The Winter Formal

The Annual Winter Formal will be held on November 24th at the Harbour Towers. This place is classy and we engineers get to invite our friends to show the hotel just how much ‘class’ we’ve got! We’ve also invited other faculties and a bunch of people from UBC and SFU. There will be a fancy buffet dinner (valued at more than your ticket cost) followed by dancing. There are lots of door prizes including gift certificates and most likely an ipod. Tickets go on sale Monday, November 6th for $30 each; buy them early because they go up to $35 on the 21st. Tickets can be purchased in the ESS office or from any executive.

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Engineering Girls Night!

This year’s engineering girls night will be held on November 18th! It’s the time that we girls get to play games and eat pizza with no boys! Sooo, no boys aloud, unless you can be as convincing as this guy!

Tickets will be $2 and you can get them in the ESS or talk.
What faulty would push a hollowed out Volkswagen Beetles around Ring Road for 12 hours to raise money for the United Way? No artsies they’re too busy talking about their feelings: Only the crazy engineers.

What’s to say about Bug Push? It’s tough to know where to even begin.

While there may have been some difficulties with last year’s, it was good to see the Engineers represent their faculty in full stride this year. The event was a complete success and before I begin to bore you with the details I would first and foremost like to thank the important people involved. First of all I would like to thank all the supporters, the pushers and the organizers. These people are number one and I will always have a special place in my heart (I do have one, despite common rumour, no matter how small it counts) for these people. While this carries no real value, it is important to recognize that without the support of these people this event would not have been possible. The Engineering Students Society worked very hard to run this event; especially with the late notice they were given. Pushers were also critical. Every person who even put a hand on the bug I thank. While personally I managed to cover my marathon distance (42.5 km of bushing the bug) I still would like to thank every person who put any work into this. Work being any amount of force by any distance. I would also like to give a special shout out to a Mr. Stack, Mr. Nash, Mr. Bryden, and company for the most exciting and representative group. These guys showed up in costume and were completely gung-ho to push the bug. They were also featured on the news, singing our song. I would like to say that these men are a testimony to Engineers: full of spirit, hard work, “good” looks, and intelligence. Way to be boys, I was proud to be an engineer after your push. I would also like to thank all those who made donations.

You are also critically important to this event; we push for you (kinda). Lastly I would like to thank our sponsors. This year FSAE was crucial for the success of the event. They took our hunk-of-junk and turned it into…. well less of a hunk of junk. I would also like to thank Malahat Motors for the donation of the Bug, Speedway Motors for the lending of the pace cars, Focus Engineering, PBA Engineering, and Keyera Energy for their generous contributions. The Faculty of Engineering, Computer Science and Math Coop Offices, Mechanical Engineering, and Software Engineering were also important contributors to the event. Also thanks to Christie’s Carriage house, Adriana’s Cocina Mexicana, Nautical Nellies, Maude Hunters, Darcy’s Pub, Moxie’s, Eugene’s Greek Restaurant, The Blue Fox Café, The Black Olive, Santiagos, ABC country restaurant, Grindstone café, and The Beacon Hill Drive Inn for donating prizes for our pushers!

Now that the formalities are done, on to the details:
I would like to say that 5:00am felt of a hell of a lot earlier than I thought it would. But I was there, helping set-up, along with most of the ESS. We had the event set up and ready to go
on time, and your own Dean of Engineering, in true Engineering fashion, was there to push the very cold and dark, first lap. The first lap was also accompanied by the FSAE’s formula race car. I would like to add the personal aside that Mr. Kyle Hohman and myself thoroughly enjoyed being as noisy as possible as we passed residence every lap until 10:00am. I hope all those who stayed in Ring that night heard us and could not sleep. Needless to say, the first few laps were difficult with our eyes half closed, but thanks to a very strong and helpful FSAE UVic team we managed to keep the bug going until people started rolling out of bed.

Now this event would’ve been much easier had Mr. Waters remembered to check that his propane tank matched up with his propane heater so that we could’ve had some hot beverages, but he didn’t and so we were coffee-less until the café at the Bookstore opened. We managed. The cold had us all purchase the Burgundy and Grey Bug Push T-shirts to keep warm. Another personal note is how good looking these shirts were. Mike Waters made up for all his faults in the creation of these T-shirts. I’m seriously thinking of wearing it to the bar one night so that I won’t have to derive the quadratic equation to pick up girls.

Back to the Bug Push Event: The day saw a variety of weather; we had hail, snow, rain, wind and even a fair bit of sun. There were several corporate/faculty teams which joined us for the event. The Engineering and Computer Science/Math Coop Office was out, along with the Faculty of Engineering Office, the Mechanical Engineering Department, PBA Engineering and we even managed to pry AUvic out of their office long enough to have them push the bug around a few times. The Fastest lap was set by team shirtless with a time of 8:25. The team consisted of Mr. Hamm, Mr. Hohman, Mr. Waters (Skeletor) and Mr. Walsh. But the point of the event was to raise money for the United Way, which I would like to say that we did very well. The event raised $3300 which we consider to be extremely successful for the limited time we had to prepare for the event and the specs. We hope that next year with a few modifications we will be able to make the event bigger, better and even more cool.

Thank you all who came out, we appreciate your help and we hope you enjoyed the event as much as we did. If you have any suggestions about the Bug Push or any comments feel free to contact myself (I will pass it onto the executive) at essa-crp@engr.uvic.ca. Any date offers are also more than welcome (did I mention I could derive the quadratic formula?)

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Between October 19th and 22nd, 2006, in coordination with the Western Engineering Student Societies Team (WESST), the University of Victoria Engineering Students’ Society played host to all the other student societies from across Western Canada. The occasion was the WESST retreat and AGM conference. It took place at the very exotic Shawnigan Lake.

The different schools found their different ways to UVic throughout the day on Thursday. Unified with the cause to have the best possible time, the engineers made their way from UVic to Shawnigan Lake. The method of transportation: a very luxurious, cheese wagon. The bus ride up was a nice setup for the rest of the venue. 40 some odd engineers packed onto a cheese wagon was a cause for celebration as the tune of Chicago and other classic engineering songs filled the enclosure of the classy transportation. As far as I could tell, the bus driver got a kick out the songs as well.

Upon arrival at our accommodation, our jaws dropped in disbelief. While we had been told that the camp’s facilities were pretty basic, it was still relatively shocking to find cabins with no heat. Had we been artsies we may have talked about how this made us feel, but because we are engineers we dealt with it. We listened to the logistical plan of the weekend and then proceeded to a game of Hoe-Down. Now I would love to tell you more about Hoe-Down, but the first rule of Hoe-Down is “You can’t talk about Hoe-Down!” [Editor’s note: technically, that rule was just broken. Also, we have never heard anything called ‘Fight Club’] I will say however, that if you don’t learn quickly the game takes its toll on you. Mr. Galleine was a visual testament to this. So if you would like to learn how to play, just bring it up at the next engineering event and we’ll get a game going, but be ready to learn quickly.

Now as early as the first night, yours truly had already stolen Super Cow, U of C’s pride and joy mascot. Unfortunately, after this cunning theft, one of the female members of UVic’s delegation managed to lose him! (You know who you are.) We had also found a stellar hiding spot for him, totally oblivious to U of C even knowing. When the night ended we all proceeded to endure the coldest sleep of our life. Now, during this sleep I would like to mention that a particular individual may have realized that the distance between his bed and the door was too far to conquer and this same individual may have answered nature’s call on his bed, and proceeded to sleep, on the same bed.

Friday Morning was full of the boring stuff that only a geek such as me would enjoy. There were some discussions and more discussion, of which I will not bore you with the details. Then we had the AGM, talked about some more boring stuff, and finally we elected new executives. UVic has a very good representation on the new WESST exec. Mr. Jeff Galleine and Victoria Morrison were elected as VP Finance and VP Communications respectively. So if you see these two in the hall way or in the ELW, give them a congratulatory high five.
meetings we enjoyed probably the best party of the year. A statement from the current WESST president, UVic’s own Keenan Hamm, it was “The Craziest Engineering Party Ever.” To say the least, it was sweet. This night of activities made the whole retreat worthwhile (though the whole thing was worthwhile before this night of fun.)

The final day was composed of the WESST Olympics. These antics we call games were some of the most fun things I have done in my entire life. You will be happy to know that UVic Stream A represented their stream, extremely & exceptionally well. Winning 4 of 8 events and placing in the top 4 in every other event. It can be easily said; we DOMINATED the event, with no team even close. It’s kind of like having the Iraqis play Canadians in hockey. I would also like to say that UVic B cheated A LOT and they still couldn’t manage to win. To try and compete with UVic A, Weird Uncle Will and Kyle Hohman also removed their clothing during one of the event, but couldn’t gather enough points to surpass Stream A; actually, simply put, they weren’t even close. The team composed of Mike Waters, Lisanne Prince, Sean Walsh, Victoria Morrison and Jeff Galleine won the rollie boat building contest, the bite and rub, the pumpkin rugby and the frozen shirt. The frozen shirt can be seen on display in the ESS. [Editor’s note: The bite and rub?]

The final night was filled with a heartwarming, low-key bonfire, which actually spurred up some conversation about some relatively interesting and relevant things. All in all, the event was probably the best weekend of the year, and that’s saying a lot, because thus far I’ve had a good year. I would recommend getting involved or inquiring as to how you can get involved in WESST and your ESS executive. I can’t repeat enough the benefits of getting involved.

Sincerely yours,

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LOCKERS WILL BE CUT OVER READING BREAK! REGISTER AT THE ESS OFFICE.

WANNA COMPETE IN AN ENGINEERING COMPETITION?

Mini WEC is an engineering competition that qualifies students to go the Western Engineering Competition at UBC on January 24th -28th. The categories are as followed with the size of the team required in brackets:

- Junior Design (4)
- Senior Design (4)
- Consulting Design (4)
- Debate (2)
- Innovative Design (2)
- Communications (2)

For information on the events visit www.wec2007.west.ca/competition. Please sign up for Mini WEC in the ESS office.

A Comic...

Alright, in order to destr- er... take over the world, I've constructed a giant "Laser"

What are you doing?

Taking over the world

No, I mean the blatant Austin Powers reference

What? That wasn't blatant!

Yes it was. We're now in a comic that said "Austin Powers" right after it did the "laser" thing

Dude! Stop breaking through the 4th dimension!

I thought that was time...

uh...
Attention all Engineers that wanna “Represent!”

We want to find out what you think! Many Engineering schools have Jackets that help promote school spirit as well as Engineering pride. We’re proposing the idea of providing you with the option of buying Engineering Jackets (while still selling fleecies)! The idea is still in the formulation stage, but seeing as it’s going to represent what our peers think, we want to begin with something that everyone will enjoy.

We will be discussing the details at the ESS executive meetings Tuesday Nights at 5:30pm. Feel free to drop in and give us any of your input, or email your input to Victoria (essa-sec@engr.uvic.ca, with the subject “Engineering Jackets”)

“Represent!”
~Colin Tougas

So, adding these sudokus is now a regular feature, because I enjoy doing them during class.

Previous Puzzle Solution

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