A Note From the Journalism Club:

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The Bachelor - loser?

By Renata Gellar

So, we’ve all heard of the TV show The Bachelor, right? Well, if not, it’s a completely unrealistic matchmaking delusion that degrades singles to their last ounce of self respect. To put it a little less harshly, one of twenty five desperate women in “search of love” fly out to the states to meet and compete against the twenty-four other women in hopes of falling in love and living happily ever after with who they believe to be the man of their dreams, and while they make the most important decision of their lives, they are whisked away to romantic destinations around the world. Who wouldn’t fall in love under the fireworks in Rome, or by the shore of the lush beaches of Fiji? Even Quasimodo would appear to be Prince Charming in settings such as these.

The reality of this whirlwind romance is that twenty-five women invest their hearts and souls into this bachelor while simultaneously watching him fall in love with someone else. And we thought we knew what a dysfunctional relationship is. But that’s not even the worst of it. All of the girls live together in a mansion where it takes all their wits not to kill one another. Okay, some of them get along, but there is always that one girl that everyone hates because she’s not there for the “right reasons”. As all the girls gang up on that one girl, the claws come out and the cattiness of the competition becomes fierce.

Typically, the group of girls find one way or another to confront the bachelor, who in most cases, somewhat acknowledges their complaints and very politely tells them to get out of his business.

Each week lays out a new set of dates. Group dates are ruled out by a card that comes to the door of the mansion. This card holds the names of only a few women who have been selected to go on a date with the bachelor, whereas a one-on-one date is between one girl and the bachelor. It’s too bad the girls use their “precious” time with him complaining about the others. Meanwhile, the girls sitting at home are throwing themselves a pity party, biting their nails over why they weren’t good enough to be taken on a date.

One by one, the bachelor decides who stays and who goes by presenting the girls with a rose. The ones who are left without a rose are expected to leave the show immediately without even so much as the courtesy of an explanation. Each one, reduced to tears, wondering what she did wrong.

This process of elimination continues until there are two women standing, and then comes the dramatic final rose ceremony, in which both women believe to be “the one”. Yet, one of them goes home broken hearted, having loved a man who never loved her back. Two girls, one rose, one stays, one goes. Finally, he drops to bended knee and proposes to the last “lucky” girl standing.

Not long after, the remaining happy couple is immersed back into the reality of work, and the demands of everyday life, and therein, the struggle begins. The majority of whom, in the end, break up, and the whirlwind romance comes to an abrupt end. It would appear that bungee
jumping off of the bridges of Australia is ironically reflective of their courtship.

This show seems to promote some unhealthy morals. After all, the bachelor not only dates the twenty-five women and inevitably cheats on each one, but he also chooses three women with whom to spend a night in a fantasy suite.

Sixteen seasons and fourteen break ups have passed, yet despite the statistics and broken hearts this highly immoral show is also running in the UK and is starting its first season here in Canada. Finally, you too can live your fairytale and find your happily ever after.

How do I know so much about the show? Yes, of course I watch it; everybody needs some comic relief!

**Eco Fact:**
Rainforests are being cut down at a rate of 100 acres per minute!

**Profession Review:**

*By Ahmed Akbarali and John Ra*

Don't know what you want to do after high school? We can help! The Profession Review section of The Talon will feature a different career each issue. Take this opportunity to learn about jobs that might interest you in the future.

**Physicist:**

Being a Physicist is an excellent career where you have the opportunity to explain how we can complete simple actions such as walking, talking, running etc. You can also research some more complex fields such as flying, space travel, black holes and energy etc. Physicists study the Universe at its most fundamental level.

In order to become a physicist one should take as many physics and math related courses as possible. To get a PhD in physics will take at least ten years of University. This is broken down into four years spent getting a Bachelor’s degree, two years earning a master’s and four or more years getting a PhD.

A PhD in Physics will allow you to work in basic research and development positions. With a Master’s degree it is possible to work in applied research and development for private companies. The government also employs full time physicists. They spend time gathering data or doing experiments in labs to prove their ideas or theories. They will analyze their data and write reports. Most physicists have flexible hours and work with their own schedule.

Going through the long years of University education required to be a physicist pays off in the long run as your earnings are directly proportionate to your level of education. A physicist with a Bachelor’s degree will make far less money than one with a Masters or PhD.

Average physicists make about $55,000-$85,000 dollars but, for example, a Senior-level scientist or a university professor can make anywhere between 40 000-140 000 a year. They also receive benefits in addition to their salary.

If you enjoy math, science, studying and researching, and learning how the universe works, you should consider a career as a physicist.

**Upcoming Events**

Here are a few events to look forward to:

- P.A. Day (May 7th)
- Drama Fest (May 9th - 10th)
- Grade 11 Physics Fair (May 10th)
- Music Concert (May 15th & 17th)
- Music Banquet (May 28th)

**Coffee House Music Social**

*By Eleanor Wong and Liz Lozinsky*

On Thursday, April the 19th Aurora High Music council hosted the Coffee House music social. It was a huge hit bringing in about 80 people to the show.

“This music social was probably the most successful, because of the amount of people that showed up,” said Jamie Innes, an executive from music council.

The performances varied greatly, from awesome piano playing to amazing violin duets to emotional vocal pieces. Everyone agrees that
seeing their friends show off some of their amazing talents is what made the event the most fun!

Lisa Quevillon, one of the performers described the events as “a pleasant evening full of wonderful acts and beverages”. The free coffee and other goodies supplied by the many sponsors were indeed wonderful!

Shout outs to all the incredible performers, you guys showed quite a night of talent!

We must not forget to thank the staff, custodians and the students who organized this all. Without you, the event would not have been so complete!

**Recent AHS Sports News**

*By Julia Brown*

The varsity girls’ rugby team competed in their season opener and boy oh boy did they make AHS proud! The girls won both of their pool games, succeeded in the semi-finals, and then beat Bishop Mac in the finals with a score of 24-0. The girls even ended the tournament without being scored on!

Congratulations go out to Saffara Whiteley-Hoffelner, Jessie Shrimpton, and Dana Clark for being named tournament all-stars! The rugby team has their first home game on Wednesday, May 2nd after school. Let’s see some AHS eagle pride and cheer our girls on! Good luck ladies!

Although the season was short, it sure was sweet for the varsity girls’ indoor soccer team! The competed in a tournament on April 17th, and made it to the semi-finals with no goals against them! The girls went into the semi with determination and drive, but unfortunately the team from Vaughan was able to score on a lucky kick and won the game 1-0. Congrats girls on your great effort and by never giving up; you made AHS proud! We wish you the best of luck in the outdoor soccer season and we will hopefully see you all out on the field!

Want to know about true dedication to your team? Try playing lacrosse in a snowstorm in the middle of April! The senior boys’ lacrosse team competed in a tournament on Tuesday April 24th and put up a great fight battling not only against the other teams, but also the elements. Great job guys, keep up the good work!

Shout outs go to junior lacrosse team members Noah Delmas, Parker Baile, Tristan Lemsisanith and Emerson Ludiciani who played with the senior boys during the tournament.

**Current and Upcoming Seasons to Look For:**

- Lacrosse
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Soccer

*Keep up with the Athletic Board outside of the Phys-Ed office for upcoming sport events and news on AHS athletics!*

**Snow Days: A Teacher’s Point of View:**

*By Dr. Giang*

Have you ever hosted a party? You had all your playlist and your snacks ready, all your friends know about it, and you had 50 people reply “attending” on Facebook. What if, when the time came, no one showed up? How would you feel? What would you do?

This year we were unlucky (or perhaps lucky?) enough to have two snow days. Whether or not they were legitimately extreme weather days is debatable, regardless, it had a major impact on our school schedule. For teachers who had our lessons planned and learning goals scheduled, it was as frustrating as having a party where no one arrives.

Many students truly could not make it to school on those days because the buses were cancelled, but what about days where students choose to not show up? What about the recent OSSLT half day where classes were 30 minutes long? Many students chose not to attend class that day. What did teachers do with the students who did show up? You’ll have to ask the teachers themselves!
2) There was a green house. Inside the green house there was a white house. Inside the white house there was a red house. Inside the red house there were lots of babies. What is it?

3) Feed me, and I live, give me something to drink, I die, what am I?

4) What always runs but never walks, often murmurs, never talks, has a bed but never sleeps, has a mouth but never eats?

Riddles Answers:
1) The Letter E
2) A Watermelon
3) A Fire
4) A River

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