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BRANDON UNIVERSITY PASSES SEXUALIZED VIOLENCE POLICY

Logan Praznik, Web Content Coordinator

After months of consultation with the university community, Brandon University's Board of Governors unanimously passed a new Sexualized Violence Policy on March 25th, 2017.

In an email sent to students, the university stated that the new policy not only guides its response to incidents of sexual violence, but also powers "the University's commitment to education and prevention," in place of what BU Vice-President (Academic & Provost) Dr. Steven Robinson described as an "antiquated response system."

The policy itself also states

CFS MANITOBA

Robert Killam, Senior Reporter

Hey everyone, the CFS of Manitoba is holding their annual General Meeting in Brandon on April 27th. You can see their signs around campus and if you ask the right people you may even be able to join for yourself the organization that is helping students like you and I. The CFS are some of the most vocal participants on campus

SUDS CLOSES DOORS AFTER FAREWELL DRINK THE BAR DRY

Ashlyn Pearce, Editor-in-Chief

Victim: SUDS.

Murderer: well, that's more complicated.

After 30 years of operations, Brandon University's Student Union Drinking Spot shuttered its doors for possibly the last time in the early morning of Saturday, April 8th as the annual event, Drink The Bar Dry came to a close.

Earlier in the week a press release was distributed on behalf of the SUDS Board, stating that the business would be shutting down after its concluding event. While some students are undoubtedly upset by this turn of events, the decision for closing operations was "not made lightly" as the press release states. Going into the determining meeting, the SUDS Board was aware that the business had not been profitable during the preceding five years, and that as of

that BU strives "to instill a safe, inclusive and respectful University community informed by intersectionality," while recognizing that "universities are not immune to wider social environments, gender biases, and rape culture."

The policy lists several "guiding principles," including a "trauma-informed" and "survivor-centred" approach, and a "culture of consent," recognizing that "the person initiating the activity ask for consent, and that the only valid consent is freely given, not passive, silent or coerced," as well as consent being able to

"be withdrawn at any time," and that any sexual act done without consent "is an act of sexualized violence."

Inclusivity is also listed as a guiding principle of the policy, which recognizes that although "sexualized violence is predominantly perpetrated by cisgender men against women," everyone "is equally protected" under the policy.

Other guiding principles include "safety for all", "prevention through education", and "due process", which states that "anyone investigating a concern or report must remain neutral."

The accompanying Sexu-

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

when it comes to the issues of students and will proudly stand up and tell the universities and governments what's what.

This event on the 27th will be the first event in 7 years that will be held outside Winnipeg. It is highly recommended for anyone who can to register and participate in the event, to do so. There is

absolutely no cost to attend the event, and meals are provided. That's right, you get to experience the power of the might of students and have free food! Could there possibly be a better way to spend one's Thursday?

To participate in the upcoming event you must fill out a registration form and bring it to BUSU. Their office

alized Violence Protocol, which outlines the specific steps BU will take in response to sexual violence, has yet to be similarly presented to the Board of Governors, but is "nearing completion," though lacking a precise timeline.

Having both the policy and protocol in place would allow BU to conform to provincial legislation proposed in October 2016 that would require all post-secondary institutions in Manitoba to have policies and procedures to deal with sexual violence on their campuses.

is the 2nd floor of the KDC and you must bring it there by 4:00PM on April 13th. To check out more about CFS and what they can do for you please go to their website at www.cfs-fcee.ca. You can see all that the organization is trying to do for you!

DOORS AFTER FAREWELL DRINK THE BAR DRY

March 28th, 2017 the establishment had incurred a deficit in excess of \$40,000. Something to bear in mind with regards to this deficit, was that SUDS did not pay any fees to the Knowles Dougles Commission for rent, and even was granted a yearly stipend as a portion of students' KDC Levy was given to SUDS.

"[The deficit] can be broken down into two parts," said Trevor Poole, Vice President External for BUSU and Chair of the SUDS Board, "one is we bought the same amount of [supplies, such as food] as we have in previous years, and the other is we've seen much less traffic in SUDS than we have in previous years."

As of Friday, April 7th, decisions had still not been made as to the fate of the newly purchased equipment which was part of the renova-

tions to SUDS over the summer and fall months. Poole said that the only item which had to stay in the location was the fume hood (a rather large purchase), but that other, more movable, items could either be purchased by BUSU or the KDC to help recoup some of SUDS' deficit, they could remain in the SUDS location, or they could be sold off to local businesses.

The SUDS board is not looking to file for bankruptcy at this point, and BUSU is hoping to maintain the brand so that should a future council want to revive the business they are able to. Any costs



SUDS frosted glass logo. Photo Credit Ashlyn Pearce.

SCHIRA MAKES MCAC COACH OF THE YEAR

Robert Killam, Senior Sports Reporter

This year the Bobcats soccer team won their first ever league championship! Not only that but the Women beat out the long reigning champs Red River College. The Bobcats beat back the Rebels 3-1 in their big final battle for leadership in the league.

The coach for the women's soccer team Rainer Schira put in a lot of "leg work" for the women and has been coaching and steadily building up Brandon's soccer program since their first season. He has kept his team on track and has pretty much impressed us and wowed the opposing

team's for the past 3 years. Schira lead his team to victory against every team in the league and for his efforts has won coach of the year. This is history being written and it is impressive to see the athletes and coaches from Brandon being recognized for their hard work.

The women's soccer team had only one loss and two ties throughout their regular season. In futsal they have been having a far rougher time however. The women won four, lost five, and tied twice. Still, their futsal results do not take away from their massive achievements and overwhelm-

ing victories in the soccer 2016-2017 season. Congratulations on all your hard work Rainer, best of luck with your next season! Continue to give us at BU something to be proud about.

BIDDING FOR ANOTHER GO AROUND

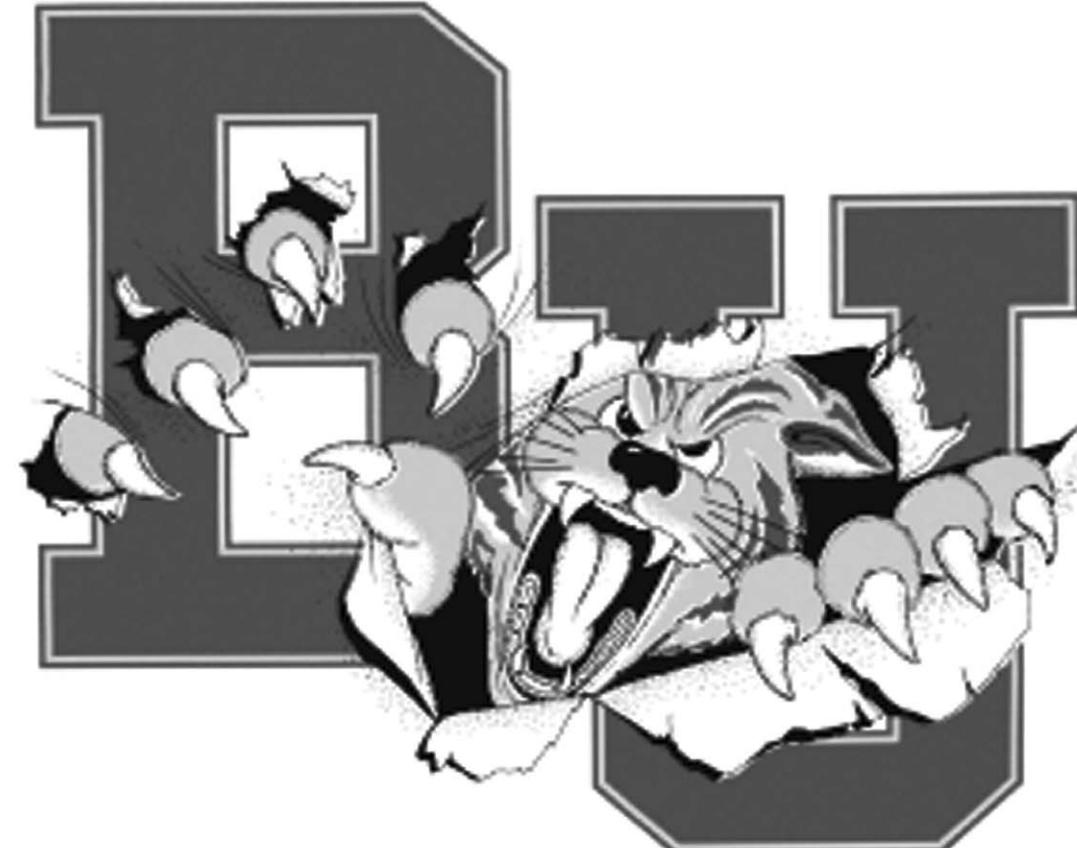
Robert Killam, Senior Sports Reporter

Brandon University puts a lot of time and effort into its athletic programs and shows us consistent and impressive results year after year. One of the most amazing feats that BU has been able to take part of was the women's volleyball championship last spring. This was an event jam packed with suspense and action as teams from across Canada came to play their best.

Every year the league, USports (formerly known as CIS), hosts a bidding that takes place where Universities try to host the prestigious event. A few years ago when the bid was won for the women's championship the community went wild. The seats were always filled for the Bobcats games and the crowds

were rowdy and supportive at the necessary timings, to help their team. This year Brandon University is placing a bid to host the men's volleyball championship in 2019. Not only is it the teams and Bobcats managers who are trying to make this a reality but they also have the overwhelming support from the community!

City council, earlier this month voted to grant up to \$30,000 to help fund the championship. It will use the city's Accommodations Tax if the bid can be won. This event and ones like it are crucial for Brandon's growing sports community and the support shown by city council can give us all great hope for the future of our cities programs.



NEWS

LAST CALL FOR APPLICATIONS!

Ashlyn Pearce, Editor-in-Chief

The last year that I have been privileged to spend as the Editor of The Quill has been fantastic. I will unfortunately not be returning to this post in the fall, however I have sincerely enjoyed the work I have been able to do this year.

Some of the changes which we were able to make to better the student paper this year include the updating of our website to a more modern, user-friendly, design, as well as the updated layout of our printed paper which we debuted in September. Neither of these accomplishments, nor the production of a newspaper every week, would

have been possible without the dedicated and fantastic people that I have been able to work with this year. Most of our staff were returning from previous years, but we were also fortunate to pick up a few new hands along the way.

As we say goodbye to another term, I would like to strongly recommend anyone interested in writing for The Quill to contact either myself, or any other current member of our staff. The benefits of working here have been limitless in my experience, and we would like to share these benefits with as many students as we possibly can. This is the last

week to apply for any of our hired positions, for a term beginning in September. If you're not currently sure where you will be or what you'll be doing in the fall, then fear not. We are always looking for content creators, a position which is not hired but is similar to a volunteer position (though it is still compensated). We are happy to work around your schedule, and will help you to achieve your scholastic hopes.

Resumes for positions may be sent to eic@thequill.ca on or before April 14th, 2017. All staff are compensated in some form, either by a monthly salary, or by a tuition rebate, and all hired staff will be ex-

pected to submit content. Exceptional staff members are also eligible for scholarships at the recommendation of The Quill's Board of Directors. Staff members are also sent to conferences to better their journalistic and writing ability. Conferences that were attended this past year were held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Fredericton, New Brunswick.



BU JUNIOR

KINDERGARTEN

Ariele Kehler,

Assistant Editor-in-Chief

The Junior Kindergarten run out of the Brandon University Faculty of Education is now accepting registration for September 2017! If you have a child who will be three years of age by October 31st, 2017 and is potty trained, they are eligible to enrol.

"It's really fun and Miss Jacquie is really nice," says five-year-old Gemma Tebbutt, a recent graduate of the Jr. Kindergarten. "You get to make friends."

SUMMER IS COMING!

Krista Murray, Layout Editor

The measure of your sanity is determined by the number of hours you spend outside of this city. Therefore, spend as little time in it as you possibly can this summer. Some of you will be returning to your hometowns, others visiting foreign lands, and some of you will perhaps remain here. My advice?

Get out while you still can. The school year will return with a vengeance soon enough.

Summer is a time for adventure, for wandering, getting lost, and drinking a little too much at that party (don't drink and drive).

Brandon is a tiny city, surrounded by a great deal of wil-

derness... kind of. While you probably won't get lost, try it anyway.

Find yourself a tent and a couple of sleeping bags and venture out into that wilderness (camping in your backyard does not count, nor does pitching a tent in your living room).

To ensure you don't die be sure to make a packing list. Should this list include a Roomba, ice-maker, or a Keurig, you are doing it wrong and will most likely die in the woods. Glamping is so last year. This year is all about real camping, taking it back to its roots. That means no showering and living on a steady diet of beer.

You will probably want to pack a hatchet, and maybe some matches. If The Walking Dead has taught us anything you will probably want a baseball bat as well.

There are numerous lakes scattered throughout the province, some are only a short drive away. No car? No problem... you will just have to walk to your destination. Or find a friend with a car.

In all seriousness, get outside this summer. Go to the beach,

go camping, eat ice cream, and start a fire (a safe fire). Whether you are celebrating the summer solstice, Canada's 150+, or the return of Cthulhu, have some fun and spend time with the people you love.

You will be slaving away once again when September rolls around.



Sun reflecting off of a lake. Photo Credit Ashlyn Pearce.

STUDY TIPS: END OF YEAR ROUNDUP

Krista Murray, Layout Editor

It is the end of the school year and we have survived! Give yourself a pat on the back. I have spent the last year trying out new and different apps and services to help you (and me) improve your productivity. Some of these I kept up with for a few weeks, some I let fall by the wayside.

However, there are four apps and services that I have come to realize I cannot possibly live without. So, without further ado here is my list of top apps and services for a more productive you.

Frist up is Grammarly. Grammarly is a free Google Chrome extension that was created by a group of linguistic and language-lovers. Grammarly helps you out with by calling you out on your terrible, and not so terrible, grammatical errors. The best part is, once it has been installed as an extension it works within your browser all the time. This has saved me from a ton of embarrassing emails. Grammarly will also send you a weekly progress report so you can better identify your strengths and weaknesses.

GradeProof is another great writing and grammar application, that is also free.

GradeProof works as a stand-alone program, or if you are using Google Docs to type up an assignment it can be used as an extension. GradeProof provides you with a delightfully colour coordinated profile of mistakes within your work, this includes spelling, grammar, and anything that needs rephrasing. It also underlines these errors within your body of work, to fix these errors, all you have to do is click on the underlined word or phrase and corrections are suggested below. If you have Grammarly installed as an extension it will also work in conjunction with GradeProof.

Wunderlist is the best list app ever, of all time. My favourite part of this app is that it allows you to share lists with friends, family, or whoever you want to share a list with. When one person adds something to the list, it updates immediately. This app has revolutionized my grocery shopping experience.

Finally, Bear. Which is quite possible my new favourite app until the end of time. It is impossible to express just how much I love it, but I will try my best. First, it is beautiful. The design is seamless, and while it takes a few

days to adjust, it is well worth the initial struggle. Bear allows you to streamline your writing process, create lists, and outlines. The best part is you can link PDFs within your notes, this is particularly useful for paper writing.

Mac and iOS users.

If these reviews and recommendations have helped you even a little, then I have done my job. Stay productive!

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On the other hand, however, your inattention to details such as typos bodes well for me. This means that you will be a much easier person to enslave with my mind control as I won't have to battle against your own mind. Rather it would be as simple as walking into an empty room: delightfully so.

All hail,
Almighty Glow Cloud

PODCAST REVIEW: THE ROOSTER TEETH PODCAST

Krista Murray, Layout Editor

This is the end of the year. The last issue. The last podcast review I will write for The Quill. Since this is the last review, it seemed fitting to end by recommending the podcast that started it all. My first podcast love, *The Rooster Teeth (RT) Podcast*.

I began listening to this one way back when it was known by a different name, *The Drunk Tank*. After a few years of zero sponsorships they made the switch to *The Rooster Teeth Podcast*.

The very first episode came out on December 9th, 2008. However, it would be a few years before I began listening (around 2011). It was my incentive for cleaning my apartment. Nothing makes obnoxious chores more enjoyable than listening to a bunch of guys talk about life, everything, and the universe.

The RT Podcast typically features four employees from Rooster Teeth sitting around and talking about anything and everything. In the beginning (9 years ago) the podcast was the founders of Rooster Teeth, Burnie Burns, Geoff Ramsey, Gus Sorola, Joel Heyman, and Matt Hullum, in some combination or another. This was back when they were still a small company made up of this core group plus a few others. To put things in perspective, they have moved office around three times since beginning the podcast, and now have

close to 300 employees.

At this point, with 424 episodes to their name, there is no possible way I can recommend any one episode as a starting point. If you are unsure of where to start, then I would say start at the beginning. This is a ton of fun. *The RT Podcast* serves as a time capsule for the company. As you listen you become a witness to the changes that have occurred in the company

over the past 9 years. You will meet new employees as they are hired, say goodbye to old employees as they move on, and are privy to a whole lot of changes and accomplishments.

Since its humble start this podcast has undergone many transformations. The name change, the switch to a video podcast, to being live-streamed each week, as well as numerous set upgrades, and

musical changes.

At one point, I had listened to every episode. However, I am sad to say over the past few years of university I have not kept up as diligently as I would have liked to. Now that I am about to graduate that may change.

New episodes are out on iTunes every Tuesday, or for Rooster Teeth First members it can be live streamed Monday afternoons.

Encyclopedia Grammatica

Sometime
adverb-an unspecified point in time
adjective-used in place of former

Some time
a span of time/a long time

Sometimes
adverb occasionally or now and then



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THE RHYTHM OF RESIDENCE: YEAR END BANQUET

Armando Galindo, Reporter

As the Academic Year wraps up, and many students prepare for their final weeks of being on campus before the summer, residence students come together to have fun one more time. Paul O'Driscoll, Director of Residences Hall Programs, agreed to answer a few questions about the history and purpose of the Residence Banquet.

The Quill: Can you give a little history about how long Residence Banquets have been held and the inspiration behind it?

Paul O'Driscoll: Residence

banquets have been going on for at least 40 years. I attended them as an undergraduate at BU in the mid 1970s. They have always been popular: they are a celebration of the end of the term, as well as an opportunity for residents to have a more formal style of meal and enjoy each other's company.

TQ: As Director of Residences Hall Programs, what role do you play in the organizing of these events? How involved are the students?

PO: I'm pleased to say that the students organize the entire event: from setting the

date, to booking Harvest Hall, to choosing the menu, the guest list, the theme, the entertainment, and the program. It really is a student-led team effort!

TQ: Was there a particular Banquet year that stood out to you, and what made it memorable?

PO: They are all really special in their own way. When I'm standing on the stage introducing the RAs, the ARAs, and the Student Programmers I take a few seconds to carefully look around at all the people in the room, and with-

out fail I see everyone laughing and talking with each other, enjoying the moment and the occasion. It's times like these that I'm reminded how fortunate I am to have had a career that involves working with, and for students.

TQ: Why should students attend the Residence Banquet?

PO: Everyday life can be a bit repetitive, even for students. I think it's important to step outside of the normal routine, put on the best clothes that you brought, clean up, and come out to an event organized for students, by

students. Instead of rushing through a meal: just relax and have some wine and talk to your friends and maybe even meet someone new. Tell some stories, take some pictures: decompress and get ready for the exam period. There are so many things about university life that will soon enough become a distant memory, and then completely forgotten: time spent talking with each other over a fantastic dinner is time well spent, and will likely be remembered for a very long time.

7.5 THINGS I LEARNED FROM WORKING AT THE QUILL

Krista Murray, Layout Editor

I did not want to work for The Quill, the thought of meeting new people and displaying my writing for everyone to see was terrifying. Almost as terrifying as standing naked in the Kavanagh Courtyard with my arms around that scared looking bobcat statue. Despite all this I was coerced into it by a previous Editor-in-Chief (who also happened to be my best friend). Here I sit, three years later, writing this article and wondering why it is so difficult to say goodbye. So, in

my three years with The Quill what did I learn?

1. I learned how to write – better, faster, and more succinct than I could have every hoped during my first year of university. I should burn my first few papers. I cringe a little when I think back on those.

2. Communication and honesty are invaluable – with your Editor-in-Chief, and your professors. If you are struggling go and talk to them. Don't wait until the

day before a paper or article is due.

3. Don't take advantage of someone's kindness, and by way of this numbers 4 and 5

4. Deadlines are important – and they are there for a reason. Deadlines are on each syllabus, and the paper is released each week, plan your time accordingly.

5. Do what you say you are going to do – I cannot stress this enough. It is okay to not commit. But to commit and then back out at the

last minute is something politicians do, and can damage relationships. Other people are depending on you. This goes back to number 2, open and honest communication, you are helping no one if you commit to writing three articles and turn zero in. Don't be that asshole or a politician.

6. You get out what you put in – this counts for both writing for The Quill, as well as with your studies.

7. Don't try to make everyone happy. As soon as we

do this, we make everyone unhappy, or worse, indifferent.

7.5. They give you that jar of your blood back – every new Quill employee is required to give three drops of blood which is sealed in a jar. This is collateral, just in case you forget to turn in your articles on time. Luckily they give this back to you at graduation.

BUSU LAUNCHES BREAST-FEEDING

Ashlyn Pearce, Editor-in-Chief

Last month the Brandon University Students' Union quietly launched a new campaign which they will be advocating for, their Breastfeeding campaign. Trevor Poole, BUSU Vice President External, was happy to answer a few questions in regards to this campaign.

The Quill: What is the pur-

pose of this campaign?

Trevor Poole: BUSU sent representatives to the CFS AGM a while ago and one of the initiatives that came forward there was a campaign against stigmatization of women who publically breastfeed. BUSU strongly supports stopping stigmatization, so we were enthusiastically sup-

portive of the discussion. BUSU brought the idea for awareness posters back to BU and got a poster approved by the senior administration. We hope that seeing posters up that combat this issue will increase our campus inclusivity even more generally and our hope is that with time, this previously stigmatized act will

become normalized.

TQ: What does this campaign entail?

TP: This is a more passive campaign, meaning we are only seeking to hang posters for now. If we think more is required in the future, we will talk with council and move forward with consensus.

These posters have since been

placed in various locations on campus including (but not limited to) the KDC, and some faculty buildings.

Campus Calendar

Tues. Apr. 11 th	Wed. Apr. 12 th	Thurs. Apr. 13 th	Fri. Apr. 14 th	Sat. Apr. 15 th	Sun. Apr. 16 th	Mon. Apr. 10 th
			Jackie at The Evans, 7:30pm	Jackie at The Evans, 7:30pm	Jackie at The Evans, 7:30pm	

BRANDON UNIVERSITY'S 2017/2018 BUDGET PROPOSAL STUDENT CONSULTATION

Ariele Kehler, Assistant Editor-in-Chief

On Tuesday, April 4th, Harvest Hall hosted the annual budget. Brandon University President, Dr. Gervan Fearon introduced main speaker, Vice-President Administration and Finance Scott Lamont, and thanked students for attending during the hectic final week of classes. Lamont opened by requesting that those in attendance keep an open mind and to please bring up any solutions to the budget that had not been introduced in the projections.

The main focus of the budget meeting was in regards to the Manitoba government's recent decision to amend the Protecting Affordability Act. Until last month, Manitoba universities could not raise tuition rates by more than inflation each year. With the amendment, Brandon Univer-

sity proposes to raise tuition by 5% plus inflation per year beginning in the 2018/2019 school year. Lamont assured the crowd that Brandon University has no intention of raising its tuition to be higher than the lowest-priced Western university – which is currently the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT), where tuition averages between \$5000 and \$7000. Brandon University sits just behind SAIT's maximum average at an average of \$6219 for domestic tuition.

While inflation is certainly a factor in the need to increase tuition, no finite plan was discussed to make Brandon University worth the increase in tuition – no planned renovations to classrooms or other facilities, no promise to make classes more avail-

able, no additional ancillary or student services planned to be available. According to Lamont, "people don't come for the facilities, they come for the professors, classes, and low tuition."

Lamont compared BU to the larger University of Manitoba when explaining the University's budget, with BU having roughly a tenth of the operating budget of U of M at \$60 million. More information regarding the

budget will become available in the coming weeks, as the Province of Manitoba will determine how much Brandon

University's operating budget will be subsidized through government bursaries.



Clark Hall. Photo Credit Ashlyn Pearce.

MEMRISE: AN IMPROVEMENT TO YOUR MEMORIES

Alexandra Mackay, Reporter

Exams are looming, and there's a way to make the most of every moment; if you're stuck in the coffee line or waiting for your study date. Memrise is a learning app, it serves to boost your memory and study anywhere while learning a new language. It's great for students of languages but also teachers. Dr. Claudia Bouliane's students have been improving their test scores by using the app to study. Memrise makes it possible for teachers to create materials, lessons, and manage groups. "Memrise is a wonderful tool for integrating the studying of a great amount of knowledge in the everyday routine of students. It makes learning

by heart easier, and fun. Even students who were certain that they had poor memories have seen gains." Dr. Bouliane says. But the magic is not limited to languages, Memrise provides the tools to learn anything in the most efficient way possible; math, science, history, trivia. It is also possible to create your own material with information specific to your courses. Memrise says a major component of the efficiency is the science: using vivid, sensory memories that stimulate senses, imagination and emotions, resulting in memories that last longer and stand out better. Science is built into the testing; Memrise builds algorithms using cognitive science

to adaptively calibrate the types of tests given. Additionally, Memrise calculates how long it's going to take you to forget the information, then schedules reminders to refresh your memory. Memrise boasts its video-game-esque platform, ensuring studying isn't as tedious as when it's right out of the textbook. Memrise is of the opinion that every student is also a teacher; and that building a community of people to contribute to the garden of knowledge the app provides a momentous amount of information and expertise on varied subject matter. Memrise is available on iOS and Android. Also it's free. One of Dr. Bouliane's

many students benefiting from the app, Taylor Koleto says "Memrise makes me feel like I can conquer the world... or at least France".

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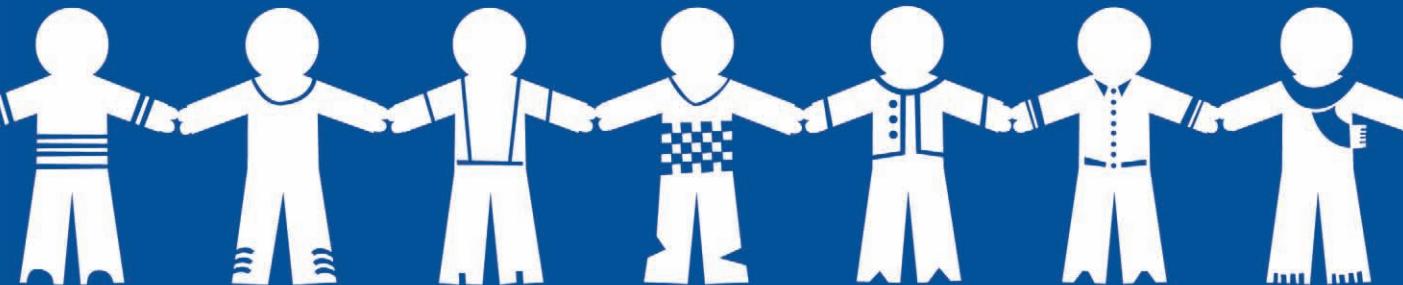
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