The UVic Engineering Formal is only a stone’s throw away (honestly… stone’s throw away…) and you better already have your ticket! The formal is this Friday at Harbour Towers downtown. For those who really don’t understand the concept of the formal, it’s really the only chance (other than interviews) that your peers get to see you dressed up all fancy-like. Other than that, there’s going to be some sweet food (menu is posted in the ESS office), and lots of door prizes (ask Michelle about the iPod status).

So yeah, if you haven’t already got your ticket, the price is 30$ until the 21st when it will go up to 35$. So, either come find us in the ELW Lobby, or hit us up in the ESS office. Make sure you buy lots of tickets and bring lots of friends.

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Mini WEC is Coming!

Ever wonder what it would be like to take those sweet engineering skills that you learn in class and apply it to a real world situation? Well, this is the event for you! Mini WEC is the UVic Engineering competition that we host in order to find our most elite engineers, and send them off to the Western Engineering Conference over in UBC (This takes place January 24th to the 28th).

Mini WEC will take place on November 25th, and we need some teams to sign up on the sheet posted on the ESS door. The categories are as followed with the size of team required in the brackets:

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

Mini WEC is a lot of fun, and if you win you’ll get the opportunity to compete again other Engineering schools across Canada representing UVic. For information on the events visit: www.wec2007.wesst.ca/competition.

*Special Note*: Debate representatives will not have to meet until 2:30pm on the 25th while design teams should meet in the ELW lobby at 12:30pm on the 25th.

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Exam Study Tips

With exams coming up, here are some sweet study tips that will help you succeed:

1. Before you begin studying, make sure you know what classes you are enrolled in. Since you spent your entire semester drinking and sleeping, you probably do not know what you are going to be tested on in a few weeks. The best way to find this information is to stand outside classroom buildings and ask people.

2. Make up clever little rhymes to remember specific information. For instance, “White Dwarf stars were once red giants / which collapsed in on themselves because they burned off all their hydrogen…fire ants” You see how easy it is to remember things when they rhyme.

3. Use a highlighter. Highlighters make targeting specific things to remember easier to find. The best thing to do is use yellow to highlight all the information that is essential. Use pink to highlight all the information that may be important. Use green to highlight all the information that is not important. And use blue to highlight all punctuation marks such as periods, commas, colons, and dashes.

4. Whine about studying. It is very important to make sure all your friends know how much harder your classes are than theirs. Complaining about your finals is essential to clearing your head for the big day.

5. Play with things. A good way to ease your mind when studying is to pick up anything that may be lying around and playing with it. Is there a coat hanger on the ground? Why not place it around your head and make a crown out of it? Are there some pencils on your desk? Why not play a little drum solo with them?

Other activities which will help you: cutting your nails, looking in spoons at your own reflection, folding paper into shapes, wearing your glasses backwards just to see what happens, and stapling things together. All these things are necessary to accomplish BEFORE you actually begin studying because, let’s face it, you’re no good unless you have a coat hanger crown on are you?

Note from the Director

So, I guess this is the last Fish Wrap of the semester. As you can see, it’s mostly filled with random stuff, and lots of filler that will keep you entertained for the next class or two. I’d like to thank all those who contributed to the Fish Wrap this year (even though it took much nagging on my end) as well as the editor who helped me with my first year of Fish Wrap’s. Oh, and also a special thanks to the people who volunteered their Sunday afternoons to help fold Fish Wraps. Good luck to everyone during exams, and good luck to the first years who continue on to Stream B.

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Special Service

The ESS has been promising to cut locks off lockers for some time now, and it was getting to the point that most people probably believed it would never happen. Finally after months of anticipation, the locks have come off! 186 of the 309 lockers on the ground floor ELW were cut and are now available for use. (If you’re planning on snagging a locker…don’t be stupid. Register it in the ESS office. Who knows when the next time the ESS cuts locks but I’m sure it’ll happen again…) If you forgot to register your locker or figured we were bluffing so you didn’t bother to register your locker, you can come and claim your stuff in the ESS office. To collect valuables and text books you will need to know your locker number. If you have any further questions or comments regarding lockers please email Janel, the Director of Services at essa-srv@engr.uvic.ca.

Janel Willms (Director of Services)

Summer 2007 Annual General Meeting

As always, the AGM will be held in the confines of the ELW lobby. What can be expected from this gong-show is… *gasp*… pretty much the same thing as every year. Although nothing is set in stone, what I can tell you now is that there will be several positions up for election, most notably

President

Vice President Academic

Also, as always, if any positions should open up during the meeting… well, this would be your chance to take over the ESS and implement any crazy antics that you had planned. The exact date will be determined and posted in the first issue of the Fish Wrap as well as the ESS website. Yeah… Viva la revolucion!

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ATTENTION ALL UVIC ENGINEERS:

Remember those Engineering Jackets we mentioned in the last Fish Wrap? Remember how you thought "Wow, I REALLY want to get one of those!"? (And if you didn't, you will be forgiven if you start thinking that RIGHT NOW.) Well, now's your chance to buy one! Just clip off the bottom of this paper (which is conveniently entitled "Engineering Jacket Order Form") and bring it (along with payment :P ) to the ESS office by November 24th. We're hoping to get the jackets in by the week of December 11th. To get sizing information or to look at the sample jacket, just visit the ESS office. For any other info, ask Victoria (essr-seegengr.uvic.ca).

Seven reasons why you should buy an Engineering Jacket:
1) Because I told you to.
2) All the cool kids are doing it.
3) It's an awesome way to look cool and represent UVic Engineering
4) You want to look cooler than a UBC Engineer. This is very important.
5) $140 really isn't that bad considering that you're getting a quality molten/leather jacket which will last a really long time.
6) Patches for discipline, name, favourite colour, etc. will soon be available.
7) The characters in the comic are wearing them. So you should be too.

ENGINEERING JACKET ORDER FORM

Jacket Cost: $140
Being better than UBC: priceless
Please make cheques payable to UVic ESS

Name: __________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________

Size (circle one): XS S M L XL

Favourite Colour: ________________________________

NOTE: All orders are due by Friday, November 24th. We will not be able to consider any late orders.
Well, the ESS had a great Dodgeball tournie! There were many great moments and teams in that two hour span of time, some of which should not be mentioned, and many of which will be mentioned too much. Teams like Jeff’s team a.k.a. Team “oh yeah”, or was that “slut face”? No, that was the other team, which was “team slut face.” Ack! There was also Cheng Sensei’s team, go Sensei! Who lost only one game during the round-robin. Team scary, which was the largest yet least accurate team. Team Skirt, which had the only guy wearing female clothing... there was one other guy wearing a cape when he came in, but I don’t think that was “dressing up” best just to not say anything. Then there was my team, team wolf, which actually sounds a lot like teen wolf. That would’ve been much better, cause when Michael J. Fox turned into teen wolf he improved in all ball related activities as well as tapped more ass and surfed more van. If we were teen wolf, youz guyz woulda been sorry. We could have done some great backflip-catch-and-throw-back action on y’all. But alas, this is reality! One team that failed to appear was team ninja. After the event was over they sent me a message saying that they were in fact there but their ninja stealth was too great. They actually claimed to have found the weakness in everyone’s dodge-ball ability. I didn’t think it was too hard to point out that there was a higher need of accuracy. Some more flail dodging would’ve been nice too. It’s definitely the most entertaining part of the D.B., those crazy body twisting, mind manipulating moves where you try and fathom the what and how behind their graceless

A Comic...

Riddles

1. “I never was, am always to be; no one ever saw me, nor ever will, and yet I am the confidence of all to live and breathe on this terrestrial ball.”
2. Runs over fields and woods all day, under the bed at night sits not alone, with long tongue hanging out, a-waiting for a bone.
3. The key to life and death is everywhere to be found, but if you do not find it in your own house, you will find it nowhere. Yet, it is before everyone’s eyes; no one can live without it; everyone has used it. The poor usually possess more of it than the rich; children play with it in the streets. The meek and uneducated esteem it highly, but the privileged and learned often throw it away. When rejected, it lies dormant in the bowels of the earth. It is the only thing from which the Philosopher’s Stone can be prepared, and without it, no noble metal can ever be created.
4. There is a man in a room. There are no doors or windows...no openings at all. There is no way to go through the walls/floor/roof. The man has a saw and a table. How can he get out?
omniscient dodging ability. It boggles the mind. I'm good at ducking, but guys like Trevor… and that blonde dodgy guy who got all the cheers… and teen wolf, damn they're amazing. I can only hope and train for that one day when I too can look like a flamingo hopping in the moonlight, oh, and being good at dodging dodgeballs… too much information? Ack! Way off topic! The Ninjas! I think it was a good thing they didn't actually play though… apparently they can throw a ball like a shuriken and decapitate people. It's not technically a foul… or illegal, but it's definitely deadly. I think teen wolf coulda taken 'em through.

This all leads to wonder though, what ever happened to teen wolf? I mean, seriously, ignoring the fact that it was a movie, what the heck did that guy do after high school? Everywhere he goes he's known to be a werewolf! His social life definitely didn't suffer, but what kinda profession do you think he went into? I personally think he should've joined the U.F.C. Think about it, the only thing that U.F.C. is lacking is that sweet animal type character that's way overpowered and has crazy sweet moves! Every fighting game has it… 'cept King of Fighters, which is way too classy for that. Anyways, it's all about animal character.

[Editor's Note: Teen Wolf was dragged out into the street and shot with a silver bullet after ‘Teen Wolf Too’ was released.]

In the end, Michelle never sent me the final standings, so I don’t know who won! It's all a mystery, on the victors… and the close to victors know who the victors are. Well, actually, anyone who has heard the victors claim that they are the victors knows that they are the victors… and anyone who speaks to the ones who lost to the victors knows who the victors are… and anyone who speaks to Michelle as well… So, the mystery continues… ooooh!

Anyways, it was a lot of fun. There will definitely be a need for future Dodge inspiring events. I will be training, you know it! Have a good testing timezorz!

Colin Tougas (Fish Wrap Reporter)

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Filler Facts

All of the clocks in the movie Pulp Fiction are stuck on 4:20.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

Al Capone’s business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

The longest one-syllable word in the English language is “screeched.”

“Dreamt” is the only English word that ends in the letters “mt.”

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, or purple.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

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Riddle Answers: 1. Tomorrow, 2. A Shoe, 3. Imagination, 4. He saws the table in two with the saw, and puts them back together to make a (w)hole to climb out.
Understanding Engineers

Two engineering students were biking across a university campus when one said, “Where did you get such a great bike?” The second engineer replied, “Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it on the ground, took off her clothes and said, “Take what you want.” The second engineer nodded approvingly and said, “Good choice; the clothes probably wouldn’t have fitted you anyways.”

To the optimist, the glass is half full. To the pessimist, the glass is half empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

A priest, a doctor and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, “What’s with those guys? We’ve been waiting 15 minutes!”

The doctor chimed in, “I don’t know, but I’ve never seen such inept golfers!” The priest said, “Here comes the greens keeper, let’s ask him.” He said, “Hello, George! What’s wrong with the group ahead of us? They’re rather slow aren’t they?” The greens keeper replied, “Oh, yes. That’s a group of blind fire fighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime.” The group fell silent for a moment. The priest said, “That’s so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight.” The doctor said, “Good idea. I’m going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there’s anything he can do for them.” The engineer said, “Why can’t they play at night?”

What is the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers? Mechs build weapons and civs build targets.

The graduate with a science degree asks, “Why does it work?” The graduate with an engineering degree asks, “How does it work?” The graduate with an accounting degree asks, “How much will it cost?” The graduate with an arts degree asks, “Do you want fries with that?”

Four engineering students were gathered together discussing the possible designers of the human body. One said, “It was a mechanical engineer, just look at all the joints.” Another said, “No, it was an electrical engineer. The nervous system has many thousands of electrical connections.” The third said, “It was obviously a chemical engineer, just think about all the reactions taking place each second in the body.” The last one said, “You’re all wrong, it had to have been a civil engineer. Who else would run a toxic waste pipeline through a recreational area?”

Normal people believe that if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.