Christmas Formal This Saturday!

The Engineering and Commerce Christmas formal ball will be this Saturday, the 25th of November. Based on last year’s successful event, this formal ball (yes, you have to dress up) brings together members of the engineering and commerce faculties to drink, dance, and have fun. This year, the event is being held at Crystal Gardens, as it was last year.

Tickets will be on sale for the formal all week in the lobby of the ELW, or you can come in to the office and grab an ESS executive to sell you a ticket. Tickets are going really fast so come get yours quick. We sold out last year and had a large waiting list, and it looks as if it will be the same this year. So come out and have fun with other engineers...just so we don’t see all the same familiar faces, we’re doing this jointly with the Commerce Students’ Society. Aside from the drinking and dancing, it’s a chance to meet people outside of the exile otherwise known as engineering.

For more info, please contact the ESS Director of Events, Lilah Klektau at lklektau@engr.uvic.ca, or just drop by the ESS office.

Don’t ZAP it!

Want exams for the end of the term? Forget about going to ZAP to get old exams. Why? The ESS webpage has a whole bunch of exams for 1A, 2A, and 3A classes on their webpage. Check it out, and save yourself a bit of cash in the meantime. Extra pennies in your pockets mean more recovery BEvERages after you’re all done those painful, brutal exams.

The exams are on the ESS webpage at http://www.engr.uvic.ca/~ess - just click on the exams link!

ATTENTION: NEWS FLASH

Americans now proudly have a new national holiday. November 8th will now be know as “Indecision Day.”
FOURTH EVENT - LET'S DRINK!

As the Mr. Engineering 2000 competition draws to an end the competitors are getting very nervous and very edgy. Just the other day, Fred Foster passed by Robin Dosenberg in the hallway of the ELW...after Foster passed Dosenberg, he threw an orange at him. Luckily, Dosenberg was wearing his large, oversized, ridiculous looking cowboy hat, so his head was safe from the attack. Foster looked visibly upset that he didn’t seriously injure Dosenberg.

The last event in the Mr. Engineering competition is the Drink Off. Basically, the competitors get together and see who can drink bears faster. Nice, fuzzy, cuddly little 341 ml bears. [Editor’s note: I wasn’t quite sure if I was allowed to put the word “beer” in here, hence them allusion...] The competition is simple. Whomever drinks their bear fastest wins. Because of the incredible point spread in the competitors, a strange, yet trustworthy score algorithm [read: random point assessment] has been employed to ensure that the competitors get the points the deserve.

The competition started with arch-rivals Foster and Dosenberg facing off against each other. Dosenberg soundly beat Foster, despite the fact that Foster comes from Nanaimo, where there is really nothing to do besides sit around, vandalize things, and drink bears. In round two, Pete Utch went up against Owen Lloyd. Unfortunately due to his skinniness, Lloyd’s stomach was not big enough to hold an entire bear, so he was unable to finish, and Utch won. Townend was the fortunate winner of a first round by.

The final round-robin tournament saw Dosenberg come in first place, with Utch coming in close second. After his victory beer, Dosenberg was quoted as saying “Yeah, I drink fast....good thing I don’t have a gag reflex

After the judges tabulated all of the result, a very, VERY strange coincidence appeared. All of the competitors had EXACTLY THE SAME SCORE.

So what do we do now....how do we settle the score? Well, between now and the Christmas formal, we are going to have to have a SECRET event...exactly what? Only the judges know.......

Random News Bits....

Want to go to WECC? UVic is still looking for people to send to the Western Engineering Conference and Competition. If you have a design project, If you like to public speak, or if you like to debate, this is something that might interest you. You only have THREE MORE DAYS to get in touch with the ESS VP-X, Anna Stukas. You can contact her by e-mailing essa-vpx@engr.uvic.ca.

Feel the need to maul? Do you know what a ruck is? Is scrumming your thing? Come out and join the engineering rugby team. The team will officially form next summer and we’ll start practicing then. For info, e-mail rugby@engr.uvic.ca or visit http://www.engr.uvic.ca/~rugby.

First Year Students Pay Attention!

For all you froshies - as sad as I am to say it, your time with Stream A will be done at the end of this semester. In January, you will be joining the ranks of the Stream Bers, and there you will remain for the rest of your time here at UVic....don’t worry though, those Stream B kids are alright. Don’t be put off by the fact that the ESS and the ELW will be full of complete strangers. Make a point to hang around the ESS and the ELW and meet the upperyear students. As a former Stream Ber (yeah, I fell victim to the Stream surfing plague too) I can say that they’re not all that bad, and they’ll help out to make sure the transition is easy, pain free, and fun too!

Well, this is my last issue of The FishWrap as editor. It was fun, sort of. I like doing it, for sure, but the late nights spent editing leave something to be desired. I liked being responsible for the newsletter, but it was hard work. Somebody else will be taking over my spot next summer as editor, and I wish that person luck. Anyways, good luck with exams. Cheers!

-hodgie-
Every year, the Engineering Students’ Society holds a qualifying competition for the Team Design section of the Western Engineering Conference and Competition. This qualifying competition, MiniWECC, was held this year on November 4th. The event was very well attended, with six teams of four comprised of first and second year engineering students. The teams were given a project to complete in a period of three hours, and were then required to present their project and demonstrate that it worked.

This year's project was to build a device that would project itself from the ground up to a string that was three feet high, attach itself to the string, and then propel itself along the string to a platform and put out a candle that was lit on the platform. Several very creative devices were built, with everything from trampoline style launching platforms and catapults to ramp style elevators and self raising lifts.

In the end two teams were chosen to represent UVic at WECC next February: the first was Team Discovery Channel; a group of four second years: Kane Miller, Dave Egan, Sean Bennett, and Avery Salter. Coming in second was Team Syntax Error; a team of very enthusiastic first years: David Miles, Alexandros Dimopolous, Jay Matuska, and Jon Schmidt. Congratulations to these two teams and we wish them the best of luck for next February at WECC. All the teams that entered should be commended for their efforts and the originality of their designs. Thanks to all who entered, and for those first years who will still be eligible, we hope to see you all again next year.

-Anna Stukas-

Letters to The Editurd....

Dear Hodgie,
Why the hell do you write all your titles with that crappy KIDS font. It makes it look like a bloody 12 year old girl wrote The FishWrap.
Sincerely,
Bitter

Dear Bitter,
I understand your concern. Let me be the first to say that I don’t care, have never cared, and will never care what you think of my abilities as a “journalist.” The fact that you even wrote to me to tell me this illustrates that you have nothing better to do with your time. You need to find a hobby.
-hodgie-

Dear Hodgie,
I copied an assignment from my friend, but I wasn’t paying attention when I did it, and I accidentally copied his name down on my assignment too. Now my prof wants to fail me and I’m in really big trouble. What do I do?
Sincerely
Minkus Egan

Dear Minkus,
You are a jackass, no questions asked. You should just drop out of engineering and join the circus. You could be a clown, just don’t copy any of the other clowns costumes.
-hodgie-

Sorry, but the editor won’t be accepting anymore letters until next summer. Thanks a lot for those of you who did write in...not that there were many, but I appreciate the effort.
-hodgie-

In my last chance to rant out to an audience, I ‘m going to take this opportunity to speak about something that really bothers me.....people who feel the need to do THE COMBOVER. Some of my professors, people with Ph. D’s in Engineering, somehow think that they are pulling the wool over peoples eyes by having a combover. Hey, JACKASS! You’re not fooling anybody with that lame-ass hairdo. Think about it....

The simple answer to this problem is the “majority rules” solution. As soon as you loose the majority of your hair due to baldness, JUST SHAVE THE REST OFF. Do you think that Mark Messier would mess around with a combover? No, because he’d look like an idiot. Yeah, he’s going bald, so he just shaves his head. He looks like one fuckin’ mean guy, and nobody is laughing when he walks by. I wish that my profs (among other people who need to wise up) would just learn this simple, yet elusive lesson. It’s not rocket-science.
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