

FISHWRAP

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The cold hard reality of school is once again upon us. Perhaps you just got back from a co-op job, in which case welcome back to the sacred grounds of the ELW. If you were here last semester surfing, well I hope it went well. And as to those who travelled or relaxed for the last four months, curses upon thee.

Regardless of where you were, we have some introductions to make. For those bridge students from Camosun who have just joined us, welcome! Feel free to come by the ESS office and take full advantage of our state-of-the-art foos table. And as to those first year folk who are about to experience Stream-A for the first time, I hope it doesn't hurt too much.

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Fishwrap Editor

This issue is to mainly brief everyone on upcoming ESS events and other things of note. Check the next pages for more info!

Interested in writing for the Fishwrap or being an editor? If so, email essa-com@engr.uvic.ca. By the way, anyone can submit anything regarding any topic.

Letter from the President

Welcome, and Welcome Back!

I would first like to welcome the first years into their official stream, Stream A (unless they take up the increasingly popular sport of "stream surfing")! The 1B term is a great term (except for the pesky physics lab write-ups), because you will feel like you're just getting into the groove of things, and you've settled into both school and social aspect. The Stream A ESS have lots of events cooked up, and you should come out and meet more people, including the senior students! Better yet, come give your input and help organize events by attending ESS meetings, Wednesday 2pm!



And to the 3A, 4B, and stream surfers: Welcome back! I hope everyone had a nice work term/time off/courses the past few months, and if nothing more, I hope the Christmas break was good! We've got a lot planned for this semester, some old, some new. Check it out!

Best wishes for the term!

Wayne Choi
President – ESS Stream A

EVENTS

There is a horde of events coming up - the following pages are highlights of them. Do not miss out

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wed. January 28, 2004, at 2:30pm, with Dean's BBQ to follow. (Don't be fooled! While it is called the "Annual" General Meeting, it is actually held every semester!). There will be kegs in attendance. Once again: Kegs!

The AGM is a time where engineering student organizations have presentations to promote their club and/or cause, elections for Engineering Students' Society (ESS) positions are held, and propositions for the ESS are brought up. There will also be lots of information about the various events for this semester, and is a great time to ask any questions you may have, whether it is to get involved, or simply to find out when the next pub crawl is happening.

Then there's also the Dean's BBQ. It is a good time to meet the faculty and any other staff, as well as meet other students. As always, burgers and beverages will be available, and there will also be Bouncy Boxing!

Positions up for election:

Treasurer
First Year Representatives
Co-op Liaison (tentative)
Sports Co-ordinator (tentative)

See you all there!

Wayne Choi
President – ESS Stream A



NINJA TRAINING – Lesson One: Bowling

Young grasshoppers: The path to becoming a Ninja is an arduous process. It is five long years of hard work exercising your mental prowess, honing your internal resistance to toxins, as well as encounters with strangers, who may turn friend or foe depending on the situation. You have all passed the initiation of 1A, and it is time to take your first lesson...

In bowling.

Becoming a Ninja requires tremendous digital dexterity, focus on goals, and aim for critical hit zones; bowling develops all three as you practice the tossing of the stone.

In this lesson, you will be paired up with a senpei. Talk to them, learn from them, laugh with them. As an initial lesson, this bowling night is FREE.

This will be held on the night of Friday January 23, 2004 (Ninjas work best in the cloak of darkness), meeting at the UVic bus stop, #26, at 5:55pm.

Tickets for grasshoppers and senpei's are in the Ninja Headquarter (aka ESS Office). There will be limited spots, so come quickly, but stealthily.

Who: Grasshoppers (first years) and senpei's (senior students/non-first years)

When: January 23, 2004, in the cowl of the night

Where: Meeting at the UVic bus stop, #26 at 5:55pm, going to Mayfair Lanes

Tickets: ESS Office, limited, starting today.



The ESS is hosting an **Engineering Indoor Soccer team** that will be partaking in the intramural league with UVic. Spots are limited so head down to the ESS office to sign up!

Feel like dabbling in the events? Does Chris Garand (Director of Events) need to be shown how it is done? If so, then join the committee (i.e. you and Chris) for engineering events. Send an email to essa-eve@engr.uvic.ca to help out or for info.

CALL FOR THE INNER CIRCLE... OF THE ORDER OF PI

THE ORDER OF PI IS AN ANNUAL EVENT HELD IN MARCH

THAT UVIC ENGINEERS HOLD TO RAISE MONEY FOR QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S HOSPITAL AND THE FOOD BANK. PEOPLE CAN ORDER PIES AND "LAY CHARGES" TO SOMEONE THEY KNOW, AND THE PI-JUSTICE IS BROUGHT DOWN UPON THEM BY THE ORDER OF PI. IT IS AN EXTENSIVE EVENT THAT NEEDS A LOT OF ORGANIZATION, AND THE INNER CIRCLE IS THE CORE GROUP OF ORGANIZERS FOR

THE EVENT. IF YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE, MOTIVATED, AND WANT TO BE PART OF THE INNER CIRCLE E-MAIL THE GRAND INQUISITOR, "WAYNE" AT: wchoi@engr.uvic.ca.



Foos Ladder

So if engineers are the best foos players (and we know we are!), who's the BEST of the best? Come to the ESS and sign up for the Foosball ladder.

Squash Ladder

Alright so you've made it through 2 weeks of stuffing and fruit cake and realize you need to make some sort of effort to get into shape. Or better yet, you realize the you are heading into another math packed semester of engineering and just need to slam away some stress. Sign-up for the ESS Squash Ladder. If you missed it in the summer or want revenge on our past champ, come to the ESS and sign-up.

For either ladder you will have the chance to schedule matches anytime of the week in order to move up on the ladder. The earlier you join, the higher you'll start on the ladder.

Sign-up in the ESS Office & bring either a \$2 donation or 2 cans of non-parishable food.

Speaker Series

Commencing at the end of January, UVIC students in the business and engineering faculties will have the opportunity to gain first hand knowledge from CEO's, presidents and founders of local companies on the aspects of building and running a business. This series of speakers is aimed at bringing students and the industry together. It will help students gain valuable insight on their field outside of the classroom. Topics throughout the series will include company start-ups, raising capital, new and up coming technologies, marketing and much more.

When: January 23-March 26 || Fridays 1:30-2:30 || Where: Elliot Building

More info to be announced. There are full bio's of the following speakers in the ESS office. Head down there for a complete list of speakers (many more than listed below) or more information.

Jan 23

Speaker: Al Chao (Founder and CEO of Software Components Group, Inc)

Topic: "The entrepreneurial spirit. What does it take? "

Jan 30

Speaker: Colin Lennox (Lennotech)

Topic: Startups - Hi Tech "Opportunities and Pitfalls"

Feb 6

Speaker: Harry Weiler (President & CEO of AXYS Technologies Inc.)

Topic: "Growing and Expanding a Company"

Feb 13

Speaker: David Green (founder of Carmanah Technologies Inc.)

Topic: "From an Idea to a Thriving Business"

