

# FISHWRAP

Official newspaper of the Engineering Student Society Stream A

Issue 1

A newspaper...it has news in it!

## The \$30 or \$30,000 question?

The engineering students are back. and that means we need to have our Semesterly General Meeting. Now you are probably thinking that students politics are boring and that you have better things to do...let's be honest. You probably don't. Labs have barely started, and you don't have any homework.

Like you, I am also a university student. I will do almost any for free stuff. There are few opportunities in life where by simply showing up you get rewarded. But alas, if you show up to the SGM, you get free pizza. It's that simple.

Of course, there is more to it than free pizza. With \$30, you cannot do very much. However, with almost \$30,000, you could accomplish a lot. By attending the SGM, you get to decide how we spend our term budget. So if you would like a say in how your money is spent, come to the SGM. (also, free food).

**What: Semesterly General Meeting (& FREE Pizza)**

**Where: ELW Lobby**

**When: Monday, January 13th at 3:30 pm**

**Why: Democracy. The Engineering Students' Society is YOUR Society and YOUR voice to the University.**



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**50 cent Slushies on Thursday in the ESS Office!**

Overheard something funny from another student or Prof? Send it to [essacom@uvic.ca](mailto:essacom@uvic.ca).

*"It's lonely writing the Fishwrap by myself"* -FW Editor

*"Ya, it really is"* -FW Editor

*"I should probably stop talking to the other Editor myself"* -FW Editor

*"Take a look at Dougie's freshicles - are those puppies even legal?"* - FF

## What's with the Streams?

It's pronounced Fishwrap...not Tubes and Wires...

First years, welcome to Stream A. You spent the first four months with B, but you will now be with A for the rest of your university lives. (btw, the A in Stream A stands for Awesome)

Every four months, UVic engineering students get to enjoy the confusion of the streams switching. The standard schedule has students alternating each term with school and then co-op. So those of who were slaving away in the real world for co-op last term are now back on campus. And those Stream B folk who've been hitting the books are now out making some much needed cash (and getting experience).

Of course, some students don't follow the standard schedule and occasionally cross streams (pictured below). This can be a confusing and sometimes space time continuum breaking process.

So look around, you will be stuck with Stream A until you graduate. It is very very good idea to get to know the upper year students, as they have been through it all. Also we're pretty amazing people.

-D Fresh



Crossing streams. Experiences may vary.

## Your Engineering Student Society

The boring description of what the Engineering Students' Society does is, according to our constitution:

- i) To be the single voice of the University of Victoria engineering undergraduate students, and
- ii) To promote, direct, sponsor, and coordinate activities which will benefit the present and future University of Victoria engineering undergraduate students.

Which is to say that we try to make Engineering student life better and more awesome in whatever way we can. We host as many events as we think you can attend, including epic EEE's, hockey nights, video game nights, movie nights, potlucks, dodgeball, and more. Only about half our events are 19+ so if you are underage, or just prefer not to drink we still have lot's of events for you!

The Faculty of Engineering also uses the ESS for student representation on Academic decisions, including how to make the degree program better and more relevant. It is a continuous process, and we are always looking for input. So if you find a particular course really great or terrible, let us know.

The ESS sends students to the Western Engineering Competition (WEC). We also send delegates to several annual conferences across Canada where we look for ideas that we can steal to bring back to UVic

and make decisions that affect students across the country.

You can hear about everything that we are up to by reading the Fishwrap, visiting our website [ess.uvic.ca](http://ess.uvic.ca), or checking our bulletin board located in the ELW Lobby by the stairs. We'd also love it if you stop by our office to offer suggestions, help, or just to chat. We really are not that scary.



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## Bridgies!!

Some of you third year students might have noticed some new face in your classes this week. Some of you might actually have to gone to class this week. Anyways, these new people are the Camosun Bridge students, and it's your job as third years to welcome them and show them around. Be friendly, you'll be together for a few more years.

Keep your eye out for event announcements, as we will be holding a bridge student mixer of sorts later in the month...disorientation.

## Engineering Student Society Executive

Every term the ESS holds a Semesterly General Meeting (SGM) where students elect new representatives and decide on policy changes. Next week the SGM will be held in the ELW Lobby. Below summarizes the duties of each position. Positions are elected for 16 calendar months, unless the representative steps down. Approximate workload ratings have been given from 1-10, ten being high. Most positions are up for election and we'd love it if you ran for something.

**President:** The President is the Dear Leader. Glorious in every way. Ruling with an iron fist and death grip powers like Lord Vader, the President... sorry, apparently this is a fairly Democratic and lame Society where the President pretty much just gets to do the housekeeping of the ESS. Chairing the weekly meetings, talking to lots of people, making sure that nothing is forgotten, that the Constitution is followed, etc. Workload: 10.

**Vice-President Academic:** The VP Academic's job is to advise the Faculty on matters relating to the academic parts of your degree and seek out input from students. Workload: 7.

**Vice-President of External:** The VPX is our contact to the rest of the world, or at least our equivalents at the Western (W.E.S.S.T) and National (CFES) levels. They are our head delegate at conferences. Workload: 9.

**Vice-President Finance:** As the Vice-President Finance you are in charge of keeping the ESS from going Belly up. They keep create and maintain the budget, and disburse funds as required. Workload: 5.

**Director of Events:** The Director of events, you guessed it, runs the ESS events. Many events, such as Hockey Night, are co-chaired with other executives. The largest event that the Dir. Events runs is the Engineering Evening Excursion which is the most highly anticipated event of any term. Tickets always sell out fast, so make sure to get one. The Dir Events also chairs both the Events and Charity Teams. Workload: 7.

**Director of Services:** The Dir. Services is the unsung hero of the ESS. They keep the office well stocked with all consumables required. The most important being the Free Friday Slushies available to all who suit up. They also order our merchandise which can be anything from neon sunglasses (\$5) to credit card shaped bottle openers (\$5) or bandannas (\$5). This position requires access to a motor-vehicle. Workload: 5.

**Director of Communications:** Who do you think writes this literary masterpiece every two weeks? Dir. Comm. Clever, witty, and all around awesome the Dir. Comm is on a never ending hunt for anything worthy of the students' attention. The bar is pretty low, so if you have something to contribute, send it to [essacom@uvic.ca](mailto:essacom@uvic.ca). They also chair the Publications Team. Workload off-week: 1, workload on-week: 11.

**Director of Corporate Relations:** If you are good at getting people to give you money then I have two questions for you. One: why are you putting yourself through the pains of Engineering? and Two: Why are you not running for Dir. Corp? Workload: 6.

**Director of Information Technology:** SENG Students listen up! This is the position for you. It is all about programming. Your job is to manage the IT side of the ESS. (email accounts, office computers, websites etc.) Workload for Mechs: 15, workload for SENG/ECE: 4.

**Director of Sport:** As strange as it may sound, there is an Engineering Student Soccer Team. And we are pretty damn good. This team is managed by the Dir. Sport. They also run our other popular sporting related events such as Dodgeball and Hockey Night. Workload: 3.

**Director of Student Relations:** This position is in charge of getting as many students involved in as many things as possible. They are the ESS Engineering Clubs liaison. They normally host a games/movie night. Workload: 4.

**Secretary:** The secretary is the Master of Minutes for the ESS. While their only required duty is to take minutes during the weekly meetings, they have numerous informal duties. Chief among these is keeping the office plant alive by taking it for walks, and finding a replacement when they eventually kill it. Others include tracking changes to the constitution, and making sure that the ESS's supplemental course material is always available for students. Workload: 2.

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## Do you have some time to kill between classes?

So you have an hour to burn between classes, what to do? You probably don't want to venture outside. It's wet, cold and the sun can be pretty scary.

Lucky for you, there is the ESS Office/Lounge. Stop by the ESS office (ELW second floor). We've got tetris, foosball, fridge, microwave or just come and hangout. We're friendly and likely won't bite. That would just be weird.



8 Bit Sun. Very Angry.



## Engineering Students' Society Non-Elected Positions

Assisting the elected executive positions are a number of supplemental non-elected volunteer positions. These positions are divided into several Teams focused on specific tasks. Students part of these teams do not have any required duties, but are instead encouraged to help out when they can. Joining a Team is ideal for students looking to get involved without too much of a commitment. Feel free to join multiple Teams.

**Events Team:** This Team is all about FUN. This Team is the reason that Engineers are the envy of everyone else on campus. They put on the biggest and best events that you can handle. I don't see why you wouldn't want to join this Team.

**Charity Team:** Sure the Events Team puts on some sweet events, but are they saving the World? We are. This term the Charity Team will be hosting the World Famous Order of Pi. Sign up! A member of this Team will also be appointed Charity Co-ordinator to be put in charge of the event.

**Competitions Team:** You may have heard about the Western Engineering Competition (WEC). Where students from across Western Canada participate in an all expense paid 5 day competition in categories of Design, Debate, Innovation, Communication, and Consulting. How do you get there? By winning your category at the UVic Engineering Competition (UVEC), hosted by the Competitions Team. And don't worry, you can help out and still compete, just not in the same category. (This team technically does not exist during the Spring term as there is no UVEC this term)

**Publications Team:** Do you like writing? Researching? Taking pictures? Know how to use In-Design? Read XKCD? Watch HBO's The Newsroom? Than join the Publications Team. They stay up late and have a lot of fun.

**Sponsorship Team:** This Team is similar to the Publications Team this term. Except that they are focused on making a single, super seductive sponsorship package instead of a whole bunch of crappy articles. This Team should appeal to the more artistic among us who love to take pictures and make things pretty. Indeed, it is partly designed to locate them so we can carry them off into the woods. Join now!

**Director-At-Large:** Can't decide on a specific Team? Sign up as a DAL and be put on the general mailing list for all volunteers. You'll receive all the updates you need to stay informed, such as the weekly meeting agendas, and you can always join a Team later.

# Merry Christmas, Ya' Filthy Animals... and a Happy New Year!



Well... what a year that was, eh?

2013 came and went like a bag of puffy Cheetos that was left open for more than 16 minutes. It seems that each year passes quicker than the last - a never-ending circle jerk of continuous time spent either at school or work. Such is life... but now we can look back on all of our accomplishments in 2013.

2013 was an important year for UVic engineering students and the ESS alike.

- We were the host city for the Western Engineering Competition (WEC) and threw a party like it was 99' and ate bagels like bosses all competition long.
- We sent-off a large and very successful group of engineers into the real world whilst welcoming-in a trove of bright new students that will make their ways through the ESS. \*cough cough\*
- We ripped-it-up at the vacant building near Save-On-Foods Memorial Center, formerly known as Soprano's, multiple times while singing, dancing, and keeping the cougars from pouncin'.
- And finally, we cried, NO..... we wept as we learned that Bradley would no longer be serving the engineering faithful at Nibbles and Bytes. The Celine Dion cd has since been retired from commission.

Alas, we have arrived at 2014, an 'even' year - an 'even better' year. No matter what you are in, no matter what engineering discipline, and no matter how much tp you use - we are all in this thing together... and we WILL HAVE AN AMAZING YEAR!!! Besides, nobody could fluck-up worse than Mayor Ford in Ta-raannn-nnnnnaaa (or eat as much as he does ;])

In closing; eat your wheaties, minimize your learning losses, maximize your gains, and just remember...you will all be at least 34 when kids born this year enter into University.

~Guy



## FROSH:



*Artsies that seek the fabled bar do not taste the Klondike but rather a frozen ice-milk blend with a non-organic chocolate coating which does not support free trade in Sudan.*

*Also, don't eat one after midnight - only blood will end the nightmares...*

Christmas is over, and so begins the new year - with it comes many new and important resolutions for the engineering students at UVic.

In particular, it is the time for a courageous, fun, and “eupohoric” group of students to grab-the-reigns on organizing FROSH 2014 - do not be fooled by the misplaced memories of falling down, injuring body parts, and overconsuming BEvERages to the point of enjoying the sensation of your own hands... or ears.

Running FROSH is a very fun and rewarding experience as it is one of the first tastes of engineering comradery that incoming 1st year students will have.

If run correctly, and with the right group of people, you will finally know what you would do for a Klondike Bar.

**If you are interested in running and organizing FROSH 2014, please contact the ESS Stream A President.**

## From the Editor

Anyways, welcome to the first issue of the Fishwrap. Normally, this would be the place where the editor complains about life and similar things related to writing the Fishwrap. But, I am not the official Fishwrap editor. Our old has editor has flown the country and is now working in Germany. If writing non sense and wrapping fish sounds appealing, then we've got a job for you. This Monday at the SGM, the Director of Communications position is up for election.

As always, this does not write itself. Please submit anything and everything to [essacom@uvic.ca](mailto:essacom@uvic.ca) to be printed in the fishwrap. Really. Anything. Our standards are pretty much non-existent.

Cheers,

-D Fresh

Thanks to all who contributed:  
Ebes

*“How the hell do you type the cent symbol???”*