

# FISHWRAP

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## Epic Engr Time had!

This last Friday, a day of days, a day in which the heavens split for sunshine and the birds chirped in glee, so too did the engineers attend the EpicEngrTime EEE.

We gathered at a house in Gordon Head and sat in the sun, drinking iced drinks merrily with tunes while playing 'pong. After about an hour and half, 3 barrels and

some good times later we boarded a bus and sang traditional engineering songs until we reached soprano's karaoke bar. Having been well-lubricated, we sang such epics as *Don't Stop Believing* and my own personal favourite, *Benny and the Jets!*

From here the night didn't stop. A quick ride downtown and we were at the Strathcona. We were supposed to have the games room booked, but a scheduling error by the bar had them thinking we had the wrong day. But it turned out not

to matter, as the Strath is huge and 100 engineers and friends fit easily into the Sticky, Games Room, and Rooftop.



After I spent a nice evening on the rooftop with the sunset, we headed down to 9one9. Though brutally empty at first, it soon swelled with patrons until the dance floor

was hopping and the beats thumping. I personally had so many beautiful women hit on me there were none left for everyone else, so I am the only one who had a good time. Maybe they'll be luckier next time...

After a hot dog and a bus ride home, the night was over. Nothing filled my sweet dreams but riveting expectations for the next EEE, which is a depressing 6 weeks away. But it will be almost as epic an engineering time.

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## Go Canucks!



Heard a prof or fellow student say something embarrassing or incriminating? Send it to [essa-com@engr.uvic.ca](mailto:essa-com@engr.uvic.ca)

"Bridges are great because they are big and everyone has probably seen one." -C. Crawford

"He has strep throat. Not strep dick." -Student

"The ionosphere is opaque to AM radio waves, which are reflected back to earth, but is transparent to TV waves, allowing Martians and other distant aliens to enjoy *The X-Files*." -Elec 220 textbook

# Upcoming Events

## Girls' Night

Girls' Night is happening this month! Woo!! We will be celebrating female engineering awesomeness on Friday June 17th by going to the IMAX theatre for a giant movie on a giant screen. The movie is *Born to be Wild* and shows at 5pm. We will then be heading to Café Mexico at 6pm for dinner. Afterwards, we will be celebrating at an undisclosed location. The ESS will cover admission for the IMAX, but please bring money for food afterwards. Unfortunately, only those possessing fallopian tubes and ovaries (or who identify as female) need attend. However, we will not be checking. If you are not a "female" and attend, you will only embarrass yourself and other engineering men will laugh at you.

Please rsvp or email any questions to Tiffany at [tyu@uvic.ca](mailto:tyu@uvic.ca)

## LAN Party

On June 24th will be a first ever ESS/CSCU Lan Party. It will involve pizza and lots of video games. Watch out for more information as details will be released soon. This will be a great time to bond with your fellow engineers and meet those in computer science (and bust the myth that CSC students smell, because they really don't).

Email Tiffany at [tyu@uvic.ca](mailto:tyu@uvic.ca) if you have any questions or are desperate to know more about this event even though it is not happening for another 3 weeks.

## UVEC

The University of Victoria Engineering Competition will be happening July 16. Registration will be opening soon, at [ess.uvic.ca](http://ess.uvic.ca)

## Lawn Party

What do engineers, hamburgers, and croquet have to do with each other? No one knows for sure. But on June 18th around midday, we will find out. Stay tuned for more details.




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## What happened in the ESS this past week:

- An Epic Engr Time was had.
- Foosball withdrawl was experienced. However, the new parts have supposedly reached Canada. Hopefully they will be here within the next week.
- Still no chicks have been picked up by plant-walking, despite valiant efforts.
- A new summer charity event is being planned.
- People fulched around.
- Very little homework was done in the ESS office.

# Announcements

## Reminder: pick up your shirt!

If you left your shirt in the box when getting an awesome new Epic Engr Time shirt, your old shirt is waiting for you in the ESS office! Of course, with such an awesome new Epic Engr Time shirt, you probably don't want your old one back...

## Black Jackets

The ESS will be ordering more black jackets in the coming weeks. They will be around \$75. Come to the ESS office in the next couple weeks for more information or to order one.

## New Co-op Site

A new co-op site launched yesterday, at [learninginmotion.uvic.ca](http://learninginmotion.uvic.ca). A co-op staff trainer will be available to answer your questions about the new system in CLE A108 at the following times:

Thursday June 2, 1:00-3:00

Friday June 3, 10:00-12:00

Monday June 13, 10:00-12:00

MyCoop will still be up for job postings made prior to this week, but all new postings will all be made to the new site. After several months, your access to MyCoop will end.

## Slushie Fridays

Fridays in the ESS office! Slushies are free, cups 50¢

## Soccer

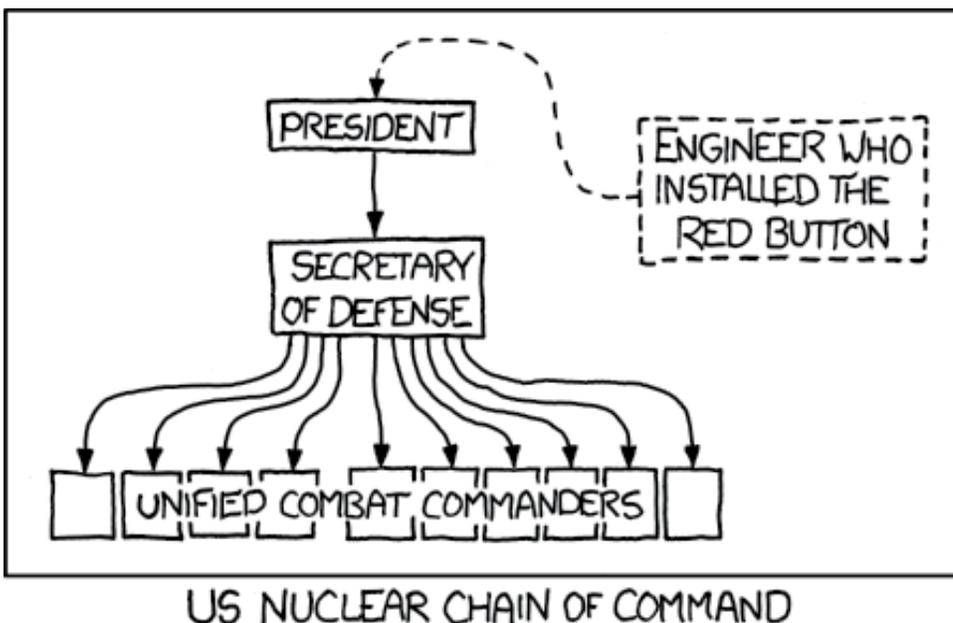


Do you like soccer? Do you like playing soccer? Come play on the engineering intramural team every Thursday night! Signup sheet is on the ESS door.

## Want a free bike?

Ok, it's not entirely free, but for a \$10 dollar membership fee you can get a Bike Bursary through a UVic bike recycling program called SPOKES. What is a Bike Bursary, you ask? It is a bike and a bike lock for up to one full calendar year. Where do these bikes come from, you ask? they are donated and returned to this student run organization every year and maintained by volunteer mechanics. So if you want to look into getting a bike for the summer, fix up your own bike, or you are just interested in bike maintenance, you should stop by the SPOKES garage underneath the university centre.

## XKCD: ERTW



# The Love Engineer

## The Worst Date Ever

I've been on many good dates in my lifetime, and the one date that was bad was EXCEPTIONALLY bad. The guy was SO terrible (he wasn't a bad person though) that this one made a dent in my dating career.

In this love series, I am going to retell this terrible date in the thoughts of the jerk himself, and the thoughts I believe he was thinking as he dragged me through this horrid 1 date experience. It is in my hopes that you (the engineering male) will never put a female through this unless you want to be single forever.

(Note that, no matter how much he sounds like he was 12, said male was over 21 years old at the time of the date.)

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Once upon a time, I asked a girl out on a date. I've been on many before, but I wanted to make this one extra special. She suggested that we go watch a movie at 3pm and I agreed. I told her I'd pick her up around 2:30 as obviously I, being the man, reserved the right to drive a lady. On the day of the date, 2:30 rolled around and I realized I was late, but my car wasn't working. I guess I should've checked before hand. Oops!

So I asked my mother if she could pick her up and drop us off in her mini-van. I knew that my date wouldn't mind. Most girls think it's cute when guys are close with their mothers, and having my mom drop us off for my first date would show how cool I am with my family. So we picked her up at 2:40, which was cool because she didn't mind that I was late. I then asked her right in front of my mother if she wouldn't mind giving my mom some gas money as my mom was so kind to aid me in the time of my car crisis. This showed that I cared for my mom. The girl hesitantly and uncomfortably handed me gas money, although I don't understand why. Was this girl just cheap? Selfish? Inconsiderate?! I don't know!

When my mother dropped us off at the movie theatre, I saw my best friend Chip. I loudly waved him over and obnoxiously man-hugged him in front of my date (women like loud, manly men). I tried to show off to my date that I had friends, and she looked even more uncomfortable. I thought she must be nervous. So I invited Chip to come watch the movie with us. Having a third join would make the girl more comfortable as she wouldn't be so pressured with just the two of us. When we were buying our tickets, I said "You don't mind paying for yourself, do you? I'm supposed to be saving money." I've been told that women like to be independent these days, and are insulted when they can't show they are able to support themselves. However, this girl was uncomfortable yet again (but she eventually paid up). I don't understand women!

We got into the movie theatre and I situated myself on the other side of Chip instantly so that he was in between me and my girl. If I was going to make a move, it was only right that I cross waters and large terrains of the earth (in this case my obese friend Chip) for her. However, I was so sucked into the movie that I never made a move. No worries; I'll make a move at dinner later. I once again invited Chip to come to our dinner date with us. During the dinner, she seemed to enjoy conversation with Chip more than me, which made me pissed, as I had been such a gentleman all night. At the end of the dinner, when the bill came, I sighed and said, "I'm pretty sure I mentioned before that I am supposed to be saving money!" Gosh! This girl had a terrible memory. Chip quickly offered to pay the bill which I guess was kind of him. On the plus side, it saved her from looking bad in front of me.

She didn't call me the next day, and kept ignoring me after that. I don't believe I deserved that.



# What Grinds My Gears:

## Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs

I think the environment is important. However, I can't stand "environmental" efforts that are a nuisance and don't actually help. Efforts like the compact fluorescent lightbulb.

The BC government has imposed a ban on the sale of incandescent lightbulbs of 75 watts and up, effective at the beginning of 2012, with plans to ban incandescents 40 watts and up in 2013. Other provinces have imposed similar bans. This has led to the mass adoption of compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFL's) as the main replacement for incandescent.

The reason for the stigma against traditional incandescent bulbs is that an incandescent uses much more energy to create the same amount of light as a newer alternative bulb such as a CFL. This seems like a great idea to your average consumer who doesn't understand  $\Delta U = \Delta Q - \Delta W$ . But as far as the first law of thermodynamics is concerned, CFL's don't "save" energy - they just convert less of it to heat. While generating less heat makes sense in places where lots of energy goes toward cooling, we live in a country where we need heat 9 months of the year. In fact, it's now June, and I still use the resistive heaters in my basement suite on most days. And unlike my basement's heating (which I frequently forget to turn off during the day), my lights are only on in the evening, which is when I need the heat.

Remember, engineers, efficiency = useful output / required input. When the heat generated by the bulb can be considered useful, then that bad boy is 100% efficient. The same cannot be said about the CFL in my kitchen, which can only be 100% efficient if you consider the high-pitched whine it emits to be "useful" (and last I checked, it was not marketed as a high-tech dog whistle).



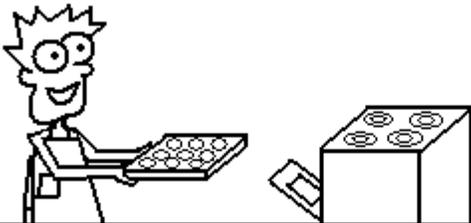
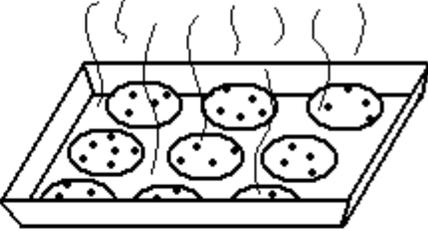
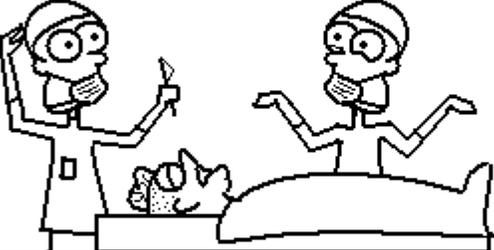
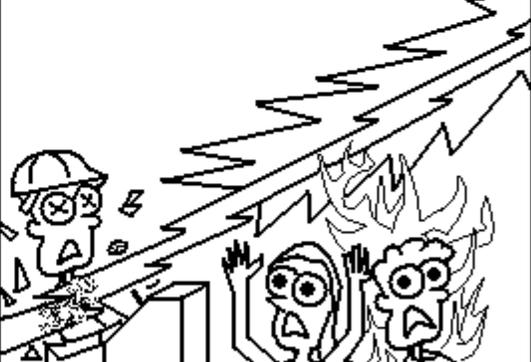
Compact Fluorescent bulbs are ugly, they can take a while to turn on, they don't work well in the cold (I'm not sure what the rest of Canada is supposed to do for outdoor lights in the winter), and the light they emit is a harsh, unpleasant shade. If the government's plan is to get people to leave their lights off entirely because they would rather stumble to the bathroom in the dark than be blinded by fluorescent light that burns with the power of a hundred blue-tinted suns first thing in the morning, then it is working.

Not only are CFL's a nuisance that doesn't save any energy, but they are actually harmful to the environment. In order to create that harsh, ugly shade of light, CFL's require mercury (which, if you remember your Phys 125 labs - haha, yeah right - emits a wide-spectrum light). Mercury is bad for the environment, and because of this, a CFL shouldn't be thrown out, but rather, recycled at a CFL-specific station.

The government is confident people will recycle them. Are they serious? I recently had a CFL die on me, and I looked for somewhere to recycle it. CRD recycling doesn't take them; Home Depot and London Drugs were the only places I could find. I don't live near either of those, and I don't have a car. There's no way I'm going to go that far out of my way just to recycle a lightbulb. Even if it became more convenient, I doubt people would do it. Batteries aren't supposed to be thrown away, either. We even have battery disposal locations right here at UVic. But how many of you just throw them away anyway? Exactly.

Compact Fluorescent bulbs are a nuisance, they don't save energy, and they are harmful for the environment. They're a bad idea, and yet here we are, with the government forcing them on us.

# Implications for the use of the suffix "ish" and/or portmanteau "guesstimate" in various professions

Profession	Circumstance	Result
<p>Baker</p>	<p><i>Set your oven to 350°F-ish</i></p> 	 <p><i>Delicious!</i></p>
<p>Brain Surgeon</p>	<p><i>How much of this tumor do you guesstimate I should remove?</i></p> 	
<p>Engineer</p>	<p><i>Our new Moon-based laser is accurate to within 1/100 of a degree!.. ish</i></p> 	
<p>Artist</p>	<p><i>I get a Picasso vibe from this.</i> <i>It's more Van Gogh-ish for me.</i></p> 	<p><i>Dude, we're totally homeless.</i> <i>I guesstimate we should have got real degrees...</i></p>  <p>FLASH</p>

# Engr-Scopes

by P. Gordon



**Aquarius** (Jan 20 - Feb 18)  
Your Scorpio friends have put a curse on you. If they deny it, it's probably pretty bad.



**Virgo** (Aug 23 - Sep 22)  
Mercury, guardian of travellers and your ruling planet, makes this week your luckiest for playing in traffic.

**Pisces** (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Eating more vegetables will make you feel better. What? It's true! But you aren't going to do it, are you?



**Libra** (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Allergies have been getting you down - or rather, people with allergies.



**Aries** (Mar 21 - Apr 19)  
You have been replaced by an identical copy of your former self, by mole people.



**Scorpio** (Oct 23 - Nov 21)  
Looking directly into the sun today will give you superpowers, like not being able to see.

**Taurus** (Apr 20 - May 20)

The dream you had last night has come true. The part that you couldn't remember.



**Sagittarius** (Nov 22 - Dec 21)  
When you're drawing a blank, use made-up filler words like spambleizeetaseridoo.



**Gemini** (May 21 - Jun 20)  
Make some new friends so you can neglect them as midterms, endless assignments and crunch time approach. I hear it's better than never having friends at all.



**Capricorn** (Dec 22 - Jan 19)  
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**Cancer** (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

You are better-looking than you think. But you were right about how badly you did on that assignment.



**Leo** (Jul 23 - Aug 22)  
You've been wondering to yourself "Why? Dear God why? Why am I doing this?". Let me know if you come up with a good answer.

## Word of the Week

### Rendezbooze

When a group of people (friends, co-workers, acquaintances) get together to drink.

*I just bought a bottle of gin and have tonic at home, we should rendezbooze at your place for further discussion on the topic...*

# The Fun Page!

## Triple Sudoku

This works just like regular Sudoku, except several of the boxes are shared between the 3 puzzles.

The first person to bring this Sudoku to the ESS office completed (and correct) wins a free shot glass!

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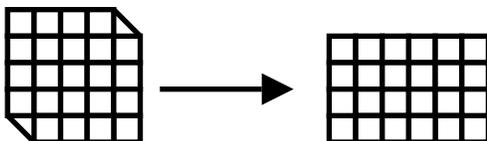
I guess it's true what they say about 2B; only a month in, and already I'm flying by the seat of my pants (despite only taking 5 real courses). In this span of 2 weeks, I have: 4 midterms, 7 assignments, 3 labs, several co-op interviews (sorry), and at least 12 hours of hockey to watch. And yet here I am, stupid enough to release a Fishwrap after only a week and a half (it was that, or leave a 3-week gap between 'wraps). Does Nibbles & Bytes sell coffee in IV form?

Got something you want to see in Fishwrap? Send it to [essa-com@engr.uvic.ca](mailto:essa-com@engr.uvic.ca)

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## Magic!

How would you cut the following 5x5 piece of paper into two pieces that interlock to form a 6x4 rectangle?



(there is a real answer besides "magic". It will be in the next 'wrap)

## Solution to last week's puzzle:

There are several ways to determine which rod is the magnet:

1. Hang each one from a string. The magnetized one will point North.
2. Since the magnetic rod will only be magnetized at its ends, touch the end of one rod to the middle of the other.
3. Hit them together repeatedly. Now neither is magnetized.

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