that I have a healthy balance be-

tween school, work and my social life. To do this, I've organized an action plan to work strictly on weekends, so I have weekdays to focus on school and to become more involved.

I am pleased to say that I will be a part of New College Council this year as secretary. With this position, I am given the opportunity to interact with the amazing team we have for the 2017-2018 NCC and to have an impact on our community. I encourage students to make their own action plan to stay happy, involved and organized during the school year.

PLAY HARD, NOT SOFT

WRITER: VIJ NAVAJEEVAYOKAN
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The sun is out and it's a wonderful day for some softball! Your high-flying Eagles head to their own backyard at Passy Fields to play the season opener against Clifford's Angels. The grass is green, the bats are swinging and the confidence level is through the roof as we approach the first pitch.

The team felt strong and ready for redemption from last year's tough semi-final loss. The strategy going into the game was to limit defensive mistakes and maximize scoring chances.

Right off the bat, we were discouraged as the Eagles gave up 4 first inning runs. On the bright side, our defense settled down allowing only 1 run in the next 2 innings.

The Eagles struggled, not getting the run support needed as the team drove in only 2 runs until the end of the 6th inning. But a 7th inning rally capped a 4-run outburst which brought us within 8.

Our hopes were high, but the rally fell short as the Angels recorded the last out to claim victory with a final score of 14-4. Devastated by the loss, the Eagles flew away

learning a lot from today's game. So don't you fret my fellow Eagles, the club will come back stronger than ever. Come to our Wednesday games and see it yourself.



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