

THE FISHWRAP

UVic Takes Cake at WEC

Although it has been nearly a fortnight, we feel that those who represented our school in this year's Western Engineering Competition should be given due credit and more than just a pat on the back. Maybe a hug? Kiss on the cheek? Toss their hair a bit? Whatever it is, we at the ESS feel that these people should be exposed for the winners they are and feel the full force of our support for their endeavors and debacle-lessness.

So, the following are those who did well and will be representing U of Vic at the Canadian Engineering Competition!

1st place in Innovative Design:

Brian Claus, Peter Crocker
Toren Gustafson, David Shea

2nd place in Consulting:

Erin Keating, Trevor Thompson,
Cliff Ridley, Tom Burdyny

Super job. I'm most impressed with Consulting, those guys are major underdogs. Not in my foggiest did I think they'd win. Proves just how wrong one man could be.

By Colin J. Tougas

The Beginning

It is now spring semester, the sun is out and the bunnies are mating. All this means that a new Director of Communications is in the hotseat. That noob is me, and I will be bringing you the Fish Wrap bi-weekly with as much enthusiasm and as many bad metaphors as I can possibly muster.

The first order of business today will be with respect to the new angle the fishwrap has taken. We would like to encourage, more than ever, you to contribute your opinions, whatever they may be. Be ye eloquent.

By Liam Butters (Director of Communications)
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ALL THE NEWS FIT TO WRAP YOUR FISH IN.

We at the FishWrap wish to bring to you the best product possible. Due to our budget, this means YOU need to contribute your ideas and opinions. We may be wrong, but we think these may be valuable. So send 'em to essa-com@engr.uvic.ca ANYTHING is better than nothing.

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Interview with a First Year

By Liam Butters

This week, I met with enthusiastic UVic 'geer Stephanie Morrison. She blocked my plans to turn the interview down into the gutter, to her great credit, and proved that even an engineer with a magic bullet can have an artsie's level of Batman knowledge.



LB: So rather than start off with niceties and introductions, let's get to the point. What's your opinion on five bladed razors?

SM: I didn't even know they had those. Mine has three, so I have no personal experience with five. It is getting a bit much, and the decreased precision is a problem; precision is important.

LB: On the topic of facial hair, No-Shave November or Mustache March?

SM: No shave November because mustaches are creepy.

LB: If you could only eat one thing for the rest the year, what would it be?

SM: Grilled cheese. It's so hard to screw up grilled cheese you'll never get a bad one. Not even the Caf screws up grilled cheese.

LB: Have you ever had a grilled cheese related accident?

SM: Yes, they got stuck to the pan

LB: So they lacked a certain buttery contribution?

SM: Yes, but cooking skills also contributed.

LB: Jell-O or pudding?

SM: Jell-O, I don't like pudding

LB: What about Jell-O Pudding?

SM: Haha

LB: OK, favorite superhero?

SM: Batman, because he can fly

LB: I hope you're joking, but Batman can't fly.

SM: Oh. He's still up there because of all his cool gadgets.

LB: How many hours do you spend on Facebook per week?

SM: Surprisingly few, but it depends on the volume of creeping to be done

LB: Would you be freaked out if I told you that I checked you out on Facebook before this interview?

SM: No, I check out everyone I meet there.

LB: Fur or faux?

SM: Faux, for sure 100% faux

LB: So, if I told you I have a rabbit fur hat, does that mean we can never get married?

SM: No. I just wouldn't let you wear it in public

LB: If I have you the male end of a RCA cable, where would plug it?

SM: I know it isn't, but that seems like an inappropriate question.

LB: That doesn't give me much credit?

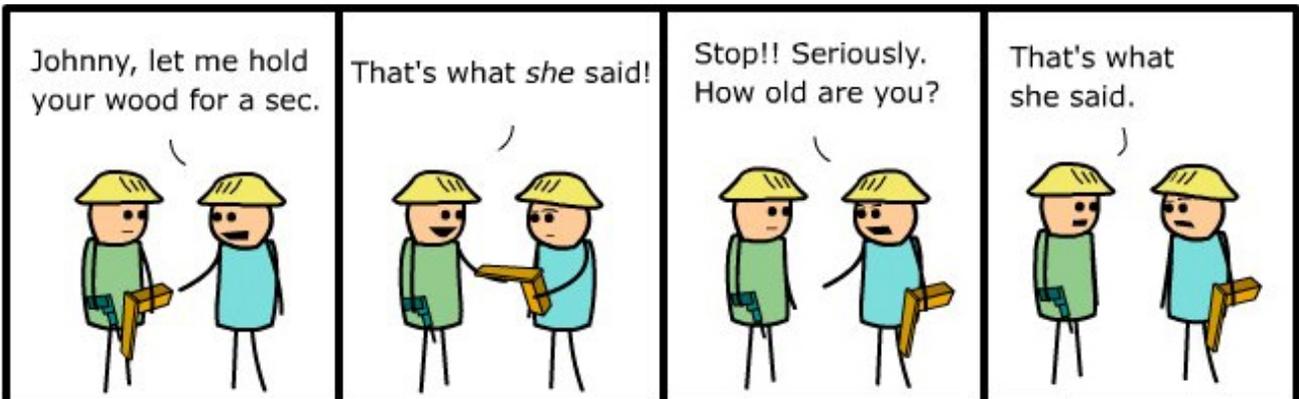
SM: Haha, I'm sorry

LB: So what do you think about an UVic Men's Club?

SM: Isn't there one?

LB: Mech or Elec?

SM: Mech hands down



International 'Thats What She Said' day is on Friday the 15th of February

ESS Stream A Executive

The glory? Undying. The job? Thankless. The autobiographies? Biographical. Here's the 1337 new crew:

Name: Sean Walsh

Position: El Presidente

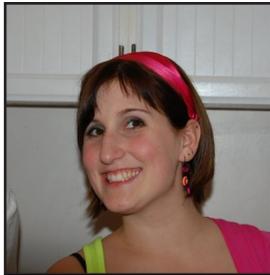


Sean's hobbies include blow drying other people's hair and collecting pelts. He has been known to chew through electrical cord and has the

uncanny ability to make is nose bleed on cue. He eats deodorant and enjoys rubbing salt in his eyes. Once thought to be 6'4", he enjoys breaking chalk and rubbing salt in his eyes. Sean wears Chanel No.5, and is often found gluing stuff together.

Name: Michelle Stephenson

Position: VP Academic



Michelle's secret ability is that she can morph into a lampfish. This skill has come in handy when she has found herself trapped in dark boxes with Schodiner's cat, or in dark closets at the FROSH Kegger. She made a recent appearance in Finding Nemo, and hopes to star in the next Imax feature. She likes synchronized swimming and tends to be afraid of cabbage, making her relationship with Andrew tumultuous at the best of times.



Name: Janel Willms
Post: VP Financial

Janel is a practiced thief, having stolen Sean's heart on more than one occasion, with an afterhours alias named the make-out-bandit. She enjoys linedancing, and usually steals things that start with the letter V. In the past, she has taken Volvos and ventriloquists, but she is now working on stealing a Velociraptor. This year she hopes to host the best pool party ever, with chips and pop and cookies and cake.



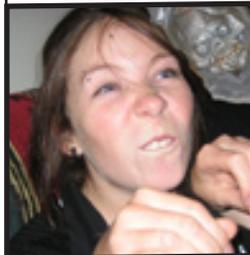
Name: Victoria Morrison **Position:** VP External

Victoria is very involved in extreme hacky-sacking. She drinks PowerThirst, and hopes to someday hack the golden sack, which has been hidden in the forests of Nepal for centuries. She plans to use Liam's Ninja-like investigative skills to locate it, and expects Michelle's lamp to help in her quest. Victoria likes to roof houses, and has keen interest in the mechanics of lampshades.



Name: Liam Butters **Position:** Director of Communications

Liam was born to Ninja parents, and was abandoned at the age 3, when he was taken in by cheetahs. For those wondering, this explains Liam's ridiculous good looks, his ability to hunt prey both at the bar and in the jungle, and his general heightened sense of awareness. His ninja abilities also allow him to chew glass while casually bantering with his prey in the B-boy stance.



Name: Marnie Woodman
Position: Dir. Events

Marney was the stunt double for Frank the rabbit in Donnie Darko. However, due to budget restrictions,

they cut all her high-speed car chases, live ammunition gun fights, and high school parties with the cool kids and the jocks. Marnie and her twin sister make a living doing magic tricks at the old folks home. For fun, they pretend they exist as a single entity existing simultaneously within a multidimensional temporal paradox.



Name: Erik Johnson
Position: Dir. Corporate

Erik is in fact a secret service agent aimed at shutting down the ESS's top secret nuclear arms program. He doesn't know, but to



Name: Karl Fort
Position: Dir. Services

thwart his cunning plan, we're piling him down in sponsorship work so that he can't do any investigative work into our inner affairs. His weaknesses include skinny wrists and an overactive left kidney.

Karl collects used batteries and watches Price is Right re-runs. Until recently, he was thought to have stolen Sean's most treasured pelt, but it seems the skin was just left in Andrew's cabbage patch. Karl relates most to that blonde guy in Fight Club and does 36 pounds on the leg press. Since birth, Karl has been trying to beat the Dolphin Olympics, but cannot.



Name: Andrew Herriot
Position: Secretary

Andrew Herriot, Secretary was born in a cabbage patch and went to school with turnips. After eating one too many crickets in the schoolyard, his hair turned red. Because of these hairs, the ladies flock to him persistently. After years of beating the ladies off with rubber bludgeons, he recently sought sanctuary in the engineering department where there are no girls.

WESST Retreat Recap

By Sean Walsh

You can't make friends with pants on, as was shown at this past semester's WESST Retreat. The excursion involved the usual copious nakedness and consumption of adult beverages.

Drawers were dropped, and introductions were made, making the event a good time all around.



Retired VP External Mike Waters enjoys a near naked bench sit with Josh Coutts and fellow ESS member Aaron Trueman, among others.

Last year when I attended WESST retreat I had no idea what to expect. I was thrown onto a yellow school bus amongst complete strangers and shipped off to an unfamiliar camp up-island.

This year I counted down the days until WESST retreat. The event can be counted amongst the highlights of my year, with the opportunity to visit with friends from institutions across western Canada. This year's event did not disappoint. We once again hopped on a yellow school bus as if we were in grade school and shipped off to Squamish for an unforgettable weekend. Late nights around the campfire, singing engineering songs, chatting about thoughts and experiences or just staring at the mesmerizing fire. We came to the realization very early that we couldn't make friends because we had pants on (obviously), so to be friendly it was imperative you removed your pants, which made walking challenging but no one was in a rush to get anywhere. Many of us became buffalo, but I can't talk about it, though if you would like to join the club come a consult me at the next kegger.

The days' events included the standard plenary where all the important decisions, presentations and elections take place. UVic once again had good representation in the election with Will Fraser being elected President and myself being elected VP Finance.

Our friends from U of R also introduced to a new game called Beer Darts. The game will be well practiced for years to come where teams of two alternate throwing darts in attempts to pierce their opponents' can. Upon piercing, the opponents must shotgun their can. First team to 7 wins.

The WESST Olympics were as epic and competitive this year as in previous years. Once again, however, the pure talent at UVic showed, as we were crowned champions for the second consecutive year. They excelled most at Chocolate Body Pictionary, the Beer Darts competition and the Leap Frog competition.

The weekend was a complete success and provided all participants with a new wealth of knowledge of both student societies' and the human anatomy.

I can't wait for next year.

Why Force It?

By Ledo Vobis

The primary focus, as has been so dutifully noted many times, of feminists around the world is gender equality. To have a level playing field on which both genders can scramble and cheat their way to the top of whatever gender biased ladder they've been oppressed from climbing. How well this goal has been reached, but more to the point of my contention, how much this goal has been overshot.

Engineering, as some of you may have noticed, is a rather uniformly male department, at least by comparison. It has been a profession dominated by men since the dawning of time and still continues to be, with few exceptions, dominated by men. This is no inquiry into the gender neutrality of the Engineering Department, nor of the career prospects of female engineers worldwide, but rather the inquiring of why we spend so much trying to push the induction of female engineers.

There are currently no engineering specific scholarships, or clubs, teams, societies or gatherings of which I can think that exclude women as a matter of practice, whereas a casual walk from ECS to ELW kindly showed me a modest \$97 500 worth scholarships money available exclusively to women, and when google-ing 'uvic men in

engineering' I was prompted as to whether or not I had wanted to search for 'uvic women in engineering'.

It strikes me as odd that in a discipline as focused on academic achievement and technical savvy could support, and siphon money into, a group which is only delineated by chromosome type, while ignoring

“...a modest \$97 500 worth of scholarship money available exclusively to women...”

other candidates which may be more deserving. I also find it hard to find an answer as to why my gender defines my ineligibility for certain awards. I am no advocate for complete segregation, nor am I necessarily a supporter for male only groups, but I do have a hard time believing that the money and effort which go into encouraging young women to become engineers is well spent.

And where has this extra effort got us? A leading Canadian Engineering program has reported that in the last ten years, there has been a 1% drop in female enrollment in engineering programs. This while groups like Women in Engineering of the IEEE have successfully increased spending on female scholarship opportunities.

What do we at UVic have to show for this blind support? We have the introduction of a whopping dozen young women into the faculty as freshmen for 2007.

Don't misunderstand my distain for this 'opportunity balancing' as hatred towards women. But rather as an effort to bring back the level field so we can all play.

I ask for an explanation why encouraging women into engineering is so important? Why so much value is placed on diversifying a field which often sees a retention rate of less than thirty percent? What is the justification for throwing money into female engineers rather than engineering in general?

In no means should we strive to recede into the gender biased darkness whence we came, nor should we seek to balance inequality with additional disparity. Why not level the field, and encourage all who desire to slog through Thermo 240 to join the cause. We should prefer this to any sort of gender discrimination. Rather than focus on a more balanced gender distribution, let us focus on academic prowess and take note of how blindly this proficiency is laid amongst us.

Disagree with this point of view? We relish your opinion at the ESS. Contact essa-com@engr.uvic.ca to be heard

Prof Quote of the Week

Looking for something more productive to do in class than Facebook? Take note of the funny quotes your profs rattle off in class. They don't have to be appropriate, just funny. Here are this week's contributions:

'You dont go up to a birthday cake and say 'AHHHHHHHHHH', **Dr Sinton in MECH 340**
'They asked if it could be done in a month...I told them to F**K off', **Jason Corless in CSc 115**
'...orgasm...', **Monika Smith in ENGR 240**

Why do Engineers make the best lovers?

10. The world does revolve around us, we chose the coordinate system
9. We know how to handle stress and strain in a relationship
8. We have significant figures
7. We haven't seen a floppy in years
6. Projectile motion: do I need to say anymore?
5. Two words: all nighers
4. We know how to apply the right head pressure
3. We know how to dissipate heat due to friction
2. We have taken classes on the motion of rigid bodies
1. We know it's not the length of the vector

Sudoku

fun to say, fun to do

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	3						
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	9	5	7	3			4
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Thus ends my first issue of the FishWrap as editor, hope you enjoyed, glad you read it. Make sure to stop into the ESS Office to get in my face about my ideas. Also, contribute as often as you can, worst that will happen is I won't use what you send. If it's pushing the envelope, we'll use the FishWrap pen-name to mask your identity.

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You know what I hate?!
When people use their own personal newspapers for ranting about all the stupid issues out there!
I mean, as if the internet isn't bad enough, we have to have it shoved down our throats in student newspapers too!?!?!?



I mean, look at this issue of the fishwrap! It's filled to the gills with nothing but useless opinions about things that no one really cares about! I mean, does anyone actually read this thing? In fact....



uh...
Hey there! My friends here also have an opinion



Nothing to see here, folks!

RUTHLESS PUMMEL

DONKEY PUNCH



SHINEY NEW PREZ!

The ESS does in no way endorse donkey punching or ruthlessly pummeling charming young comic artists. Hm, extra space, what to say.

How can you afford goons!

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Whats Helen Keller's favorite color?

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