ATTENTION: NEWS FLASH

Disco sucks ass. Put your mirror balls away, you smelly hippies, it is NEVER, EVER coming back into style!

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Engineering Bug Push Huge Success!

By Anna Stukas

On October 13th and 14th, the UVic Engineers set out to push a VW Bug around ring road for 24 hours straight in their annual charity drive for the United Way. This year’s push was very successful, generating more than $2000 in donations! This success would not be possible without the dedication and time put in by several volunteers to make the BugPush run smoothly. Many thanks go out to everyone who helped keep the bug travelling around Ring Road all night. Pushers were rewarded for their effort with free food donated by several local businesses, including Village’s Pizza, Quizno’s Subs, and Subway. Speedway Motors also donated the use of two new VW Bugs to use as pace-cars. Highlights of the BugPush included an attempt to break the fastest lap record, set last year at 6 minutes and 51 seconds: they finished just shy of the record, with a time of 7 minutes 8 seconds. There was also a team of road racers pull the bug by attaching tow lines to their bikes and hooking them up to the front bumper of the bug. Almost as impressive was the United Way team pushing in some very interesting drag costumes; pushing the bug in heels must take a fair bit of work! The biggest thanks go out to that certain group of people who pushed from 4:30 in the morning until the end, at 10:00. A handful of hard-core residence kids decided that they wanted to push the bug for 5 1/2 hours, and they managed to keep it going for the whole time.

Thanks again to everyone who helped out to make this BugPush successful!

The Great Chug-off

Rumors were put to end this weekend when finally, the two biggest beer drinking engineers went head to head in a one-beer chug off. The two competitors were Chris “BC” Lyons, and myself, Craig “Hodgie” Rice. I am pleased and proud to announce that I soundly beat BC, and that I now hold the title of “fastest beer drinker” in UVic undergraduate engineering. Good try Lyons, but your were beaten. Any challengers.....bring it on!

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Event 3 - The Brute Force Competition
This weekend, contenders for the Mr. Engineering 2000 championship gathered for the third event, the Brute Force Competition. For this competition, the contenders were made to armwrestle each other in a tournament. The contenders and their respective supporters gathered at ‘Big Bad John’s,’ a local establishment, to prove who was the strongest. Directly before the single-knockout tournament was set to begin, the competitors had to weigh in. When it came turn for Andrew Townend to weigh in, he was not to be found. Townend was called for repeatedly to weigh in, but he was otherwise occupied...he was found to be chatting up a pair of fine-looking cougars on the other side of the bar, and did not hear his name being called. Andrew Townend was thus disqualified from the tournament. He didn’t even notice he had been disqualified, because he was too busy hopping into a cab with the two cougars he was charming. With Townend out of the picture, the tournament structure became a lot more simple. Fred Foster would face off against Pete Utch in the first round, and Robin Dosenberg would meet Owen Lloyd. Foster and Utch sat down to see who would come out on top. Just as quickly as the match started, it was over. Utch was so ferocious in his arm-wrestling techniques that he actually RIPPED-OFF Foster’s arm. Foster was rushed to the hospital, and luckily his arm was re-attached without any loss of mobility. Next came Dosenberg and Lloyd. In a long, drawn out, and tiresome match, Dosenberg eventually submitted, claiming he “didn’t want to hurt his drinking arm.” Yeah, sure thing Robin...your ‘drinking’ arm. Yeah. That left Utch and Lloyd in the final. In a fantastic show of strength, Lloyd battled to hold off the powerful arms (and stench) of Utch. Lloyd can out the victor. Asked how he felt, Lloyd was quoted as saying, “Man, I’m gonna go wash my hand...that guy is fucking FILTHY! What a bleedin’ slob!”

Rumble in the ELW
This week the Mr. Engineering competition was shocked as supporters of two different competitors squared off in the lobby of the Engineering Lab Wing. After the bloody mayhem was cleared away, a number of Mr. Engineering supporters were taken to hospital with injuries ranging from cuts and bruises to broken bones. The whole event was started when supporters of Robin Dosenberg started hurling insults at a table full of Fred Foster supporters. Clan Dosenberg was yelling things such as “Stupid Froshies!” and the Fosterites were responding “Yee-haw, my name’s Robin...thank GAWD I’m a country boy!” Members of Clan Dosenberg were visibly upset by the verbal attack, and a member reached over to get his “hittin’ stick.” The Fosterites responded by wielding their skateboards with a viciousness unheard of for Frosh. The fight came to an alarming end when Tom Owen, fearless leader of the Engineering Students’ Society, jumped in and held the two militant groups aside.

Point Totals:
As of Oct. 24th
Fred Foster: 117
Andrew Townend: 98
Robin Dosenberg: 43
Owen Lloyd: 125
Pete Utch: 86
Sure, all students have made jokes about getting really loaded while doing their homework, putting in tons of nonsensical calculations, drinking more beer, and then passing out in the Engineering Lab Wing Lobby, right? Well, I fuckin’ haven’t, but that’s what makes me different from the two 2A computer engineering students Andrew Valeri (pictured left) and his friend, Josh Tanner. Apparently, after a rowdy session of integrating, Tanner and Valeri started drinking some Bull Max, and got ‘really pissed.’ I tried to speak with Valeri, but the only thing coming out of his mouth was (and I’m guessing here) whatever he ate for dinner. Unfortunately, Valeri threw-up all over his Elec 216 assignment. It didn’t matter much though...it was all wrong anyway. The inebriated state he was in caused him to clearly mess up his answers, and he was unable to correctly do his calculations. Perhaps next time, you won’t be so drunk while doing homework, Mr. Valeri!

Another student, this one anonymous, was found sleeping passed out in the Engineering Students’ Society office. Apparently, this unnamed student was trying to ‘play Tetris all-night long.’ The fact that he was cock-eyed drunk made him throw-up all over himself when he got dizzy from watching those bloody little Tetris shapes fly all over the screen. This anonymous student left the office in complete shambles, and he should be clearly punished for his terrible deed. Well, the terrible deed isn’t so much that he threw-up all over the office, leaving a shit-stench behind him, but rather because HE WAS PLAYING TETRIS ON A FRIDAY NIGHT! What a bloody wanker....................

The ESS Flag Football tournament happened this weekend, and it was a complete hit with all those who played. Eight teams were on the UVic fields, and they had their cleats, their towels, and their beer handy. The heavy favorites, the BC Lyons (4th year MECH), were unfortunately knocked out of contention. This left the door open for “The Panty Raiders” led by Andrew Leggat, and “Team Serway” to duke it out in the final. The Panty Raiders were ultimately the victors of this year’s tournament. After all the on-field fun, the gang headed down to Boston Pizza for some beer, more beer, and lots of beer.

LOST - One Redneck. Please return to the closest sawmill near you.
WHAT ARE THE JOBS OF THE ESS EXECUTIVES??

President (essa-prz@engr.uvic.ca): The president is the official representative of the Executive and the Society and is responsible for everything that the ESS does as individuals and as a whole. The president also performs all dealings with subsidiary organizations and other professional engineering societies. What does this really mean? - This is the person you go to if you have any questions about what the ESS does. They are Big Brother, they know what’s going on, and if anybody knows the answer to this question, they will.

VP Academic (essa-vpa@engr.uvic.ca): The VP Academic acts as a liaison between the ESS and everything inside UVic by going to the faculty of engineering in the case of academic disputes on behalf of the engineering students, making sure the ESS has representation at university meeting (such as the B.Eng and Curriculum committees and the University Senate) and communicating with other UVic course unions, professional development unions, and the UVSS board of directors. The VP Academic replaces the president when he/she is absent. What does this really mean? - If you have any problems with courses, professors, exam scheduling, or anything pertaining to your education, this person will represent you to the faculty.

VP-External (essa-vpx@engr.uvic.ca): The Vice-President External acts as a liaison between the ESS and other organizations outside of UVic by communicating with other student engineering societies and advertising and arranging guest speakers, community programs and attendance of conferences and competitions. What does this really mean? - This person represents the ESS (and hence all UVic undergraduate engineers) to other student associations, professional associations, and represents all UVic engineers outside UVic.

Treasurer (essa-trz@engr.uvic.ca): The treasurer maintains accurate and up-to-date accounting books, preparing the ESS budget (to the approval of the student at the General Meeting) and disburses funds according to the adopted budget. What does this really mean? - This person signs cheques, makes sure we have enough money, and makes sure that money is being spent accordingly. Basically...the bean counter.

Director of Events (essa-eve@engr.uvic.ca): The Director of Events is responsible for organizing all ESS events which includes sports events, at least one charity event per term, and pub-crawls. What does this really mean? - Anything that we do outside school for fun with the ESS is this person’s doing.

Director of Services (essa-srv@engr.uvic.ca): The Director of Services manages all ESS services, including photocopier/printer services and merchandise sales. What does this really mean? - Shirts, binders, clipboards, anything material....this is taken care of by the services person, as well as all printing services.

Director of Communications (essa-com@engr.uvic.ca): The Director of Communications is responsible for the ESS Web page and all other pages dealing with ESS programs. In addition to this the communications director also aids in the promotion of events and public awareness. What does this really mean? - The communications person is responsible for PR, and for communicating the goings-on of the executive to the student body, as well as advertises any events or services.

Director of Corporate Relations (essa-crp@engr.uvic.ca): The Director of Corporate Relations is responsible for gaining corporate sponsorship for events and functions, as well as representing the ESS to industry and corporations. What does this really mean? - This person deals with all companies, corporations, or businesses interested in becoming involved with the ESS in any way. Anything from getting sponsorship of a flag-football tournament to getting a back-lit fluorescent sign (for $$) in our office is this persons job.

Secretary (essa-sec@engr.uvic.ca): The Secretary takes minutes and posts notices of all meetings, takes records of functions and events, and is responsible for all general correspondence to and from the ESS. What does this really mean? - Come on.....use your head an figure it out! This one is a no-brainer!
**Christmas Formal Ball**

This year, the Engineering Students’ Society will be organizing a Christmas Formal Ball with the Commerce Students’ Society. This idea was started by the ESS last year, and judging by how popular it was then, we decided to organize it again. It’s a night, where you can forget about studying, forget that finals are coming up, dress yourself up, and dance, drink, and socialize with other engineers and commerce students. The date for this event is the 25th of November. A location has not been set yet, but will be shortly. For more info on this event, feel free to e-mail the director of events, Lila Klektau at lklektau@engr.uvic.ca.

**Mini-WECC and WECC**

The Western Engineering Conference and Competition (WECC) is a competition for students of the 8 engineering schools in Western Canada to get together and compete in a variety of categories. Any undergraduate student is eligible to apply. At WECC, you can enter one of six categories of competition that are relevant to engineering students. For more information, check out the WECC 2001 homepage at [http://www.ensc.sfu.ca/wecc2001](http://www.ensc.sfu.ca/wecc2001).

You can enter WECC in one of the following categories:

- **Entrepreneurial Design** - This category requires competitors to design a marketable product or service not currently available in Canada. This event can be done in teams.
- **Corporate Design** - This category requires competitors to design a solution to an industry problem currently faced by a recognized corporation. This event can be done in teams.
- **Extemporaneous Debate** - This category challenges students to apply analytical skills to present a well-reasoned viewpoint with a minimum amount of preparation. This event is for teams of two people.
- **Team Design** - This category requires competitors to design a solution to a previously undisclosed project within a certain time limit and with restrictions to materials. This is only open to first and second year students. This event is for teams of four people.
- **Editorial Communications** - This category challenges the competitor to describe a complicated technical process or issue in terms that the general public can understand.
- **Explanatory Communications** - This category challenges competitors to present a viewpoint on the sociological impact of a current technological issue. This event can be done in a team.

To enter WECC, simply contact your VP External, Anna Stukas at astukas@engr.uvic.ca. If you plan on entering the Team Design Category for WECC, please read the article opposite on this page for more information on Mini-WECC, the qualifying event for the Team Design category.

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**Mini-WECC NEWS!**

If you are interested in entering the Team Design category at WECC, please read below!

Seeing as how Team Design is always the most popular event at WECC, there are plenty of first and second year students who want to go. Thus, we have to hold a qualifier to see who would best represent UVic at this competition. Hence, Mini-WECC. In teams of four, you will be given a certain amount of time to solve an engineering problem with only specific materials. Here are the specs on Mini-WECC:

**WHAT**: Mini-WECC
**WHEN**: November 4th, 11:00-17:00
**WHO**: 1st and 2nd year students interested in attending WECC
**WHAT ELSE**: Registration deadline is at 16:00 November 1st!
**COST**: $24 per team.

Qualifying at Mini-WECC is the only way to go to WECC at SFU in February!!!
Okay, we’ve all seen this Molson Canadian beer commercial, with Joe Canada, and all that, right? It’s funny, but I don’t think any of us take it too seriously. It’s good for a laugh, but that’s about it. I do think it is terribly ironic though, that while Joe is sitting there talking about how great it is to be Canadian, they are playing ‘Pomp and Circumstance’ in the background, the quintessential British pride song. They might as well be playing ‘Battle Hymn of the Republic’ as much as I and anybody else care.

But that’s not what I am worried about. What concerns me more is that when you talk about Canadian pride or how great it is to be Canadian, this commercial is all that ever comes up in conversation. Hey, Sheila Copps [minister of Canadian Heritage]...wake up! Do you think you’re fulfilling your fucking mandate when the biggest thing to happen in Canadian patriotism in the last 20 years is a bloody beer commercial? Come on.

There are so many other things that people should feel inspired by. When a BEER COMMERCIAL is the catalyst for a renewed sense of nationalism, what does that say about the people it’s motivating? When I first saw the commercial, I was mildly amused, and I thought it was funny. I still think the commercial is funny, because it is - but the reactions of viewers are really what surprise me. And before people start complaining to me about slagging national pride, let it be known that I have our flag tattooed on my back too, and I’m proud of where my roots are. I’m very proud of what this country gives to me, and what it does for me, I just think that flaunting this beer commercial as a great development in our country is bloody ridiculous....

My Rant.....

Do I Offend You?

Maybe it’s a sign that I am becoming less insane, or maybe it could be that the standard of ‘journalism’ just keeps getting lower and lower, but so far this year in my job as editor of this newsletter I haven’t received nearly a fraction of the feedback as I thought I would. Whether it be letters of praise, letters of homicidal rage, or letters in Portuguese, I just wanted to get some sign that I was doing a decent/terrible/disgusting job. Also, I was hoping for more input from the student body for this newsletter...after all, it really is YOUR newsletter, meant to showcase things that OUR student body is up to. So that means that you should get off your ass and send me something. Send me jokes, send me hate letters with poor grammar and spelling mistakes, send me your communist manifesto (Thanks for the propaganda, Tom.) Seeing as nobody wrote anything for me this issue, I am left with some free space that I will use to show you WHERE to send your information....

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And then there was one....

The FishWrap was shocked recently when one of their co-editors, Thomas “Rudeboy” Owen, presented his resignation. Although Tom was quoted as saying his resignation was because of his newly elected role as president at the ESS, we here at The FishWrap suspect differently. In Tom’s letter of resignation, he stated “...I have other duties to attend to, and my main responsibility clearly lies to the ESS. I have to channel all of my extra-curricular energy towards the ESS, and will not be able to act as co-editor anymore.” Well Tom, the staff of The FishWrap believe that this is not true. We think that you have fallen into the communist ploy instigated by Chris Bowness and his protege (read: puppet) Dave Black and are now spewing forth Marxist propaganda. Or maybe we could be completely wrong and Tom has other things with the ESS to attend to (we here at The FishWrap have been wrong before...) At any rate, good luck Comrade Tom, with your political revolution ESS activities!

- The FishWrap Staff

Quote of the Week:

“I wish I was an OSCAR-MEYER weiner, ‘cause that’s just what all wiener want to be. I wish I was an OSCAR MEYER weiner, ‘cause....what, damn....what’s the last line to that song again. Somebody help me out here. What is it? Guys?.......guys?.....Anybody? - Steve Kalman, ESS Director of Communications-
FIVE THINGS YOU WILL NEVER HEAR.....

...AN ENGINEERING STUDENT SAY

5.) That upgrade to my computer would be unecessary and not very useful.
4.) Can I get those Philosophy 101 notes from you?
3.) Hmm...I think that I have added enough gadgets and useless functions to this invention.
2.) I really don’t think I need a $200 calculator.
1.) I wish that I had more classes...I just find I have WAY too much free time on my hands.

...A COMMERCE STUDENT SAY

5.) Sure, communism is a good idea!
4.) No, I’m not in it for the money. I’m more interested in helping people.
3.) Free Trade? What a terrible idea!
2.) I think that the creation of a minimum wage is a good idea!
1.) I support the institution of unions by not crossing picket lines and by sympathizing with striking employees.

...A LAW STUDENT SAY

5.) There is enough bureaucracy in the world.
4.) Let’s make laws that are EASY to understand.
3.) I’m really glad that I don’t have to do an INSANE amount of reading for this job!
2.) I have lots of free time to spend all of this money that I am making.
1.) I wish I could go to school for another seven years.

...Someone Who Lives in Res Say

5.) Instead of going on a bender I think I’ll study this weekend.
4.) Campus Security does a lot to ensure underage drinking doesn’t occur in residence.
3.) Res food is great...good...edible...it’s there.
2.) I get lots of school work done when I hang around in res at nights....
1.) My room is very spacious. I’m really satisfied with my living conditions!

...A UVIC HIPPIE SAY

5.) No, I think I’ll skip that protest...I’d rather go home and watch “Jerry Springer.”
4.) Hmmm...I smell....time to shower!
3.) Wouldn’t it be nice to wear shoes to school for a change?
2.) I don’t really think that I need to buy another bong, I have enough already.
1.) I’m all out of angst. I’ve got no evil to fight...my purpose in life is gone! <Sob!>

...AN ARTS STUDENT SAY

5.) I’m looking forward to a rewarding career that is relevant to my studies in University.
4.) I really want to take a Fluid Dynamics class, but it was at the same time as my Art History, so I couldn’t fit it in.
3.) I plan on finishing my degree in four years.
2.) Mommy and Daddy are happy they are paying for my Philosophy degree.
1.) Poetry is for wussies.

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