Welcome to our first issue of the Fish Wrap in its newsletter form. You will notice that there are no funny articles, we are saving those for the next issue of The BaG, which will be coming out February 8.

If you have not had the opportunity to check out the last issue of The BaG come down to The Office and grab a copy (there is a box of them sitting outside the door). Our first issue of The BaG was very well received all over campus and we are well on our way to publishing a campus wide humour newspaper.

Since Cam and I will be graduating this April we will need new editors for The BaG and The Fish Wrap. There will be a BaG meeting on Wednesday at 4:00pm in EOW 502 for anyone who is interested in helping to any degree. Just to scare you a little: if no one comes forward to offer their services there will be no BaG or Fish Wrap when you get back to school in September!

Late last week the ESS executive was ‘stormed’ by 3rd year mechanical student Wendy MacDonald. “I just felt it was time I blessed [the ESS] with my presence,” said MacDonald in a private interview which actually never occurred. MacDonald is replacing Mark Morrison in the position of VP Internal until the ESS General Elections are held February 18.

MacDonald also didn’t say, “I took out the Morrison guy because he was easy pickings. The guy’s a wimp!” Morrison resigned upon hearing MacDonald’s request. Afterwards, Morrison was not found saying, “Hey, I was going to resign any ways, really!” to everyone he met.

When asked her opinion of the current executive MacDonald didn’t say, “It’s about time this lame bunch of self-inflated 4th years retired and let some REAL engineers take control.”

One executive member who wished to remain anonymous never said, “I th-think it’s, um, g-great, er, y-yeah, I suppose, u-um, (she scares me - she’s a 3rd year?), um, can I go now?”

Wendy MacDonald can be met, along with the rest of the executive, during office hours in the ESS office (EOW 130).
Faculty Computing Mini-Seminars
☞ Gary Duncan

The Faculty of Engineering through its student computing consultant program develops and presents help guides and seminars on various topics.

This term’s seminar series is being held on Thursdays at 1pm. It started last week with an ‘on-line’ “Introduction to Command Line UNIX™” session. This week, January 27, will be a pair of related talks presented in EOW 230. The first “Modem Transfers: The PC and Mac Connection” covers dialing in from home, uploading and downloading files, etc. The second “X86: A Software Archive for PC Computers” outlines one of several moderated local repositories of useful software. See the posting in various newsgroups including uvic.engr.announce for further details or e-mail uglhelp.

We have a number of already developed seminars and are always working on new ones. Suggestions on topics are always welcome.

Old talks that may be given again this term include:
• Customizing your X-Windows Environment
• Shell Tools and Script
• A Functional View of the UGL Network
• Available Software: Productivity Tools
• Available Software: Document Preparation
• Available Software: Software Development
• Avalon Publisher: An Introduction via Example of a Resume
• How Do I...?
• Using Makefiles
• Compiler and Programming Tools in UNIX

New topics being considered for development include:
• Internet tools: Ftp, Gopher, Mosaic, Archie, Veronica, ...
• Searching and Regular Expressions: g/re/p
• Editor Wars: vi vs. emacs

You Could Win $50!!

For those who don’t remember, we are host to the Western Engineering Conference & Competition (WECC) in 1995, and we need a logo! Submissions will be taken over the next couple of weeks and can be dropped off in The Office. The winner will be awarded $50!! If you want more info about WECC stop by The Office!

‘Can Castle Competition’
☞ Kaldean Brown

The second annual Can Castle Competition is set to go...start collecting cans and boxes of food NOW (there will be a box in The Office)!! Last year the UVic Engineering team won the most creative and original structure award, this year we’re out for the top prize of the castle using the most cans!

Our team has been officially registered and boxes will be set up to collect donations of cans and boxes of food. On March 3rd, the team will move in and descend on Canwest Mall and begin building. By March 5th, a final assembly should be in place and the structure will be judged. Any students wanting to participate on this team should sign up with the VP External, Kaldean Brown, and design suggestions are also being requested.

At the end of the judging, the structures remain in the mall for another week then are torn down and shipped to the food bank. This is just one more way we can work together to help out the local community, so please pitch in!

Remember, there is room for up to nine other teams in the competition so let’s get creative and original AND collect the most cans to ensure ourselves of a good showing!

Engineering Ball Hockey Schedule
☞ Dean Curry

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Playoffs
Mar 29 3rd vs. 4th 1st vs. 2nd 5th

Victory = 2pts
Tie = 1 pts
Loss = 0 pts

Social Stuff
☞ Kevin Borthwick

Organization is happenin’ for a Pizza Fest this Friday. Details are still to be confirmed at press time but you will be given fair warning in your classes (therefore, you should attend).

I am also looking for volunteers with excellent ideas for social activities. Be adventurous, be active, be exciting... Join the ESS Social Committee! For more details phone me at 598-9562 or email kborthwi@engr.
Election Around The Corner!

Mark Morrison

The ESS Executives are in the second term of a two term office. On February 18 elections for these positions will be held.

Here is a list of the seven executive positions with a three point highlight of each position. (So I can’t count)

**President**
- organizes industrial tours
- interacts with APEGBC
- oversees direction of ESS
- your own new and crazy ideas

**VP Internal**
- office manager
- faculty liaison
- ensures student representation on any or all committees
- your own excellent and exciting things

**VP External**
- liaison to other engineering societies
- liaison with engineering alumni association
- make arrangements for conferences and competitions
- main jokester in the ess to ensure that things do not get too serious

**Treasurer**
- maintains balanced books
- counts all the beans
- manages the budget for the term and year
- main beer tester and all around belch monarch

**Secretary**
- lots of computer stuff
- manage the ess computer account
- read all official and top secret mail
- put whoopie cushions on all the executives chairs before the beginning of every meeting

**Social Co-ordinator**
- organizes a very big keg shin dig
- organizes a gross beard competition
- organizes a faculty student mixer
- committee head for Orientation 94

**Sports Co-ordinator**
- holds a big broomball brawl
- gets a ball hockey league going
- ice hockey is right up there too
- organizes a big ‘smear the first years’ event

How can YOU get involved? Nominations will be open on 4th of February and closed at the platform/general meeting, which will be held on the 11th. Ballots will be collected the week of February 14th and closed on the 18th (5:00). All times will be announced in class, on notice boards, in the FW, the Bag, and on news groups.

**Who To Talk To**

- Stuart Robinson - President 477-7451
- Wendy Macdonald - VP Internal 721-5641
- Kaldean Brown - VP External 477-9250
- Audra Blazkow - Treasurer 477-0196
- Myles Dear - Secretary 472-1756
- Kevin Borthwick - Social Coordinator 598-9562
- Dean Curry - Sports Coordinator 479-2487
- Senate Council - Sergio Rodriguez
- ECE Dept Council and Curriculum Committee - Steve Pavilick
- ME Dept Council and Curriculum Committee - Tom Congdon
- Faculty Advisory Committee on Computing - David Edmonds
- Business Managers:
- Printing Services - Dylan Gates
- Office Services - John Jordan

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**Student Design Competitions**

**Spaghetti Bridge Building**

We invite your students and faculty to engage in the Spaghetti Bridge Building Contest February 11, 1994 at the KLO Campus of Okanagan University College.

Pit your expertise against Okanagan talents. Discover the excitement, frustration, challenge and intrigue of “Pasta Power”! Shattering Spaghetti - Crumbling Canneloni - Wrenching Rigatoni!

The last two years the winning heavy weight bridge was built by Bob Williams from Lumby. A world record was set in 1993 when his bridge held 176 kilograms.

As a result of this competition, Okanagan University College is known world wide as the cradle of the spaghetti bridge building contest, and the prizes become more attractive each year. Are you up to this saucy challenge?

**Gross Beard Contest!!**

Interviews are not for a while so now is the time for the gross beard contest.

The crouton test, beer mopping and number of concealed pencils are a few of the criteria but if you truly have a gross beard then you will be the winner.

Start growing now - no need to fill out an entry form, it will be obvious that you are participating. Contest closes on the Friday of the week before interviews start. The night will marked with an outing at the Sticky Wicket. A free jug of beer for the winner and JD shooters for the growers up.

Laugh not this is a serious contest!

For further information or applications please see Kaldean Brown, VP External, during posted office hours in EOW 130.

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Iron Ring Sizing
 buz Stuart Robinson

Everyone who will be attending the Iron Ring Ceremony must get sized for their ring. This will be done at the following times ONLY:

- Wednesday, January 2, 11:30 to 1:00 in the ESS office
- Friday, January 28, 11:30 to 1:00 in the ESS office
- Monday - Thursday, Jan 31 - Feb 3, 12:00 to 1:00 in EOW 230

It is important that you check the spelling of your name on the Grad list because that is how it will appear on your certificates!!

The date of March 12 for the Iron Ring Ceremony is quite firm because there would be some trouble changing room bookings. Also, anyone can attend the ceremony if their name is on the Grad list. So for those who are finished at the end of August '94, come and see me if your name is not on the grad list and we’ll see what we can do.

This ceremony is closed to everyone except the grads and other engineers. Some students want this changed to have it open to everyone. A few Universities now have an open ceremony but ours is still closed. We will send a voting list around soon so you can let us know what you think!

An Iron Ring Party Committee has been formed: Tom Lochbihler, Sandra Sousa, Borna Noureddin, Mark Ellens, Richard Kubin, and myself. If you have any party suggestions or ideas - or just want to help out cause we need you - get in touch with one of us.

Looking For A Job?
 buz Kaldean Brown

Still looking for employment upon graduation? Do you know where to start?

How about starting by checking out the notice board outside of the ESS Office where related postings for New Grads in Engineering and Computer Science which are received in the Student Employment Centre (across from the Bookstore entrance) will be posted.

These will be posted on a regular basis and the Student Employment Centre will be submitting regular updates of recent job postings to the Fish Wrap but essentially the onus is on you to find a job. Please visit the SEC for more information on job search seminars, resume preparation, covering letters, and any other topics related to finding your own job.

Laser Printing Debate
 buz Engineering Students

News has been hopping since it was announced that laser printing will be charged for, here is some of what was said...

“There must be some better alternatives to this such as letting students provide their paper.” - Julian Cheng, 3B Elec.

“... the cost of which should be included in our tuition?” - Clifford Hammerschmidt

“You say that the printing has gone way over budget, well, just credit us with what the budget would cover, and THEN start to charge us if we go over.” - Michael Schmitz

“I better not have to pay $20 to buy an account to print off 3 odd pages per week.” - Mike Schmitz

In response to some of the above comments, it should be known that paper is the smallest portion of the cost (much more goes to toner and the cost of the printer itself, among others). Students should approach their individual profs if they have printing needs in their courses. These are faculty printers and are not supported by departmental budgets.

Most profs are given a number of photocopies to do on departmental copiers, perhaps this could be transferred to laser printing instead.

Printing can be purchased in any denomination and refunds for unused prints can be issued.