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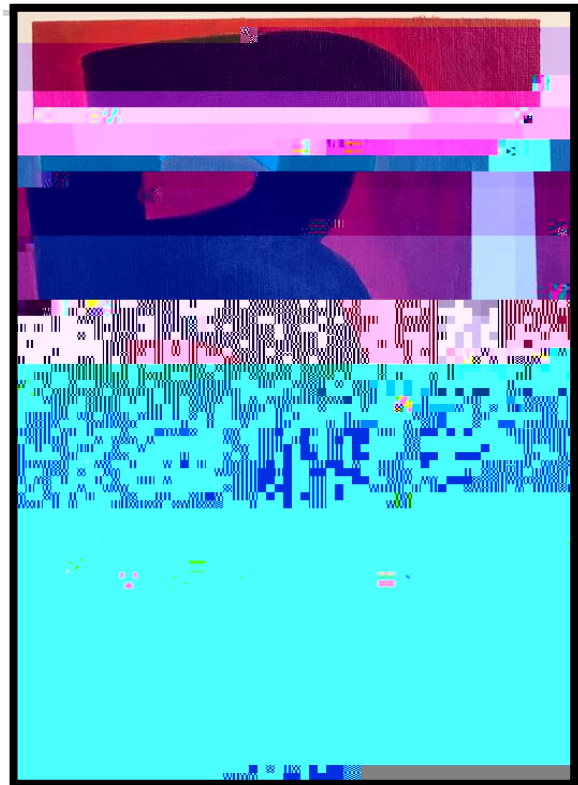
By Lina Adda

I am not afraid to admit that the R score is a limiting system in CÉGEP. Its mere presence only adds to their worries in an already difficult educational system.

I will not pretend to be an expert of the R score. Ask anyone to describe it, and you will have a new version each time. It is still challenging to comprehend, even to teachers or students, demonstrating its unnecessary complexity. It is absurd to see an idea that few comprehend deciding our worth. This looks more like a dystopian process than the helping system that the government justifies.

How do you feel when I tell you that other students also determine your excellence? The R-score is one of the most important factors in a university's selection, yet it depends on variables that are outside your control, such as other students' grades, standard deviation and entire program performance in the province. It is

utterly absurd to think that doing your best no longer matters. You cannot influence other student grades so why would it matter to your success?



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This discourages students from pursuing academics since the R score encourages the belief that your efforts are unacknowledged and that in the end, you do not control the results.

The R score also promotes an intense rivalry. The main objective

for students in my program law, society, and justice became to see who has the best R score (greatest probability) of getting into "McGill Law". So in a competitive program, the R score invites even more students to use strategies (sometimes sneaky ones) to stand out. Some students choose courses only because they know there is a better chance of getting good grades or the professors based on the ability to receive easy points.

implications; you want to be the one that does the most. My friends and I feel bottled up by this letter, we know that the two numbers that constitute our grades could stab us in the back. Sometimes, I even feel like abandoning since my efforts seems for nothing. Even if I kill myself to get a 95%, it may change slightly my R-score.

Now I am speaking to students, if in 2012 we made Quebec tremble with the tuition fee protests, I don't see what's stopping us from doing it again for the R-score. No changes will happen in this toxic system if we don't come together

The goal is no longer to learn but be able to attend university. This, dears, ravage many students' health since they are unable to keep up with the R score. The pressure is overwhelming as you strive to distinguish yourself not only in academics but also in