



TUBES AND WIRES



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SUMMER PUB CRAWL



Yes folks, it's on!! Let's put our drinks up and celebrate the summer.

- Early bird tickets for \$15 (until Tuesday June 22)
- Regular tickets after Tues are \$20
- Get your tickets in the ESS office, or on the website (www.ess.uvic.ca)

Includes:

- T-shirt
- Metal cylinder BEvERages & bellinis
- No cover at all stops
- Bus rides, singing, and of course GOOD TIMES!!!

There is limited capacity, so don't wait or you'll miss out!

New Engineering Merch and Jackets

IMPORTANT: If you are interested in a jacket, there is a sign-up sheet outside the ESS office. We want to order them soon so be sure to sign up quickly.

Here at the ESS we're always looking for new ways to serve you! This semester we are offering all your old favorites PLUS brand new exciting products like bottle openers, stickers, patches, new t-shirts and more!

Now I know what you're thinking: "I have a fantastic idea for a product for the ESS to sell!" We want to hear about it! How do you get your brilliant idea to the beautiful people of the ESS?

Simply email cosman@uvic.ca with a description of what you want us to make

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COMING SOON

HST From Page 2

So do I agree with everything about HST? No. Will I jump for joy when my restaurant bill seems pricier than normal? Definitely not. But if HST could turn out to be a long-term benefit for the province, then I would be interested in hearing more about this consumer tax before signing a petition to shut it down.

-Brandon Nikolaisen

ESS Floor Hockey

No Ice? No Problem.

Are you interested in a playing floor hockey with the fine men and women of the ESS? If so, email Robb Carr at rcarr@uvic.ca



“So Tell Me About Yourself” - Doing a Mock Interview

“Finding a job is a full-time job.” I realized this as I searched for a mechanical engineering co-op placement last summer. The phone calls and job site visits were fruitless; I was advised to call back in a month, I was thanked for my interest in the company, I was told to keep it up.

If getting a job really requires such total commitment, how are we engineers supposed to secure co-op positions while taking so many hard classes?

A big part of the answer lies in performing when it really counts: during the job interview. Decent resumes and good cover letters got me several interviews during the fall semester, but I never received any offers for a spring semester co-op placement. I got close on at least a couple of occasions, but I faltered at the finish line.

When my supervisor evaluated my performance at the end of my first co-op job, I scored well in the area of oral communication – I thought this meant that my interview skills were on par. Not so. Job interviews demand more than on-the-job interactions do, so if you’re another student who thought that he didn’t have to worry about his interview skills, take note: In order to secure a placement in this labour market, you can’t just give them reasons to hire you – you have to eliminate every reason for them not to.

One step I took to develop my interview skills was participating in a mock interview with one of our co-op coordinators. I sent him an expired job description for a placement I could see myself applying for; we did the interview in-character; and after the interview, we discussed my responses and identified improvement areas.

In our post-mock-interview discussion, the coordinator told me to use the STAR method when telling stories about my experience (Situation, Task, Action, Result). He reminded me to be professional but friendly. I was counseled to have canned answers to typical questions: What are your strengths and weaknesses? Why did you apply for this position? Tell me about yourself.

I recommend this exercise to anyone who has struggled to secure a placement, especially if you find yourself reassuring yourself as you enter interviews you haven’t had time to prepare for: “I’m pretty good at talking to people. I’m sure it’ll be fine...”

Good luck to all you who will be attending fall placement interviews. (But if you apply for the same job as I do, don’t bother preparing - just wing it!)

-Eric Kyfiuk

Prof Quote: “the smaller the hole, the more spreading you get”

- Dr. Darcey, referring to the single slit experiment

Recap Of EM

Gong shows and genuine, motivated student representatives: a potent mixture to say the very least.

Western Engineering Student Societies Team (WESST) Executives' Meeting kicked off the summer with a bang. Consisting of students from as far east as Winnipeg, a generous congregation of the WESST schools' executives joined to discuss, share and enlighten on the most pressing issues facing their own student societies.

The weekend began with a reunion most spectacular. For the first time in what seems like ages, the WESST mascot, Debs, made an appearance after being recovered from an unknown location. Shockingly, at some point in the revelry, Debs was reported missing, presumably stolen - again. A feat most impressive, really, considering Debs is a 60 lb, rebar-reinforced, concrete donkey.

Thankfully, Debs made a heroic escape from her captors, despite a fractured leg. It was finally rumored that the perpetrators were of Stream B origin. However, this has yet to be confirmed.

The following morning, sessions were put on, schooling the participants in everything ranging from ethics to fundraising to finances to emphasizing transition periods between execs.

This was followed by the keynote speech by Derek Doyle, the current head of APEGBC.

And it was EPIC.

Delivering his speech with Buckham-esque grace in a cheery Irish accent, Doyle instantly had the room enthralled, and clinging to every word. When he finally concluded, every single person in that room was thinking the same thing. Each individual had stiffened their resolve, reignited their passion and believed every word: "Damn right! I am in engineering."

The second epic feat of the weekend commenced. Corner-stoned by UVic Engineers, a wildly pointless task was undertaken. A stupid excess of U-of-S lanyards was collected and tied end-to-end. The goal? "Let's see if we can hit the ground!" (15 some odd floors)

The result? ...Of course. Later to be worn as a hit fashion item on the city bus as we BELTED out the tunes (yes, the good ones), the lanyard rope quickly became a fond memory to be laughed about later.

With Sunday came more meetings, more sessions and even more important discussions. For instance, how was WESST going to host a nation-wide conference at school that does not exist on behalf of a school that does not exist, namely the prestigious University of Yukon?

-Jason Jubinville



TOFINO SURF TRIP

The surf trip is a go,
so don't miss out.

Make the most of your reading week,
camp at Kennedy Lake and ride some
sick waves.

For more information check out the fa-
cebook event "Tofino Surf Trip" or email
korin@uvic.ca.

Why HST Makes Cents

Starting on Canada day, we will all have the luxury of paying an extra 7% for bicycles, haircuts, taxis and restaurant bills. HST will combine PST and GST, adding a new tax to PST-exempt products and services. Over the last few months, many outraged British Columbians have protested this "revenue-neutral" tax grab.

Despite the negative public opinion of HST, some of Canada's top economists support HST. According to them, tax harmonization is an important step towards increasing the competitiveness of our economy. HST gives businesses tax breaks to avoid a product being taxed multiple times at different production stages. By moving this tax burden onto the consumers, the HST will enable businesses to provide goods and services at a cheaper cost. Cheaper product costs will allow our businesses, especially exporters, to compete better internationally against over 130 countries that already use a value-added tax like the HST.

There is strong evidence to suggest that competitive pressures will drive businesses to return their tax savings to the consumer in the form of lower prices. Studies of the Maritimes' reform have confirmed this with few exceptions. Will HST cause bicycles and taxis to cost 7% less? That's doubtful. But things might not be as bad as they seem. According to a report published by TD Economics, average consumer prices will only rise 0.4% relative to where they would be if the tax change had never occurred.

So how does HST affect us as engineering students? If we pay more taxes on a consumer level, then the government needs to collect less income tax from us. That means that we can put more money towards positive financial growth investments earlier in our lives. Also, if the HST tax breaks on capital investments encourage businesses to invest in better equipment, new technical jobs will be created in the future. That means more engineering and computer science related jobs in BC.

Do Ye Drink Pilsner?

Do Ye Like Free Stuff?

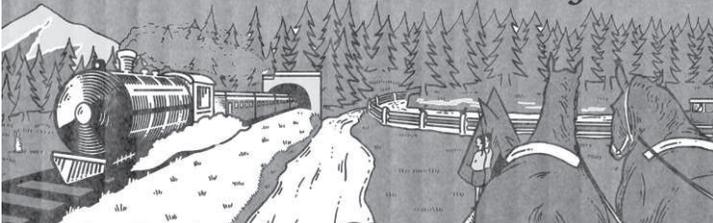
Drop off ye receipts

for Old Time Pilsner

at the ESS office

and enter in a draw

to win free Pilsner Swag!



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Get Ready



ESS Trip To Playland



Where: Playland
When: In July

Includes:

- All transportation
- Ticket For One to Playland!

How Much: TBD

Sign-up sheet outside the ESS
Contact essb-eve@engr.uvic.ca
for details

What Grinds My Gears



Reality Television

I have never found a more concentrated compilation of contentless garbage than the trash that is spewed out of my television on a daily basis. I mean seriously, even with basic cable's skimpy selection of 26 channels you'd think you could find one channel worth wasting 30 minutes of your life watching. But no. Instead, my TV viewing experience has been reduced to aimlessly flipping past shows like *The Bachelor*, *Wifeswap*, *America's Next Top Model* and *Celebrity Apprentice*. No amount of crafty cutscene magic could ever convince me that a group of thumb-twittling celebrities would be better suited to manage my company than someone with an MBA. And the others, well don't even get me started. Reality TV? Yes of course its real. Well, maybe not, but who cares when there are real profits to be made from airing cheap, contentless trash and convincing dim-wits that it's worth watching?

- Brandon Nikolaisen

Engineering Word Jumble

Use these letters to form seven engineering words. Then arrange the letters in grey boxes to solve the riddle.

CLATANIOCEER

NOTICRIF

DRYSHACITTOS

GOATHHRIM

SULLCUAC

NOMADITFROE

MIARLOGK

What type of fruit cares about numerical precision?

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Extraordinary Events

Look Forward To These Upcoming Events:

- Summertime Pubcrawl - June 25
- Tofino Trip - July 2
- Sausagefest
- Skim Jam
- Playland Trip
- Movienight #2
- MiniWec

Super Sudoku

1			9			5		
5			7	3				
	9			2				1
	2	5					8	
6		3				4		2
	1					3	9	
7				5			4	
				7	4			9
		8			2			7

Editor's Quip

I hope you all enjoy the format. A lot of time went into it, so you better. Thanks to every person who contributed something of value to tubes this week, and Jason. Apologies to anyone who actually solves the Word Jumble. The solution is not in the least funny.

- Brandon Nikolaisen

Brain Buster

There are three switches downstairs. Each corresponds to one of the three light bulbs in the attic. You can turn the switches on and off and leave them in any position. How would you identify which switch corresponds to which light bulb, if you are only allowed one trip upstairs?

Email your solutions to essb-com@engr.uvic.ca

Answer To Last Issue:

(How to get your pingpong ball out of a pipe in the floor).

Fill the hole with water from the water bottle. The tennis paddle and shoe laces are not useful. - Chris Mellis

Tell Jubinville to get down on his knees, grab hold of that pipe and start sucking! Macgyver'd!!! - Mike Nell

Have the bonehead who threw it in there pour his BEvERage into the pipe until it floats to the top. Then make him vacuum up the drink back out of the pipe. That's a party foul!

- Cam Smith

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