May the Pie Have Mercy On Your Face

The time of judgment has come, and the Order of PI has resurfaced to raise money for Queen Alexandra Children’s Hospital.

All week, the order will be marching around campus to deliver their brand of pastry punishment. If you would like to see a colleague or a friend suffer a pie in the face for charity, then google ‘Order of PI’ or drop by the ESS office. A measly $20 is required as a minimum donation.

Be wary though. If the accused can provide an additional $5 on top of the donation, he or she may choose a new target to suffer the wrath of the PI. May the pie have mercy on your face!

http://www.engr.uvic.ca/~pi/

UVic Formula SAE Presents: Back to the 80’s Party
Saturday April 2, 2011 - at Felicitas

UVic Formula SAE is hosting a ‘Back to the 80’s’ themed party with prizes for best 80’s costume and various other door prizes. Music by KG-DJ. Tickets are $5, and are on sale now from any Formula SAE team member, and at ELW A108. Tickets will be sold for $7 at the door.

Accountability Meeting

The ESS will be holding their accountability meeting on Tuesday March 29, 2011 after the ESS meeting at ~6:30. The VP External, VP Academic, VP Finance and President will be present at the meeting. Feel free to come in and bring up any questions or concerns that you have regarding our work during the semester and how we could improve in the future.
Why I Will Vote “No” in the CFS Referendum

The opinion presented in this article is that of the writer’s, and in no way is a representation of the ESS.

CFS offers students many ‘benefits’ including Travel Cuts, the International Student ID and the Student Work Abroad Program, all of which are of little use to UVic engineers who know how to book flights, have a student ID, and apply for co-op. UFile may have been useful, assuming you pay to file your taxes online. You could have ordered a Student Union Directory, if you wanted a physical book of contact information for the Student Unions across Canada. There’s also handbook and day planner materials, Health network coverage, and web hosting. The UVSS, however, no longer makes use of any of them. In fact, the UVSS negotiated a separate deal, moving away from the CFS Health Network.

Some CFS supporters will claim that the CFS offers students a unified voice on issues that students care about. While I will admit that the CFS does run campaigns, there are many that I don’t care about, or agree with. It’s great that the CFS lobbies the federal government to increase funding and decrease tuition; however, post-secondary education is a provincial mandate. I came to UVic aware of the cost, and took out student loans as needed, accepting that I will have debt afterwards. The CFS also campaigns against Income Contingent Loan Repayment, which allows me to pay off my loans faster, and is against Student Loan Bankruptcy protection, meaning that I’m not able to have my student loans ignored if I declare bankruptcy after graduating. These policies seem reasonable to me, considering, I can pay off my loan much quicker, and the government isn’t forced to give away money.

The CFS also lobbies for the elimination of RESPs in favour of Needs-Based funding, which encourages people to apply for free funding, instead of saving up for school. In addition to these campaigns, the CFS wants the federal government to implement more First-Nations funding, and prevent the creation of private colleges and universities. While, I will admit that these campaigns have their merits, currently, First-Nations scholarships often go unclaimed, and I have no problem with private education. Alternatively, there are several issues that the CFS campaigns for that I feel are not really student issues that the CFS needs to focus on. These campaigns include Date Rape: No Means No, Copyright Infringement, International Trade agreements, and the G20 summit in Toronto. The date rape campaign is a difficult subject, and all I will say is that the UVSS has a separate campaign from the CFS one. A very condensed summary of the CFS stance is that they do not support Copyright Infringement. For the remaining CFS campaigns, I encourage you to do research, and explain to me why, as a student, I should care about the police arresting people during the summit, or opening up competition between international companies and schools. The only other campaign posted on the CFS website is funding for graduate research and grants; however, the UVic Graduate Student Society is not a member of the CFS.

There is one other issue with the CFS. This referendum has been in the making since summer 2009, when more than 10% of UVic students signed a petition asking the CFS for a referendum on the continued membership of the UVSS. The CFS has blocked our efforts until two court orders forced them to commit to a referendum. The CFS now claims that the UVSS owes them approximately $130,000 from unpaid fees in the 1990s, and will not allow us to leave while we still owe money. Normally, this would be a legitimate reason, and the UVSS would be forced to cover the fee, however, this money was not mentioned until the petition was submitted. I will be voting “No” in this referendum; however, if you disagree, I encourage you to voice your opinion in the next Tubes. The last issue will be published during the week of the referendum.

- M. Atkinson
Member Advantage Program for Students (APEG-MAPS)

What it is:
MAPS (Members Advantage Program for Students) is a special class of membership in APEGBC for students. APEG-MAPS gives students a variety of opportunities to make industry contacts, establish a viable career path, learn “working world” skills and get acquainted with their future professional association.

The MAPS program focuses on increasing the interaction between students and industry professionals. It provides students with the means to gain education, contacts and employment, through access to APEGBC services.

MAPS also acts as a guide to students in their transition from graduation to EIT (Engineer in Training).

What MAPS members get:
- Invitations to Student/Industry Socials
- Membership at a regional APEG branch
- A free subscription to Innovation Magazine & Connections e-newsletter
- Scholarships Opportunities
- Special Student Pricing for APEGBC Events
- Member Affinity Programs including discounts on things like:
  - Fuel
  - Hotels
  - Mobile phones
  - Airport parking
  - Car rentals

Best of all, MAPS costs only $25 a year, and following graduation, student members will receive a credit equivalent to 50% of their total APEG-MAPS fees paid to be applied towards their first year EIT fee. If you are interested in MAPS check out http://www.apeg.bc.ca/students/maps/ and check out Page 4.

Upcoming Maps Info Session
A representative from APEGBC will be coming to the school on March 25, 2011 to give a lecture on Member Advantage Program for Student (MAPS). The lecture will be held in ECS 660 starting at 12:00. Pizza and refreshments will be provided so make sure to mark it down on your day timer!!! To learn more about MAPS before the lecture you can visit http://www.apeg.bc.ca/students/maps/index.html or scan the adjacent QR.

Robot Racing Competition
UBC Thunderbird Robotics will be hosting their 7th annual International Autonomous Robot Racing Competition on July 23 and 24. Over $10,000 worth of prizes are available. Registration is open from March 1st to May 31st.

UVic engineers are encouraged to learn more about this event. Important details, and registration information can be found at: http://robotracing2011.com/

Questions may be addressed to: robotracing@ubcthunderbird.com

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MAPS
Member Advantage Program for Students
NHL Hockey: This Week

March Madness Edition

This past Sunday marked the beginning of March Madness with selection Sunday, however, besides that, nothing interesting happens till Thursday. Selection Sunday also marks the final stretch of the season before the playoffs. With only a dozen games or less left, the playoff race is still tight, though certain teams seem to be going in the wrong direction.

The East:

Atlanta continues to fall further from the playoffs, and it seems their chance is now quite slim. However, the Sabres, Rangers and Hurricanes are playing inconsistent hockey as well. This leaves the door open for longshots like the New Jersey Devils, New York Islanders and even the Toronto Maple Leafs. Though the top 6 seem set, the bottom is definitely tightening up, and those 7 and 8 spots could go to any of the half dozen teams still hanging around.

The West:

The West is still even as usual. The standings don’t really mean much until teams start to separate. Often, four teams will be tied with the same amount of points, so it’s still anyone’s game. The only real recent development in the last couple weeks is that San Jose seems to have pulled away, at least for the time being, in the Pacific Division. Also, Columbus appears to have fallen out of playoff hopes as they are now double digit points behind 8th.

Salmon Kings:

If you want to see the Salmon Kings, go out before the season’s over, because being currently last in the division means they aren’t gonna make the playoffs.

R. Petty
Happy Pi day all,

It’s down to the crunch here, with only a few weeks left in the semester, so I’ve left the secret of success to you on the next page of this issue. I really am at a loss to fill this space, so I will close by simply reminding you to carry large sums of cash around at all times. Signing off,

- Brandon Nikolaisen

**Prof Quote**

I was always told that you only need to know sines, cosines and tangs. But you don’t need to worry about secs.

J. Tatum, Phys 216

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**Brain Buster**

What word, when the first letter is removed, means burning wood.

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**Super Sudoku**

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**Question Box**

Q: Hey Taylor what advice do you have for me if I want to get more involved in the engineering community, but I don’t have the time what can I do?

A: All you have to do is go to the Engineering Students Society (ESS) office in the ELW and talk to a member of the students’ society. They should be able to let you know about events that are coming up and anything else that is going on in the engineering community. You could always take a position on the ESS about becoming a director at large. You would only have to attend the weekly meeting where you would find out what is going on first hand and would also be able to help other executive with tasks, taking on side projects with as much or as little as time commitment as you want to.

Q: Hey Taylor what came first the chicken or the egg?

A: Neither came first but the question was created by the government so that they could steer our beliefs and make us think whatever they want us to.

T. Entz

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**Editor’s Quip**

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**xkcd.com**

I learned in high school: what geometers discovered long ago:

Using only a compass and straight-edge, it’s impossible to construct friends.