Hey guys, the pubcrawl is going to be held on June 22. Tickets will be $20 and you can get them in the ESS office or in the ELW lobby. Details on the event will be distributed and posted on the website as we get closer to the event.

If you want your very own customized UVic Engineering fleece as you’ve seen on so many of your fellow trendy students you’re in luck! To order: Fill out an order form and hand it in to the ESS office by Thursday June 21st along with the cheque for the correct amount. Order forms are available in this copy of the Fishwrap, and in the ESS office. If you have any questions, ask Janel (Director of Services).

CFES Congress

Oh Montreal, a city full of French people. There is no better place to spend New Years. The drinking age is 18 and liquor is available at your local convenience store. Michelle Stephenson, Lisanne Prince, Kyle Hohman and Myself were sent by our kind Student Society and Dean to represent Stream A at the annual Canadian Federation of Engineering Students’ (CFES) congress.

Opening Night Festivities, judging by the coherency sometime early in the night.

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Our hotel was conveniently located next to McGill University and within a stone’s throw of the stylish St. Catherine’s Street, the ideal place for a student to be located in Montreal. The first official night of the conference was composed of small festivities and meeting of students from other universities. Day two was finally the start of the core of the conference, a bunch of decision making and seminars to run better student societies on behalf of you! There were plenty of ideas flowing and constructive help both this day and throughout the week, as well as the inspiration and humility of talking to other schools about their experiences.

Back to Montreal, the second night was the opening banquet – a bunch of engineers pretending to be cultured. It went better than expected. There was wine and chocolate cake and one thing led to another and, by the end, there was a game of hoe down… in the middle of a formal banquet; so much for being cultured. After the games concluded and some wine was “borrowed” from the tables, we proceeded to Wesstario night.

Your Wesst President, Kienan Hamm, and the Ontario regional president Matt Capulo planned a karaoke filled night at the Hard Rock Café. There is far too much to describe, but in general, it was a merry-jolly old time with singing and dancing.

By day three, waking up was getting difficult. There were more seminars on how to be intelligent at the Canadian Space Agency and by this point regular AA support was available. Queblantic night would include boat races, with which I’m assuming most of you are familiar. At the boat races, Kyle and I had a less than stellar performance, something like an artsy in a math class, the stream B President, Jason Heinrich, proudly represented UVic and made it to the finals.

The next morning was the most difficult of all as the sleep deprived engineers somehow managed to make their way to breakfast. It involved a lot of coffee and several naps prior to even coming close to functionality. That night was sport night for congress. Soccer was the event; UVic A formed the “A” team. Someone once said, “Some men can run the fastest, jump the highest, or lift the heaviest, but no man has the corner on ambition, desire, and hustle.” Our team took this to heart. Its amazing how competition, testosterone, or for the elite few, estrogen, can pause everything in your life, including a hangover, for the sake of winning. There is no doubt in my mind that we were not the most skilled team there, but we managed to not only win but dominate our round-robin pool. I am proud to say that we handled the first team in the playoffs easily. It should be noted that Kienan Hamm, despite being of UVic A, decided it more wise to join the “congress” team than to join his comrades on the field. Much to his dismay, the A team managed to defeat his and proceed to the finals. The finals selected the A team as the national engineering soccer champions, well kind of. And this is why any amount of skill can be matched and superseded with pure grit and determination.

Now near the end of the conference there is the election of the new executive for the CFES. Usually this is a pretty standard procedure, in and out type business. This year was conveniently what will forever be known as “The Marathon.” This session is called plenary, where all the amendments and motions to the current documentation & strategies are put forward. The whole session lasted a killer 12hrs. This is the summary of what happened for the presidential election.

First of all Gotum Data, from UWO ran. He was the only person running for the presidential position, and after his speech, there was a vote of confidence. Gotum did not meet the confidence vote. So we had to re-nominate candidates. Gotum was re-nominated along with Ayez Fatah and Martha Eggenberger. Each student presented a speech and was asked a lengthy series of questions. Here’s where it gets good. We voted and there was a tie between Ayez and Martha. A tie!! For this scenario we had to pull out the constitution and look through it to find the proper procedure. First the last candidate was eliminated, bye Gotum, and then we vote again. So we did, and what did we get? Another tie! Wowee. (While most of you may not find my play by play riveting, this is like sudden death overtime in the Stanley Cup Finals of Student Engineering Politics in Canada, exciting? I thought so.) So then each candidate got to re-present their platform and we voted again.

After we voted again, if there was still a tie, I kid you not: the winner was selected by a coin toss. The leader of the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students selected by a “heads-or-tails”. Martha won the vote so we were spared of a coin toss and she is now your new CFES president.

After this was a random pub night, we hadn’t left the hotel until after 11:00 so most places were nearly at capacity and we ended up sitting around, sippin’ brews listening to some pretty good live bluegrass. Unfortunately, I had to leave the following day due to my co-op job, but from what I understand the closing banquet was something else. If you want the juicy details ask Lisanne P. or Michelle S.

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On June 1st over fifty ordinary engineers went to Tofino and on June 3rd those same fifty engineers returned as legends. Stories will be told from this trip for years to come and traditions were made which will no doubt continue. It started with a simple drive up the island. Several of the cars decided to be cool and do a scavenger-hunt; there will be some funny facebook pictures of that no doubt. There were also five bears seen on the trip, which was terrifying. Upon arrival though everything was amazing because we got to go night-surfing while the sun set. After that there was much partying to be done. There seemed to be 100s of people there and everyone was really pumped for surfing the next day. The highlight of that night was either ESS President Kienan getting hit in the nuts and falling on a tent, or Kienan trying to root the pig during hoedown and falling down a hill. Needless to say the birthday boy was having balance issues. The next day was the surfing. It was a magical experience that will not be forgotten. The waves were great and the sun was beating down. All the new surfers eventually stood on their boards and looked cool in wet suits. There was volleyball on the beach and people just chillin’ out. Upon our return to the campsite we discovered that the only person to leave food out was Jason Coburn; it was eaten by bears and everyone agreed that if the bears had eaten him it would have been natural selection at its finest. After some dinner we went back and surfed again while some stayed and partied hard. Both options were more than acceptable. That night we went to the hot tub and talked with some random people that couldn’t have had lower IQs or understand sauna etiquette. After the hot tub it was very dark and we just focused on not getting eaten by bears.

The following final day involved surfing and driving. We were all so tired and sunburnt, we felt like the ancient Egyptians did when they built the pyramids, just tired and sunburnt. We returned to class and showed off our sunburns and wet suit rashes with pride knowing that we were now tougher than everyone who didn’t go.

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Winston Churchill was born in a ladies’ room during a dance.
Fleeceies are back!

Missed out on your chance to get a stylish UVic Engineering fleece last term? Don’t miss the deadline this semester! Orders are being taken right now. If you have any questions about the fleeces or other merchandise email Janel Willms, Director of Services at ess-srv@engr.uvic.ca. To order your fleece, fill out the form below and bring it with payment to the ESS by Thursday June 21st 2007.

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

Exams, Midterms, and Assignments

The ESS office is in need of some new stock on exams, midterms, and assignments. If you received a decent mark on any of the above mentioned items… or if you have any extras kicking around… or if you just feel the need to use a photocopier, come up to the ESS office and get ‘er done! Also feel free to use what exams, midterms, and assignments we do have in the office already.

ESS Meeting Room Change

The ESS was kindly given a conference room in which to host our meetings. Meetings will now be held in EOW 230 on Tuesdays at 6:00pm. Feel free to come out to the meetings to voice any opinions or suggestions. Everyone is welcome.
Softball Tournament!
The Commerce Student Society has invited us to enter an engineering team in their softball tournament which will be held in mid June. This is the time for us engineers to unite under a common banner and show the rest of UVic what we’re made of. If you are interested at all please talk to Michelle or any ESS member about the details. There is no cost involved.

Michelle Stephenson (Director of Events)
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Merchandise
The ESS is currently trying to sell out the rest of our old stock merchandise (mostly shirts, but there are some other items). Most of the items are very cheap so if you get a chance, come up to our new office and see if there’s anything you like.

Library Hours Increased
Effective July 1, the University of Victoria McPherson Library will be open:
• Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 9 pm
• Saturday/Sunday 10 am to 6 pm
The increase is in response to requests from library users for longer hours on evenings and weekends.

A Comic...
If you don’t think this comic is funny and think that you could do better, then send your comic to fishwrap@engr.uvic.ca by June 22nd and have it published in the next issue.