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Scavenger hUNTers Unite!

This year’s Scavenger Hunt was set out to be an amazing success. There were five first year teams signed up, and even SciSoc was interested in starting a team. The main organizers, James Petrosky and I, were okay with the lack of upper year teams, due to that fact that the Gradcomm Pubcrawl was on the same day. We weren’t really sure who would win, but nevertheless, planned on a great time. This event was probably the largest gathering of 2A Nanos except for final exams. There were about 15 of us who were “gods”, and no less than 10 others from our class dropped by for some time during the 24 hours. Our packages boasted 40 pages worth of game description, and 13 pages of scavenging. We all learned a lot: Who has ever heard of a 16km/h speed limit?! Only in Brantmu.

As math always had a team, we thought it would be safe to assume that they would have a team. No one showed up. SciSoc ended up backing out, as only three people maintained an interest by the Thursday. We had 5 groups of first years who wanted to start teams, however, people backing out at the last minute resulted in only a Nano team, a Continued on page 6 See Debriefing

Complete Scavenger Hunt coverage can be found on pages 6 and 7
A Letter From Your Iron Editor

The Art of Writing a Letter from the Editor

This is the second Letter from the Editor I’ve had to write today, and I’ve decided to let you in on a secret: I am not enjoying it. I dread writing my Letter from the Editor every issue, but it’s a chore that must be done. Writing my Letter has got to be one of my least favourite parts of my whole editorship. It’s not that I’ve got anything against writing, I rather enjoy writing a well written article. What I dislike has a lot more to do with the circumstances surrounding the writing.

Firstly, there is a lot of pressure on me, and that makes me nervous. Specifically, there is a lot of pressure to choose a good topic - and if one has a good topic, one must do it justice and present it well, which adds further pressure. The topic must be worth discussing in detail, relevant, and presentable to the audience. This is not always possible however, and that’s where this article came from.

The time limit is also very frustrating as I like to be able to take my time to do research and mull over my main points. Okay, I never really get to that step, but that’s what I wish I did, and it fills me with great anxiety that I can’t. I’ve got a severe problem with procrastination and this combined with an inconsistent optimism means that I always leave my writing to the last possible moment. This usually ends up being very unfortunately late on Sunday (or early on Monday usually ends up being very unfortunately late on Sunday, or early on Monday). This is not always possible depending on how you look at it). This time of night is, understandably, not very conducive to writing quality material.

It’s also on the second page of the paper, which means I’ve got have some time of night is, understandably, not very conducive to writing quality material.

The third Letter from the Editor I’ve had to write today, and I’ve decided to let you in on a secret: I am a fan of this type of article, but it’s also on the second page of the paper, and it’s one of the aspects of the current state of affairs. It would be irresponsible of me to write an article of this type, as I do not have the time to devote to remaining adequately informed of local or foreign happenings. Another choice is the social commentary article. I am a fan of this type of article, but it requires skilful writing and adequate inspiration. The first letter I wrote this weekend fit this category but had to be set on hold for further review. The third category could be called miscellaneous.

These are the completely random articles that get written, like this one for example. Miscellaneous articles are safe, but hard to write. They generally must resort to rambling in order to meet length requirements. Another thing about the Letters from the Editor that I dislike is that they are very long. I have to write 1000 words to fill page 2. It is a matter of honour for the Editor to be able to fill the page with words. No other articles can be put in this prestigious location, and the ad at the bottom only stretches so far. My predecessor Andrew Dodds was the master of the letter from the editor, and could fill an entire page by himself with no need for even the ad at the bottom. I will forever be in his shadow, unable to rival his skill. Filling the page is a matter of meeting one’s responsibilities and rising to the challenge of filling space. It is one of the aspects that I find most challenging, and I find myself compulsively checking my word count (648 at the moment).

The irony of writing the letter is that the longer it is, the more prestigious it is. However, the lengthier an article is, the more ominous its appearance is to potential readers, and the less likely it is to be read. This is particularly torturous, as I know that the harder I work, the less likely it will be that my work is read and appreciated.

In conclusion, I seem to have come to the 727th word and cannot squeeze out one more. So now I’m off to double-check the layout and touch up my cartoon. Then it’s off to bed!

Got something that needs to be said? We value your feedback. Email us at iwarrior@engmail.uwaterloo.ca

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Dear LowRider,

I was just wondering how you feel about 1A engineering students already owning their “Waterloo Engineering 2011” jackets? Personally I think they are something you need to earn.

Deeply Concerned,
Planning on graduating in 2011, but not getting a jacket yet.

Dear Stupid Frosh,

I actually got my leather when I was 6 years old. Yes you read that right. 6 years old. Mind you the long line of LowRiders are prophesized in the book of Litt (which for some reason was omitted from the modern day bible).

Here is an excerpt from “LowRider’s Proper Usage of Leather” book:

“I do agree that it is something that must be earned. Your best bet is to save up the five million dollars that they charge for the freakin’ things and get it when you’re done 2B. That way you can wear it to Western and cause fights in bars (speaking from experience) while you’re still a student.

The amount of trouble this leather has got me in is unbelievable.”

“Don’t even think about letting people drive their cars over it and rubbing it in the dirty. Only stupids from that purple obsessed school do that.

Waterloo leather comes from a special breed of cows that have black utters and golden horns.”

“Yeah, yeah I know what a lot of you are thinking. Those jackets are so lame. They are not for everybody. I guess you’re too cool to realize you attend one of the finest institutions on the planet. McLean’s magazine just interview me about our little ranking thing: #1 Innovation baby. Larry Smith is smiling.”

“You either drop 500 bucks on some ‘oo leather or go to Leather by Munn and drop 50 on one of their factory seconds and write Waterloo Engineering on the back in whteout. It’s not worth the drive to Acton.

Buy the jacket dumbass. You’ll regret it later. So cool. Don’t forget to raise the guitar strings versus strings! There is no difference man. Strumming on that little flipper thing is like so cool. Don’t forget to raise the guitar when you want to rock out man. Send Ringo my regards.”

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Dear LowRider,

Someone was telling me that the Warrior of Iron is having some financial troubles. I want to make a large donation to the cause. To whom can I make the cheque payable?

-Distinguished Maserati Driving Alumnus

Dear Rich Ringed Guy,

Thanks you for your concern. Send you paypal to uw_lowrider@hotmail.com. I am the official treasurer, chief financial officer and controller of the IW. On top of the usual paypal fee of 3% there is a low fee of 33%. I need to buy some new diamond encrusted underpants. I’m sure you understand! I mean we appreciate your generous contribution to the Iron Warrior.

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Dear LowRider,

I have 17 full time job offers right now. I’m too timid to negotiate my rate of pay with them. Can you lead me in the right direction to maximize my bartering skills?

-About to Graduate

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Have a problem? Need advice?
Email LowRider at uw_lowrider@hotmail.com
Shadows Engulf UW Engineering

MICHAELEL SELISKE
1A COMPUTER

Many people woke up on the morning of Halloween and were surprised to see darkness greeting them through their window instead of the normal morning sun. It may have been the recent time change or it may have been the fact that shadows were descending on UW.

Tuesday, October 31st and Wednesday, November 1st were Shadow Days, when high school students from across the province come to Waterloo Engineering to see what it is all about. Many volunteers wandered towards the WEEF Lab like zombies at 9:00 in the morning to pick up their shadows at which time they cast them all over campus.

Volunteering in Costa Rica

MATT UCKERMANN
4A MECHANICAL

First, I would like to start this article with some blatant plagiarism. A recent study suggested that 76% of students cheat, so I have some catching up to do.

Being my last work term, I and some other members of my class decided to screw the Man and take a work term off, eschewing the biweekly paycheque, and the daily requests for Excel help for some thing more relaxing, more educational, but decidedly less profitable. I will leave the others to tell their stories - this is mine. (Thanks Dave.)

My summer was so much less profitable that I, in fact, gave away money, and for what you may ask? A delicious picture (and she’s wearing safety glass es?!). I was hand washing my clothes! At least, I was willing to try. This reduced the value of the money being given. It prevents the receiving country from buying good with the most value, and also prevents the country from spending the money to spur its own economy.

You might have heard about “fair trade” before, maybe to do with coffee products. In general, fair trade means that the people who grow a product get paid a fair price. It means that they have enough to live on, and that their family doesn’t have to live in poverty. While fair trade labels in stores help some, they don’t help everyone. Our goal is to have trade rules change so that all farmers can be paid a decent wage.

To try to make trade fair, and to cancel the debt. Engineers Without Borders has an answer - we want you to Play Your Part.

The Play Your Part campaign has three goals: to deliver more and better aid, to make trade fair, and to cancel the debt. All three issues are important, so I’ll go through them one at a time.

There are two parts to delivering more and better aid. We’ve got a goal for the “more” part and we call it 0.7%. In 1969, Lester B. Pearson set a goal for the amount of aid money to be given to underdeveloped countries: 0.7% of the country’s Gross National Income. It’s an achievable goal too - Denmark, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden have all met the target. Canada’s not very close yet, at around 0.3%. We want to see Canada meet this target which, after all, is a Canadian idea.

While it can be difficult to quantify the effectiveness of aid money, our campaign focuses on one problem: tied aid. This type of aid is given to developing countries under certain conditions, such as having to spend the money on goods or services that come from the donor country. This reduces the value of the money being given. It prevents the receiving country from buying good with the most value, and also prevents the country from spending the money to spur its own economy.

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So what can you do to help? Check for fair trade products when you’re shopping for coffee or chocolate. Learn more about the issues at playyourpart.ca. While you’re there, you can email your MP to show your support for poverty-reduction legislation.

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Time to Play Your Part

DARCY PARKS
2B SYSTEMS

P overty is an issue that affects people around the world. While it affects people in the same way, there’s no one way to help everyone. Most people are familiar with ways to help out locally: there are food banks, the Salvation Army, and other similar organizations. But how can you help out the less fortunate in other parts of the world, who seem so far away? Engineers Without Borders has an answer - we want you to Play Your Part.

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QEng Logo Contest Winner

BRYAN SACHDEVA
Q ENG REP

The winner has chosen to remain anonymous, but I can say that this artistic talent comes from someone in Architecture. In fact, we received many more submissions from the Architecture department than from the Engineering departments. The winner will receive a $25 cash prize. Congratulations!

Rodrigues shares his carving talents with Matt
### Engineering Computing Session Seeks Student Feedback

At the moment, if a student has a computer problem, a visit to the ECUSC (E2-1308A) or an email to consultant@engmail.uwaterloo.ca is the solution. In the future, low-level technical problems will be tracked through a support system, much like the support-ticket systems deployed throughout IT systems. The development of the tracker is reaching its final stages, and should be rolled out by the end of this term. Another phenomenon slowing the resolution of technical issues is the lack of reporting, since there are usually enough computers available to simply switch to a problem-free machine. However, that is not to say there are enough computers available for all - during peak hours, as many can testify, it can be difficult to find a computer without doing an impromptu tour of the labs. In the upgrade arena, the GAFF lab is currently having its asbestos removed, and at the same time, the lab renewed. Tables and chairs were added, and students brought up the perceived lack of support service.

### Apathy Central at AGM

I'm only halfway through the Feds executives' year so far and already I've heard rumours of people thinking about running for next year. For those who don't know, we have 4 executive positions: President, VP Internal, VP Administration/Finance, and VP Education. If you get elected it's a one-year paid term in which you usually have to put your studies on hold. This means that most of the candidates are either graduating or in 3rd year. New executive are elected in February and their term starts in May. I encourage any engineering students to consider filling these positions. After all, we are the largest contributing faculty to Feds. If none of us run, chances are Arts will fill them up. If you are interested, stop by an executive's office (visit Feds.ca for their contact info) and ask them about their work. You might find something you are interested in.

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### Upcoming Events from EngSoc

#### Sun Nov 12
- Sun Nov 12
- GradComm Pizza Meeting 6

#### Mon Nov 13
- 11:00 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- 5:30 IW Meeting

#### Tues Nov 14
- Tal-Eng

#### Wed Nov 15
- GradComm Pizza
- 5:30 EngSoc Meeting 5

#### Thur Nov 16
- WEEF By-Election

#### Fri Nov 17
- PEO Student Conference

#### Sat Nov 18
- Santa Claus Parade
- PEO Student Conference

#### Sun Nov 19
- PEO Student Conference
- 5:30 IW Meeting

#### Mon Nov 20
- EngParty

#### Tues Nov 21
- GradComm Pizza

#### Wed Nov 22
- GradComm Pizza

#### Thur Nov 23
- Fri Nov 24
- EngPlay

#### Fri Nov 25
- EngPlay

#### Sat Nov 25
- EngPlay

#### Sun Nov 26
- GradComm Pizza
- 5:30 EngSoc Meeting 6 (Potluck)

#### Thur Nov 30
- Fri Dec 1
- E.O.T.

#### Sat Dec 2
- Check out up-to-the-day event postings at the EngSoc website at engsoc.uwaterloo.ca/ww
Barefoot in the Ice and Snow

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so hypothermia and a cold were definite factors that could have contributed to the aftermath of Scavenger Hunt Fall 2006. When you're having immense amounts of fun, you don’t always think about the consequences of your actions. Thus when we approached the Shoe Toss portion of the night no one was thinking too hard about the icy grass, and the temperature outside. The Scavenger Hunt gods led us outside; we, unknowingly, excited about the prospects of a game where you throw your shoes, followed.

We folded out onto the green (by the Graduate House) and got ready. The game is played outside in the open, and is good for a large group of people. Using a large metal disk (a dessert tray works nicely) play what starts as a game of Frisbee. However, when the plate is thrown everyone tries to hit it with their shoes, that right their shoes, in order to gain control of the disk. The disk can’t be hit by the hands, can’t be touched by anyone but the winner of the round. The more times your team gains control of the disk, the more points you get.

Hitting a large metal disk floating erratically through the air is not as easy as it seems, and many times we would throw to no avail. Thus a race to the landing spot ensued and many times a fresno was foiled by a god. There were good times, but there were also bad times.

The ground was full of ice, and once you removed your shoes for the game your feet were attacked by a barrage of ice shards, and a wave of freezing cold. The cold would travel up your feet, if they didn’t go numb first, and even in many layers you felt like you were in the middle of a deep freeze. However, the game was still an epic illustration of the mastery of dynamics and projectile motion, with the incorporation of air resistance and fatigue, applied to the problem of a Frisbee hovering in mid air. The obviously excessive skill of the upper year students, from years of experience in this area, led the Scavenger Hunt gods to victory. If you don’t think this problem is “engineering” enough, try it, it’s much harder than it looks.

The Plight of Rocky Horror

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t this term’s Scavenger Hunt there was an impromptu showing of the amazing Rocky Horror Picture Show; unfortunately there was no double feature. Unfortunately there was no line master at the entrance, so no one knew the effect one scene from Rocky Horror. The majesty is in the viewing people, get the effect one scene from Rocky Horror.

Even worse is that people who have never seen the movie know the Time Warp, and get so enthusiastic about the song. Though I do love to watch virgins as they see the Time Warp performed, it is a magi
cal thing. Something to remember is that only virgins go all the way down, to the floor that is. Besides all this is the amount of information that it would take to convey the effect one scene from Rocky Horror. The majesty is in the viewing people, get on your asses and watch more movies.

Another major problem with this view

ing was that there was no line master at this showing, and while one of the 1A Nans did her best to help, many of the key commentaries were missed. To top it all off, no one threw toast, no one even had toast to speak of, and there wasn’t a toasted bagel in sight. Disgraceful to say the least.

In conclusion, the Rocky Horror Picture Show is one of the greatest movies known to man, and anyone who is a virgin should be required by law to see it. Especially because the lack of interest from the general engineering population has led to even people in high ranking positions being virgins. How does that make Waterloo Engineering seem to the outside world, having an abundance of virgins and a lack of enthusiasm? Even the prestigious editor of the world’s number one low budget newspaper (read: the Iron Warrior) is a virgin. Well Jaclyn, you better smarten up; being a virgin is not cool.
So you think that the magical dessert called pudding seems logical on a spoon? Apparently you’re not thinking like a Scavenger Hunt god. The 2A Nanos ran two inspiring events both built on a solid foundation of pudding.

For starters let me talk about the awe-some times at Scavenger Hunt that no one expected. The fun with food portion of the evening was the Pudding Drop. Grab your garbage bags and copies of that other artsie newspaper, then let the fun begin!

First, a balcony of sorts is needed for the dropper, to ensure maximum difficulty and fun. Secondly mess is an issue, so issues of artsie newspapers come in handy, already being a mess. Now, take a garbage bag and cut out holes for the arms and the head, and you have a pudding suit, not as cool as a pancake suit, but practical nonetheless. Take a paper plate, and use if to cover the mouth of the person who is receiving the pudding. Then have teams compete to see who can get the most pudding on the plate. (Just so you know, I happened to win this event)

The second event using pudding, an extension of the first event, was a test of how well we could stick Q-Tips to the partners who originally caught the pudding. Using additional pudding as an appliqué for the garbage bag is required, making sure good coverage on the chest and the abdomen is achieved. Then many Q-Tips are required, as are many straws. In a timed race, groups compete to see who can stick the most Q-tips on their puddinged partner in 3 minutes. The administration made us use eye protection for this event and for good reason. I could have taken a squirrel’s eye out with the excellence of my straw shooting.

FALL DEBATES

Jeff Aho
Jerry Wong
Mechanical and Mechatronics Engineering (runners up)

Nicholas Hayduk
Bryan Sachdeva
Electrical and Computer Engineering (runners up)

Topic—
baths are better than showers

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Keeping you Posted on the Poster Policy

Next, there has been a lot of commotion about the Bomber under age policy. In my last exec report I talked about this policy. Since then, it has been lifted temporaril -y. I have written a more detailed article about the whole situation entitled “New Bomber Under Age Policy – Is it Here To Stay?” So read over it if you’re looking for more information on that’s at all’s.

I also want to briefly discuss the EngSoc poster policy. Last EngSoc meeting I brought forth a motion to modify the poster policy. Based on feedback I’ve received there have been some changes made to this motion. We will be voting on the new motion at the next EngSoc meeting (November 15).

Lastly, Jaclyn Sharpe (editor of IW) and I had a meeting with Dean Sedra about the content of the IW. As Jaclyn mentioned at the last EngSoc meeting, the Dean is disappointed in the content of the IW. Jaclyn is looking for more “newsworthy” kinds of articles and would love you to get involved. If you want your voice heard, what better way than to write for IW.

Why EngSoc Loves You

(Or at Least I Do Because You All Come Out to Events)

The society web space for several months now. EngSoc will be looking to put together a team for Consulting Engineering, Senior Design, and perhaps also Junior Design on the 24th if they are interested in coming winter in order to tackle some of the more involved portions of the project. Some of these tasks have been on the to do list for years and a half. Out there having a good time. I know I again it was great to see so many people having a blast. Tuesday was also TalEng, and there’s so much more to do. Genius Bowl is happening on the 21st in RCH 101 and it’s the perfect chance for your class to try and prove that they are in fact the smartest. So hone up your trivia skills and sign up in the Orifice. EngPlay is also coming up starting on the 24th which is a great chance for you to enjoy some good engineering acting. Don’t worry about it being boring and bland like all of that Shakespeare that you read in high school. The EngPlay promises excitement and a very, very good laugh. Tickets for that are going on sale soon, so keep your ears open.

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As Jaclyn mentioned at the last EngSoc meeting, the Dean is disappointed in the content of the IW. Jaclyn is looking for more “newsworthy” kinds of articles and would love you to get involved. If you want your voice heard, what better way than to write for IW.

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Donations, Sans Leprechauns

Some of that money. In case you can’t quite remember what the breakdown was, I’ve got it right here. Go ahead, take a look.

Autonomous Robot Challenge: $134
Waterloo Off-Road Mini Baja Team: $250
Canadian Engineering Competition: $300
Concrete Toboggan: $300
Engineers Without Borders: $166
Gradball: $300
Gradcomm: $135
Intelligent Robotics Experiment: $200

In other news, I’ve been asked to write another short story for your amusement. Seeing as how I’m already late submitting this article, it doesn’t look like it’s going to happen for this edition. I won’t let you down though. I’ll work on a story for next time that makes even less sense than ever before!

Did You Cash in on Midterms? Take Them to the Bank!

On the topic of course evaluations. Just a friendly reminder to everyone that these evaluations are truly taken seriously by your professors and your constructive feedback can go a long way. Completed packages are being collected at the front desk in the Orifice. Be on the look-out for the ever-popular course evaluation reading party coming up soon.

In other news – and in case you haven’t heard – EngSoc has been in the process of undertaking a large-scale remodeling of the society web space for several months now. Asoc will be looking to put together a team of members going onto work terms for this coming winter in order to tackle some of the more involved portions of the project. Some of these tasks have been on the to do list for years and a half, Out there having a good time. I know I again it was great to see so many people having a blast. Tuesday was also TalEng, and there’s so much more to do. Genius Bowl is happening on the 21st in RCH 101 and it’s the perfect chance

Word on the street is that it’s mid November. The legendary moment in the academic term means three things to me: Midterms have all trickled back, course evaluations are happening over the next week or two, and finals are just around the corner.

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Is it Worth Getting Your P.Eng?

POINT VS. COUNTERPOINT

Whether you’re a wee frosh or a weary fourth year, the biggest question on your mind should be “Should I get my professional engineering license when I graduate?” Granted that all depends on if you’re a Christmas graduate or the regular type, but we’ll neglect that for the sake of proving that becoming a professional engineer is far superior to remaining a mere Bachelor of Applied Sciences graduate.

Firstly, being a professional is pretty cool because the safety of the public is in your hands. It’s kind of like being a super hero except the only villains are things like forces, pH factor and lack of money. Whenever I tell people I’m an engineering student, the main reaction is amazement that I’m taking such a demanding degree. Why is this? Because engineering is a professional occupation that demands the highest moral integrity from its members and is generally well-respected by the public. Professional license = respect. Sounds good to me, sign me up!

Secondly, as a professional it’s hard to have people frontin’ your style with PEO cracking down on all the wannabes trying to look like forces, pH factor and lack of money. Plus, you can also save on car insurance; no, seriously, you really can. No, I’m not joking, a friend’s engineering dad cuts his bill in half just by being a professional!

Besides, after all that time and money you might as well go the extra mile and get a professional license that will last for the rest of your life. Getting the work experience and passing the ethics exam may not appeal to you, but it’s a small sacrifice that will go a long way in the end.

WEEF Results Are In

Just a short note this week (with pretty stats) are in for the term: 84% is very good and I would like to thank everyone who contrib- uted. See how your class performed with the participation break-down below.

Funding council meets this Thursday (November 16th, 2006) at 5pm in RCH 308. If you are your class’s rep (or would like to) please make sure to attend.

Also on Thursday is the WEEF by-election. We have two candidates: Brandon DelHart (2B Mechatronics) and Chris Metaxas (3B Civil). Please come out and vote between 8:30am and 4:30pm in the CPH foyer.
Avast! Album Review off the Starboard Bow!

When one thinks of musicians with breakthrough debut albums, several artists come to mind: The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix, Led Zeppelin, Boston, The Clash, Van Halen, The Beach Boys, Guns N’ Roses, and Nirvana to name a few. I submit for your consideration a new album, the release of which could be regarded as the seminal breakthrough debut albums, several artists I submit for your consideration a new album, the release of which could be regarded as the seminal breakthrough debut albums, several artists...
The Canadian Undergraduate Technology Conference (CUTC) is an annual event that is held in the Toronto region. This three-day conference brings together students from all across Canada with academia and industry leaders from across the world. CUTC is Canada’s largest undergraduate technology conference with over 600 delegates and participants from companies such as Lenovo, Microsoft, Research in Motion, Apple, ATI, Telus, Bell and many others. Throughout the event students participate in five major keynote sessions given by companies such as Apple, ATI, Telus, Bell and many others.

CUTC 2007 is also made online via our website www.cutc.ca and will be open on November 15th. Once students are registered they can select which seminar streams and workshops they would like to attend, as well as choose whether or not to take part in TechTeam. These events fill up very quickly so be sure to register early!

As Engineering students (and students of life) we are taught to ensure that we gain knowledge from our past acts be they positive or negative. Yet as we progress through our degrees and lives, how often do we take the time to stop and reflect upon the battle honour we collect? To be aware of yourself is to allow yourself to grow, and we the students of the engineering profession at the University of Waterloo spend far too little time performing this activity.

The following will provide a few tips on the skill of being observant. First, the easiest way to improve your observation skills is to pause when entering any room. This is perhaps not the best thing to do in a high traffic doorway, but whenever you get a chance, a pause when entering any room is very important. Second, verbalize the scene in front of you (ie, start talking to yourself). At any given time, look around and start transacting the scene into words. This will provide you with the ability to explore and recall information.

Third, echo others’ mannerisms back to them. This tip is especially important when attempting to hold and captivate someone’s attention - it is comfortable for people to talk to someone who is similar to themselves. But this isn’t an observation skill, you might say. However, try it once and you will realize that to be able to reflect someone’s habits, you must first come to understand them - and to accomplish this, you must observe them.

Fourth, exercise your mental agility. This is very important, as the ability to see situations from different perspectives is a very coveted skill and a key component of observation. Being observant is about more than possessing the ability to describe a scene in detail. The ability to give meaning to a scene is far more important. In understanding the context of a situation you are more able to recall the scene in detail. Fifth, ask for criticism from others. This may not seem like a method to increase your observation skills, but it is. This action will increase your observation skills far more than any of the previous tips. By asking another to provide their opinions of you and your actions, you learn to interpret your actions in light of your own motives. You may think that you are fully aware of your intent, but are you really? Have you ever had to say to another, “That’s not what I meant!”? If so, you failed in your observations of the situation at hand. By obtaining others interpretations of your actions you will be able to modify your actions to convey the proper meaning to others, and as your observation skills are refined you will be able to give meaning to any communications with the proper tones and subtleties.

Regardless of your perception on the ability to be observant, just remember that self-reflection will always lead to a better understanding of yourself.
The Eligible Engineer’s Guide to Surviving the Semi-Formal

**Coscia Rica**

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had a “life altering” experience volunteer- ing, and became a called biter hermit who would never ever get near a volun- teering project because it was so awful. Okay, now on to my own experience volunteering. I would describe my volun- teering experience as enlightening and positive. I know what you’re thinking - so this fellow was “enlightened” on the actual impoverished conditions that exist in a third world country, conditions we can only imagine here in the West. Well, no, I grew up in Africa, in the impoverished conditions I’ve seen. I was enlightened by the refreshing simplicity of life, by the happiness and health of the people. The kids run around barefoot and play soccer all day long. They hurt themselves, and get back up, without parents watching anx- iously, ready to sue as soon as their lovely child gets hurt. We had one little girl who was hurt while hanging out at the work site. Two of the other volunteers walked her home. The mother laughed, and said to her daughter: “I told you that you would get hurt!” In Canada it might sound like the mother doesn’t care for her child (which is certainly not the case), but I liked this. The hot river was freakin’ awesome! I also would recommend Costa Rican home cooking. This point is evident, and probably shouldn’t even need to be mentioned but I just did, so, deal with it. Well, actually, I’ve met my fair share of people - to a friend of a friend, of course. Link’. Pitiful, I know but I’ve seen it hap- pen - to a friend of a friend, of course.

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On the final day of the trip there were visits to community member homes, school cafeteria. What this basically means is that from the time we went up (5am) to the time we went to bed (10pm), there was some young Costa Ricans hanging around, extremely cute, and talking, for all practi- cal purposes, gibberish (I really have to learn Spanish). For some reason, this was rejuvenating, and for others, it got to be a bit much.

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Command Lines: The Real Way to Run a Computer

Trinity uses a computer via command prompts. [images_incredible/3949116_R1p2.png]

Sony PlayStation 3 Shortage

Technology: Essential to the Quest for Meaning

Computing Trivia

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2006

This inspiration for this article came about as an episode of Tahmin to Arises, which is found almost at 3PM Eastern at my place. This particular episode was “The One Where They Mention DOS,” and it goes a little something like this (apologies to Kristen in advance for the the haphazard paraphrasing):

“What’s DOS?”

“Oh, it’s like when your computer screws up and does this with black screen with just words on it.”

And I thought back to the days of the command line - indeed, the dealie with the foreboding black screen and its string of ominous characters:

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C:\> modem to line
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Early Mac-adaptors will either scoff or shrug in ignorance, having been long cossed by Apple’s ever-dominant GUI (Graphical User Interface) skills, evident to this date. But for PC users, the command line was once the only weapon of choice: speedy and decisive, if difficult to master, like a fine sword or race car. Doing anything required a series of perfectly-executed moves, and only a true master could type in the required chain with speed and accuracy, while avoiding the dreaded “Bad command or file name” message.

The command line’s relationship to expertise is readily apparent in the media. When was the last time anyone in a serious computing position, whether at CTI, or Los Angeles or CSI Las Vegas, clicked around on a one-button mouse? Never, that’s when. Whenever some serious image enhancement happens to occur, “Enhance!” is always followed by a furious series of rapid key presses. In Matrix: Reloaded, does Trinity use a GUI with transparencies, context-sensitive menus, and tool-tips? No! It’s command line all the way - a command line is the environment of choice for hacking into the power grid.

Heck, even the Enter key itself is a plot device unto itself, a mini-cliffhanger just waiting to be explored. Picture the scene. The command line reads “Detonate.” The protagonist, bloodied after repeated confrontations with the protagonist, reaches towards the key with his dying breaths. His trembling fingers hover over the keys when suddenly - BAM! - a shotgun blast destroys the scene.

“Detonate? That’s a bad command or file name, scumbag.”

America is saved once again! No explosions! The civilians live, the plane doesn’t crash, and the bad guys are pweded.

Interestingly enough, command lines and keyboard entry are actually related to expertise. Interfaces are designed

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Sony PlayStation 3 Shortage

There are some may already know, Sony has run into some production problems, heavily due to the fact that blue-ray diodes are not being manufactured to meet industry specs. So the announced delivery of 400,000 units for the initial North America launch is actually lower, and supply and demand will be a huge issue for early launch adapters. This poses a problem for those individuals that want to own the system for themselves. Some may have encountered or know of parasitic hooligans that are trying to round up as many units as possible to eBay them off for a large return profit.

This is saddening for the true gamer, and I personally do not condone or support such asinine behavior. The real people that suffer are parents and grandparents that are forced to purchase such inflated units because they promised little Johnny a PS3 for Christmas, and when a promise is made to a child it simply cannot be broken. An incident that occurred to me was when EB Games/Game Stop had their PS3 preorder, and a grandmother came late and was unable to receive the coveted ticket number, and offered 10 Benjamins (that would be US$1000) to the individual at the front of the line to give his spot up to her so she could get the PS3 system for her grandson for the Christmas holiday.

Regardless of whether or not the buyer is financially set, this is not the proper way to make money. How would you like it if someone wanted your child’s PS3 because he was bored on a rainy afternoon and didn’t have much to do? This is absolutely disgusting as it reveals that you purposely have inflated because of a certain inconsiderate scumbag trying to gouge you for as much money as possible. For those that feel that such actions are wrong and want to do something about it, I propose we each make fake eBay accounts and overbid to an unreachable amount so that these parasites have their plans backfire on them, and so that Sony gets their act together and increases production and they are left high and dry.

Another incident that needs to be addressed is how EB Games/Game Stop employees at certain locations are allowed to preorder PS3s and Wiis, but as announced by their respective head quarters, employees are not allowed to preorder PlayStation 3s or Xbox 360s. This is absolutely disgusting as it reveals that you are not professional or ethical enough to do it the proper way by camping outside like all the other thousands of people who in turn get burned by these actions. I hope that employees that commit such acts get fired, so this is what its their respective companies are condoning then obviously gamblers should take their business elsewhere.

Technology can be presented as both condemning and counter-productive in today’s world. Broad sweeping generalizations have been made regarding the evil underpinnings of technology and the copious amount of resources it consumes in developing itself. The question of where technology is moving is often posed.

Technology needs to be defined properly - otherwise it would not be developed. Innovations can be made to improve every aspect of the world in which we live. Technology is not a loosely defined theoretical concept that moderates itself. It is a tangible state of the art that is practiced, lived, and pushed forward by a group of professionals called Engineers. It is true that some write poetry to find the path to meaning in life. Others however explore the path in different ways. Some push the envelope of technology to establish a definition of meaning. By understanding how the world works from a mathematical and physical standpoint, we can better integrate our human existence into it.

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The first changes up on directory level, the second displays the current directory.

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Steve Jobs, after Microsoft saved Apple.

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Gadgets

What is the point of the @ in front of “@echo off”?

It echoes the off command from being echoed.

What does ATDT5555186236 do?

It gets a Hayes AT-compatible modem to tone-dial the number.

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**High School Students Explore ‘Design’ Theme**

The 46 students will participate in a series of on-campus workshops arranged by the UW enrichment program. Waterloo Unlimited is a trans-disciplinary enrichment experience for high school students of exceptional potential.

“**Our program will give the students the opportunity to interact with university faculty and students from around the campus,” said Ed Jernigan, director for Waterloo Unlimited.** “With that diversity, we are able to explore design in the broadest possible sense.”

Jernigan said the program seeks to help students of extraordinary potential come together in a community of scholars. “At Unlimited, students learn how to become more engaged with and better able to contribute to their own educational enrichment.”

The students will learn about design in the context of various disciplines presented by professors from various faculties and programs from across campus, including engineering, literature, urban planning and other areas. They will also attend skills sessions, on topics such as creativity and communications, and participate in group assignments and activities.

Each day includes two lectures on some aspect of design, a two-hour hands-on workshop on a design discipline and a two-hour skills session. There are also public talks by Ken Coates, dean of the faculty of arts, and James Alan Gardner, a local author.

Developing programs around a theme, rather than a single subject, is a hallmark of Waterloo Unlimited.

“**Innovative solutions and ground-breaking research happen where disciplines and researchers cross boundaries,” Jernigan said.** “Themed teaching promotes an open-ended learning experience and develops students’ higher-order academic skills, such as analysis, synthesis, communication and collaboration.”

Hosted by the faculty of environmental studies, Waterloo Unlimited has been offering innovative enrichment experiences to high school students since 2004.

**MEDIA RELATIONS UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO**

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**LIBRARY COMMUNICATIONS UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO**

**Students, faculty, and staff exiting the Davis Centre Library are experiencing something unfathomable to their predecessors: not having their book bags checked by the library attendant. Following a week of drilling, assembling, and wiring, the new security gates are active, thus completing the installation of the 3M One-Tag Inventory and Security System at the Davis Library. With assistance from a $1 million gift from 3M Canada, the Library is the first academic institution in North America to showcase this type of innovative radio frequency identification technology.**

When asked how they felt about the new security gates, students exiting the Davis Library provided similar responses: “I think having these gates is much more convenient because you don’t have to get your bags checked,” said first year Mathematics student, Helen Qu. “You no longer have to wait in line. Overall, this area now looks better.”

Agreeing with what Helen had to say, second year Computer Science student, Alexandre Karpov added “I hope the new security system will help remedy some of the books that go missing from the Library.”

The next few weeks will be a learning experience for library staff and visitors. For the time being, the alarm will consist of flashing lights and a beeping sound. During this time, there will be a library attendant seated near the exit to provide directions if the alarm is triggered. In the next week, the alarm’s beeping sound will be followed by a voice message directing visitors back to the Davis Library’s Circulation Desk to resolve the problem.

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The University of Waterloo’s school of architecture will officially open the Musagetes Architecture Library, which contains one of Canada’s top collections of rare books on architecture and design, with a special ceremony Wednesday. The event will also celebrate the $2.5 million gift to the architecture library by local philanthropists Louise MacCallum and Michael Barnstijn. Their donation assisted in the renovation and furnishing of the new library at the school.

“The library’s earliest dated book (1555) is a treatise, in Latin, by the Northern Renaissance artist, Albrecht Durer. The rare books are preserved in a separate, environmentally controlled room. The building has been built up over the last 30 years with the support of University Library and the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Two private donations have been also key. A gift from Spencer Clark created the Waterloo Enrichment Collection of rare books in architecture. And Canadian architectural historian William Dendy has donated his entire personal collection to UW.

As a result, the Musagetes Library holds landmark titles in the history and theory of architecture, treatises from 16th to the 20th century, as well as texts outlining architectural developments in Northern Europe and on the North American frontier, which have a profound effect on architectural theory and urban development in Canada.

The library contains more than 30,000 volumes and 75 current print and electronic journals. Most books are on some aspect of architecture, including architectural design, theory, history and criticism, as well as on historic preservation, building technology, industrial design, landscape architecture, interior design and urban design.

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The Stagnation of Organized Religion

YUVRAJ GOEL

Truly, religion is one of those topics about which everyone has some level of understanding. It would be presumptuous to proclaim any particular way of thinking as the right path and thus insist on other established religious views. I wish to explore the general attitude that people have towards religion, and the resulting stagnation of their personal beliefs.

In a way, religion has become a way of putting everything we don’t understand about life and existence into one category. Ever since intelligent human beings started walking the earth, there have been certain questions that have been beyond our immediate ability to answer. However, looking for the technological, cultural, social and every other kind of progress that we have made over the last few millennia, it is unfortunate that similar advances have not been made in religion.

I personally do not like to believe that we are not capable of knowing the higher laws of life. With a methodical, exhaustive approach, I am sure some new knowledge can be acquired about religion and spirituality. However, humanity has neglected to thoroughly explore religion over time in the hope that it would guide and nourish itself, as if it were something organic and self-evolving. I think we need a new, more scientific attitude towards religion.

However, to a science, religion is a science in itself. It is a vast, all-encompassing body of information, so vast in fact that it overshadows all other sciences. However, humanity has neglected to thoroughly explore religion over time in the hope that it would guide and nourish itself, as if it were something organic and self-evolving. I think we need a new, more scientific attitude towards religion.

Religion continues to give most people in the world a general direction of what to believe and how to proceed. While many things affect our decision-making, few have a clear idea of where they are headed. I think this is because organized religion has become somewhat preoccupied with rituals and symbols. Due to the rigidity of religious establishments and due to our failure to contemplate from one's community, it is difficult for ordinary people to question the religious beliefs that are usually taken for granted. Hence, common religious beliefs are passed on from generation to generation with few additions and subtractions.

Attitudes towards religion are strongly affected by family values and our upbringing. It is difficult to say how many of us shape and refine these attitudes through our own efforts. Some may be reluctant to learn more about other religions and participate in the fact that we do not discover them would severely contradict what they have believed all their lives. This is perhaps the exact opposite of the scientific attitude that has led humans to make astounding advancements in other fields.

Due to the lack of such new developments in religion, it has become part of the background in our daily lives. It's a haven we go to only when everything else fails. As we grow up and our responsibilities and worries increase, we find it increasingly less time to wonder about life, existence and a higher force that we may never fully understand. Hence, we put these concepts into the category of religion and neglect them at a safe distance from any scientific or logical pursuit.

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University of Waterloo

The pros associated with our dear UW are of course its individual first-year program, where you actually set yourself up for success in your program and are not taken out of your program short of failing out. UW’s groundbreaking co-op program is a major helping hand for all those poor and starving students. Economically speaking, the co-op program is a huge boost, but also has far-reaching effects on attractiveness (resumé) of Waterloo graduates. Thus, you graduate with a substantial head start financially and with more experience than the average bear.

The cons that follow here are some what education-based. The GeoE program at UW is decentralized over many departments and based out of Civil Engineering. Thus you get an engineering perspective on Earth Sciences, and less of a true window into the program of the side. The tuition at UW is off the top more expensive and housing is a logistical nightmare. Not only are prices outrageous in comparison (while Vancouver is bad, the Greater Vancouver Regional District is not), but there is a limited range of acceptable locations for housing. There is also the place that having two streams of students creates. UW is also in the middle of Waterloo, which makes it a good place to go to get a little way to get to anything. And I mean anything.

University of British Columbia

On the pros side, UBC has a truly interdisciplinary two-year program, consisting of courses offered through Earth and Ocean Sciences and the department of Geological Engineering. This creates a unique link between the two disciplines and the existence of a GeoE department adds to the program, making it strong in both the geotechnical and geological aspects of the profession. Options and specializations in UBC are geared towards individual specializations and personal choice more than a specific option set or theme. Also, for all those out there unsure of the specific program that excites them, a common first year allows a chance for choice and discover. For instance, there are two terms back-to-back on campus and one off-term, which allows the logistics of housing to be more easily rectified and also keeps the amount of time to graduation.

However, there are many cons as well. UBC is a one of the university’s better programs and the co-op program is not assured, and therefore the financial strain overall can be much higher to students. Also, with late entrance into the department, the competition for specific programs can be much more intense and good students that have trouble in first year may not end up in the program of their choice (sort of like a Nano ending up in Cyp). When a program fills up, you are placed in another based on marks and preference. You can end up anywhere, however, and of course ending up where you don’t want to be, when you don’t even have co-op to fall back on and worse and more expensive at UBC then it is at UW.
Door Etiquette
Human-Shaped Windowless Portals, The Misunderstood Soul

This rule set dictates precedence for the people already contained within the compartment over those entering the compartment.

Thus, if there is a group of people, heading into a doorway, the door is just natural. But, if in the specific situation where there is a limiting reagent (e.g. space), then move, hold your arm back for the next person and MOVE FORWARD.

Is that so hard? Well, is it?

A lingering question posed by the advancement of modern society is the male - female dynamic, and how does one treat the gentleman question? If a girl opens a door for me, I always feel kinda male - female dynamic, and how do those attempting to enter the compartment. This rule set dictates precedence for the people already contained within the compartment over those entering the compartment. While this fact may seem like common sense to many out there, logical conclusions are not always the precedent when time is of the essence and one is pressed. Yes, a rule set can have one rule.

Single Doors, en groupe

OK, when you are at the head of a group of people, heading into a doorway, holding the door is just natural. But, if in the specific situation where there is a limiting reagent (e.g. space), then move, hold your arm back for the next person and MOVE FORWARD.

Double Doors, en groupe

Well, as demonstrated in the single doors section, most situations that happen in double doors are mirrored by single doors. Space in double doors is usually not an issue, but be courteous and open the door (it really isn’t that big of an issue, is it?). New issues are created around portal entrances when inexperience is found to be in the mix. For example, entering the mini-foyer is permissible if they open the doors for you and stand back to let you through. Of course you are not going to smack them and tell them they’re not supposed to do that, you walk through and say thank you.

So by now you must be thinking, “what is this universal fact, this underlying principle to doors?” Unlike the meaning of life, whose answer is relatively simple (c) but actually equal to 42, the “principle of door-ing” is much more esoteric and a lot more useful. (sure the meaning of life is 42, but does that pay my grocery bill?). The Principle of Door-ing states that: universally, door-ing is performed while considering the essence of time, ease of transmittal, and courtesy for your fellow “door-ers”. Thus, in any situation where proper door-ing technique is not previously stated or ascertained, one must use techniques which create a door that can be “door-ed” quickly and efficiently, but also with grace, and minimal discomfort to your fellow door-ers.

Oven Baked Squash

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit
2. Cut squash into two halves, scoop out the seeds.
3. Line the inside of each half with margarine, then with brown sugar.
4. Place squash halves on baking sheet and place in oven for 35 minutes or until squash is tender and can easily be scooped with a fork/spoon.

Ingredients:

1 squash, any kind
margarine
brown sugar

Serves: 2

Oven Baked Squash

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**The Truth about Chlamydia**

Since we all know that there is a large concentration of sexual activity around any university campus in North America nowadays, understanding the effects of STIs is valuable information for any Plummer. Something to know these days is the frighteningly fast paced spread of the STI Chlamydia. Considering Chlamydia’s reputation as the “silent epidemic,” due to the high percentage of women with the disease who feel no or only a slight discomfort, it is important that everyone knows how to prevent and treat its spread. Chlamydia is a largely unknown cause of up to a half million cases of pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), a generic term for infection of the uterus, fallopian tubes, and/or ovaries,” every year in the US. Other symptoms of Chlamydia itself are “unusual vaginal bleeding or discharge, pain in the abdomen, painful sexual intercourse, fever, painful urination or the urge to urinate more frequently than usual.”

**Swingline’s Guide to Some of the Finer Things in Life**

**What do you usually do on a Friday night?**

I usually write articles for the Iron Warrior. But the last few weeks I’ve been doing something else. I found this great new thing. Well it’s not really new – it’s more, old. But it is great. I’ve been drinking red wine, and then having sex.

With all the stresses of school and social life, this is a really great way to kick back and relax. But wait, isn’t social life relaxing? Not always. Dealing with people and talking to them all night is tiring. And getting really drunk is great, but sometimes hard on the system. My solution: get a movie going or maybe some sexy music. I recommend “Summer Romance” by Incusus. It’s a great song to make your partner’s clothes fall off. You want to create the sexiest atmosphere, so practice taking a girl’s bra off with one hand. Struggling with a bra is not sexy. Borrow some of your mom’s or roommate’s and practice doing the left-handed take off. It’s all about putting your fingers in the right places, and then you basically just snap your fingers. You have to experiment. I would draw a diagram but I am too lazy. Girls, get good at trying to take off different belt buckles. Sometimes girls get stuck on that and it’s okay, but a quick takeoff is pretty sexy.

Now, after drinking that lovely red wine and having a nice romantic conversation to some nice music, you’re going to get pretty passionate. Down boy! (For now) You want to take it slow for a bit. It’s all about the build up. Trust me, after so much of a crescendo, the climax is out of this world. Guys, you want to lightly touch girls in places like their inner arms, between the breasts, and then eventually down to the inner thigh, and then the magical place (but that’s after a WHILE - be patient, teasing makes it even better). Girls, lightly touch the guys’ back and chest. Wow, this article is getting really long. I recommend a Shiraz. It is a somewhat dry red wine that is fruit and sweet. Yellow Tail is definitely the best way to go, but French Cross Shiraz is also very good. If you aren’t into the sweetness factor so much, I recommend a Merlot. Pellei Island Cabernet Merlot is a great choice. Make sure you get designated red wine glasses; you will thank yourself. They direct the wine flow onto the best parts of your tongue. I know this sounds lame, but it’s true... for some reason it just tastes better.

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HUMAN SEXUALITY CORRESPONDENT

Since the last column focused on help ing engineers please their lady friends, let’s talk a little about how to please that special man in your life. There are many ways to do this, but remember, if you don’t feel comfortable, then go for it! The practice of scratching your teeth on a man’s penis. While gentle nibbling can be stimulating on the glans or “head” of the penis, it is widely considered unpleasant when teeth are used on the shaft of the penis.

Rubbing the shaft without any lubrication can cause an uncomfortable sensation. A natural way of lubrication is to use your saliva. Licking the shaft up and down before rubbing or inserting it deeply into your mouth can work. Even letting your saliva drip down the shaft of the penis while you massage the glans with your tongue or suck on the shaft can be erotic and pleasurable.

Lastly, let’s not forget the testes. Yes, that’s right; you may remember the effeminateness that is generally associated with oral sex stimulation. If you follow these general guidelines I’m sure you’ll make a special man very happy. Remember, however, that these are generalizations that might not be true for every man. Talk to your partner; let him help guide you to providing paroxysms of unbridled ecstasy. Be safe and have fun!


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I find vision through a screen
Clicking through the colours of the world
Sometimes rapidly
To find the one I like

Rapid eye movement
As I scan the digital tapestry of life
Tracing every single movement
Searching for a shred I like

Thoughts are overrun by vision
Reality strained through crystalline molecules
A dream within a dream within a dream
Maybe a dream I like?

The universe bounded by 1024 x 768 pixels
Has all the flavours I could ever want
I believe what I see since seeing is believing
I see. I like.
**POETS Movie Schedule**

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- Soccer Match

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**Crossword**

**MICHAEL SUE-KAM-LING**
2B CHEMICAL

**JACLYN SHARPE**
2B MECHANICAL

**How Ridgid are You?**

CHASE GOSSELIN
1A GEOLOGICAL

Out of 8 questions: 0 - Artsie, 1 - Mathie, 2 - Frosh, 3 - upperclassmen, 4 - Graduate, 5 - Surveyor, 6 - Engineer, 7 - Godiva, 8 - TOOL

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2. The SLC was once known as…?
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**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

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HAROUT MANOUGIAN
3N ELECTRICAL

Dandelion

ANDREW ARTHUR KAIKAI
1A NANOTECHNOLOGY

Wow, spring is here and so am I.
The winter has been good, I slept, I stretched, I grew strong, I survived
Now I spread my leaves and my flowers are up decorating
The land, The landscape, The life, Your life
Since time immemorial.
I was here before you all, now you are trying to exterminate me.
Pollutants, Pesticides.
Pulling me up heartlessly, hacking me out
Like that ladylike lady, so kind to everyone but me.
Now here comes this fatherly father with his lawn mower
I thought the death sentence was no longer here
I guess I am wrong
When the frost comes on strong
When your tulips fail
When the marigold gives up because of a little frost
When the “perennial” and the “annual” have depleted your income
When the garden is bare, I’ll be there
I celebrate life, hardy, headstrong, hopeful
I shall survive no matter what.

Send in your prof quotes, drawings and poems!

If we were in a time of war, what would be your battle cry?

“Death!”
Cole Lamb, 2A Civil

“Run away!”
Hilary Lockie, 2B Chemical

“Raaaaaaaaarrghhh!”
Anthony Iseyemi, 1A Computer

“Cow-a-bunga!”
Darryl McCumber, 2A Mechanical

“It’s impossible to pronounce with a human tongue.”
Andrew Cameron, 1A Systems

“Liquidus.”
James des Cotes, 2B Chemical

“Oh shit…”
Caitlin Ho, 1A Mechanical

“I’m gonna get humped!”
Katie Cerar, 2B Systems