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GeoRox on Front Page!! :O Scary Thought!



Back from The Bush
September 14th, Koerner's Pub

Back from the bush is an annual event co-thrown with the Dawson club. It is held at the beginning of the year when everyone has (as implied by the title) gotten back from the bush. This year the theme was 80's hair metal. Men and women alike wore band t-shirts, big make-up, even bigger hair, and, you guessed it, the tightest pair of jeans they could find. Taking over a good portion of the Koerner's patio, lovers of rock (no pun intended) laughed, drank, and were merry all to the soothing sounds of Iron Maiden. Attractions included live music from some of GeoROX's finest musicians and the much talked about tight pants contest. See photos on left.

Top Photo: Front row: Juliana Martin, Tammy Shore, Marisol Valerio, and Dave Khan
Back row: Michael Beaupre, Francis Macdonald

Bottom Photo: Marisol Valerio and Dave Khan



Website

Soon to be launched. This website will contain photos of executives, contact information, links, important dates and event updates, and photos of past events. The website address is to be announced.

GeoROX Whistler/Squamish Trip October 19-21, 2007

Faculty in Attendance: Dr. Erik Eberhardt
Staying in Whistler

Planned Sites to Visit:

- Callahan and Blackcomb Olympic sites
- Sea to Sky Highway construction
- Ashlu Creek Hydroelectric Project
- The Barrier, and possibly Garibaldi Lake
- Brandywine Falls Lava Esker
- Britannia Beach Mining Museum

Brand New Couches In Processed Cheeze (Student Study Space) & in the Cheeze Factory (Student Lounge)

**Generously funded by the Alma Mater Society
and the AMS Finance Commission**

Where would we be without them? Honestly?
I'm talking about all of us...EUS, SUS, AUS, etc etc...and each of you...
all of you students who make up our Societies!
We are so lucky to have a student union that cares so much for all of us.
God Bless the Alma Mater Society. No sarcasm intended!!

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Professional Purgatory – The Engineer’s Way

Lindsay MacPhee

****The views within this article are personal & not representative of your EUS.****

“Enjoy your time at UBC, it’s the only time you can be irresponsible & have no consequences”

I’m not whining. I’m angry.

And furthermore, maybe I should have taken that advice. Meanwhile like many others, I strive to attain a professional stance to one degree or another. Admittedly, I’ve had my fun-filled late nights; skipping classes to drink or sleep, handing in assignments late because ‘I couldn’t care less’, conducting myself in a less-than-professional manner. And I will still do this but with one change: I know that there is a time for fun & there is a time for professionalism. Usually these two times do not coincide.

I decided to take the position of VP External & Academic for many reasons but mostly, to learn how to act in a more professional manner. At conferences & events, I am the head delegate for your EUS & do my best to represent you in times of serious matters & in the times of serious givin’er. So when I had the opportunity to represent and liase with CHBE department on behalf of Engineering Student Teams (ESTC), I took this as my chance to exhibit professionalism and follow a typical step-by-step procedure.

The history: The CHBE building has been the host for ESTC for approximately 1.5 years now. In

this time, students who work countless hours, mostly overnight, have had zero access to the CHBE building’s washroom facilities after 7pm at night. As a student who has a full course load, I understand that it is absolutely necessary to work at night to complete extracurricular activities [along with homework, etc]. And with the ESTC’s current mission statement “To make UBC the best university in the world for student competition teams by 2015” who would want to deny these students the ease to pop into the building to use the washroom?

Timeline: I decided to email the current Administrator to speak with her about the situation. Without giving me an answer as to why students were not allowed, she just said no. After thanking her for her prompt reply, I immediately requested a meeting to speak about this. No reply. Email #2 was sent, once again asking to speak in person. Still no answer. I then decided to contact the department head to discuss the possibility of setting up a meeting to figure out if there is some sort of agreement that could be reached about the situation. Almost 3 weeks have passed and to date, still no response.

The department head could have been just too busy, he is forgiven.

The simple solution to this problem would have been to give the teams a copy of the FOB access to the building. There you go – pee away! Instead, I took a professional stance on the matter and did my best.

The way I see it is that I have simply been dis-

missed – swept under the rug. A slightly oxy-moronic situation: professionals acting less-than-professional. Really? At UBC? No way.

My point here is that engineering students are stuck in this purgatory of where they are expected to act as professionals immediately after they graduate but until then, are treated as inferiors who are still expected to ‘have that assignment in by 4pm or else’. As your EUS we have strived to make all these little changes: increasing academic resources & spaces, trying to offer tutoring services, following all the rules when it comes to events planning, and so on. These little steps have taken much more time & effort but in an act to shift the face of the EUS, we saw that these changes were necessary. And in my opportunity to act professionally, I was shut out.

I would like to change the comment made at the beginning of this article to a more modified and appropriate one:

“Enjoy your time at UBC, it’s the only time you can be irresponsible & have no consequences. And when you try to be responsible, you will have no results & therefore no consequences.”

And now for a little update: ESTC students have been granted access to the CHBE washrooms. This announcement came as a surprise to both yours truly & the teams. It was made at the Student Advisory Council meeting in which faculty members, Club Presidents and members of staff were in attendance. Congratulations ESTC, go ahead and piss away!

Death By Neglect

Chris McCann

During recent weeks Engineers have found out just how important their health and safety are to UBC Plant Operations and by extension UBC at large, in relation to the recent shut down of the Cheeze Factory. On August 30th, the Cheeze was shut down due to faulty electrical wiring and mouldy drywall, and air contamination severe enough to warrant closure based on dangers to human health. Shortly thereafter limited access was in fact given, for rudimentary functions – not including washrooms.

In a meeting on, September 14th with Director of Plant Ops, John Metras, students were told that student spaces and informal learning spaces such as, but not limited to, the Cheeze are rated very low on the priority list. So low in fact, that it is not possible to complete any form of maintenance on the building. Evidence of the neglect has been visible over the past few years, in the form of tarps covering leaky skylights and sections of roof, rodent damaged upholstery, water damage on walls.

As any engineer should know, and will tell you, preventative maintenance is an integral part of any process and should be planned for any part of the operation no matter how big or small. Preventative maintenance allows overall cost of the main-

tenance to be reduced as it allows small repairs to be made over a spread out time period and ensuring that the equipment never completely fails. Clearly this basic engineering principle has been lost on UBC Plant Ops, for now the scope of work is estimated to be upwards of \$170,000 worth of refurbishing – Just to get up to code and be habitable!

The Cheeze has been a fixture for Engineers on campus since 1981 and has seen hay days, slow days and is now experiencing sick days. Left to mould away, be eaten by rodents and drown in leaks from the roof. Students have the time and money to take on minor repairs, but we are still left alone in our fight against this 88 year old building. Now a critical point has been reached and the only thing that we can do to take ourselves out of harm is to put the Cheeze on Plant Op’s five year plan.

Five years! Is that what Plant Op’s considers reacting quickly in an emergency situation. For make no mistake that this is an emergency, students’ health and wellbeing is at jeopardy as recorded by a 27 page report prepared and released by Pacific Environmental Consulting on August 31st. Among the airborne contaminants found by Pacific were various fungal species, pollen, and cellulose. Some of these contaminants reached up to 40 times the concentration commonly found in “clean” indoor environments under some sample conditions.

After reading through the report’s who’s who of critters and inhalable particles it quickly becomes evident that there is absolutely no cleaning going on inside the Cheeze by Plant Ops. It is left to the students to clean it regularly to the best of their ability.

According to EUS executives Bowinn Ma and Andrew Carne, janitors do in fact breeze through the Cheeze twice a week, but their duties seem rudimentary in light of the health report. Does a full cleaning fall under the umbrella of “preventative maintenance”? Or is it just pure lack care for students?

As for the major issues including rotting studs and eaves, chewed electrical wires, and the washrooms, well perhaps Plant Ops does not have the money. In that case the responsible action would be to petition UBC for the money and make them aware of a looming concern to students. It is not clear that this was ever done.

For now the Cheeze sits, waiting the verdict upon its eventual fate, heck waiting for even a half hearted cleaning attempt. For all the talk that has been put out there by Plant Ops and the University in the past month the level of inaction continues to stun all of those involved. With the help of temporary ‘fixes’, the Cheeze is currently deemed safe for students to use.

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EUS - The Legend

Bowinn Ma

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After four years of what I would consider intense dedication to the EUS, I realize now that I never fully understood, and therefore was unable to fully appreciate, the incredible life that our EUS has.

I loved the EUS in my first year for its ability to provide a sense of belonging to students who cared to enter its welcoming arms—the same arms that many students found menacing. It quickly became an obligation and duty that I felt bound to. I and many others provided service through blood, sweat, tears, and failures...looking forward each day to the day that we would be done with it...finally.

One night during the summer, however, an epiphany came to me—the realization of a truth that I am amazed I had never before accepted. All around me were the signs and yet I never clued in. I've heard the stories from recent Engineering Fraternity alumni and chalked it up to reminiscing about "the good old days". Speaking with many alumni, I've heard stories of the Golden Gate Bridge STUdeNt project, the theft of the Speaker's Chair, the disappearance of the Nine O'Clock Gun, the time the Engineers stole the Rosebowl Trophy and honest-to-God tried to claim to customs at the border...and I believed that they were all stories of men and women regaling in their younger days...brief thoughts back to the past, like flipping through a scrapbook every once in a while.

After attending a summer AMS Council Meeting one evening, I headed back to the Cheeze to close up the building for the night. A group of alumni were finishing up a meeting they were using the Cheeze for and we started to talk. Many topics came up, all surrounding the EUS, but the strongest topic that came up that night was the future of the Cheeze Factory.

If you do not know already, during the summer, your EUS Council was in the midst of a 10-million dollar project: to build you a brand new Student Space. (This is no longer the case but is a completely separate topic altogether.) At the time, the plan was to release the Cheeze Factory into the control of the Faculty and they would turn the building into a conference hall of some sort. This seemed perfectly reasonable to us...why would we want to control the Cheeze when we had another whole new building to worry about? If we kept control of the building, it would just end up de-

teriorating into nothing—we could barely keep it up and standing as it was. The EUS did not have the resources anymore to maintain it. Alumni had gotten a whiff of this very early in the planning stages, however, and it was not long before many of them were up in arms about it.

That night, it took two hours for these four men to convince me, but they definitely got my attention: Keeping control of the Cheeze did not mean that we would keep it the way it was now...it meant that we would have a hand in deciding its fate in the future. But why in the world would we want that? I was unsure at first as well...but for one thing, the alumni from that era would see a Faculty-controlled Cheeze Factory in such poor light that faculty-alumni relations would never again be re-established (a key point since they are a significant source of funding for the University). To them, a non-EUS controlled Cheeze Factory was just rubble to them. Even more importantly, however, it is because the building is as much a part of our historical significance as our alumni themselves. It is true that we are desperate to change and catch up to the needs of our students in a bid to stay relevant...but it is equally true that we must be able to understand our history if we are to be able to advance into the future.

The attachment the Society should have to the Cheeze is not to a building, but to a concept. Dedicated student space exists because students such as yourselves have clawed and fought for it.

This was not my epiphany, however: I'd known that for a while.

What I realized that night was that the EUS was a living thing. When these men spoke of it, they did not talk about it strictly in the context of the past...they were speaking of its existence in the present...and the future. They were all the proud fathers of a child that was this organization...

Now these were well-seasoned alumni: Reasonable, intelligent, and working in the industry. To hear them talk about how the EUS should exist 25 years in the future...about how we need to establish businesses in our new building in order to add to our operating budget the way they used to in the past (in the 1980s the operating budget of the EUS was closer to 1 million dollars than what it is now: \$140 000, due to their businesses)...it made me realize what an incredible thing this organization actually is. We had half a dozen alumni from the 1980s era of graduating classes guide our way through the Engineering Student Centre Project and prod us along in hopes of helping us secure a home for the future. The incredible feeling

surrounding even this concept is something I cannot describe. No other Society or organization on this Campus can boast such devotion.

My god...these men were worried about the Society...over 25 years after they've graduated. It made me realize that we need to learn from this and take the Society back into our own hands—the students' hands. Our education must be dictated by us again, not simply by the faculty and the University. The EUS was and is still our *voice* to the University. It is what helps us direct our paths...our Society's path and our personal paths.

"The EUS is not about the past. The EUS has never been about the past—it has always been about the future."

The EUS is not about the past. The EUS has never been about the past—it has always been about the future. That this was not always so or that people do not believe that this is so is a fault, a misconception, a mistake we must look beyond. The past is something we respect and learn from, not strive towards...and this has always been what was meant for the organization.

We are after all, engineers...and what else are we supposed to do than to learn from past mistakes, improve on previous designs, and create what's best for the society for the future?

My mind is now riddled with questions: Where did this sense of belonging by every student go to? When did we lose it and why did it go? Was it ever there?

...or does it even matter now?

Perhaps our only thought now should be how to take back the University, take back the EUS, take back our education, our lives, and ourselves. We must together regain ownership of this incredible organization and return the voice of the students to the EUS, for together we are louder than we are by ourselves...

...perhaps this year will mark the rise of our collective voice until the University once more knows unmistakably and quite clearly, who the hell we are.

Send me your complaints, send me your suggestions, or offer your services to this cause: it will not be easy, it will not be quick, but it will be...only with your help.

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Got comments, opinions, or suggestions? E-mail voice@ubcengineers.ca

Find out about Events and Seminars all across campus!

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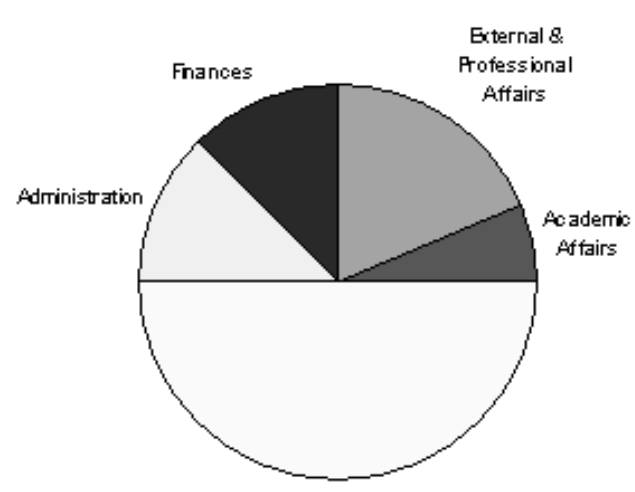
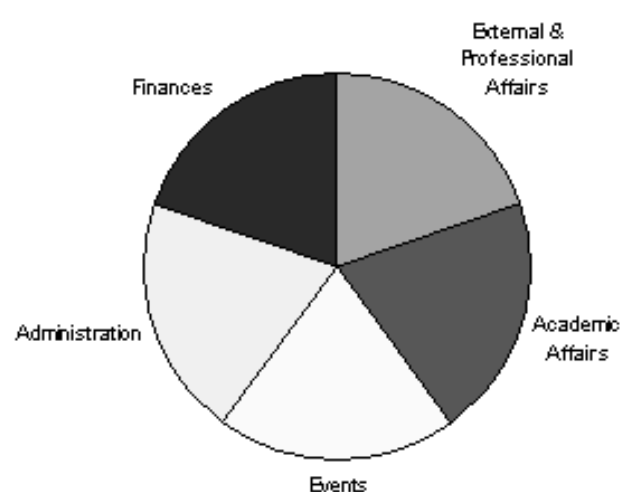
WANT A TROPHY?

Are you stressed? Is homework weighing you down? If you have answered yes to the questions above, you need take some chill time and what better to do than to participate in an inter-faculty tournament? As your newly appointed Sports and Charity Rep, Kevin Pan and I, Pratima Cheung, will be hosting a year-round sports tournament. We will host one tournament every month with different types of sports. Points will be given to the departments with the most participants. The winners of each tournament will win bragging rights as well as a chance to see their names in the nEUSpaper. At the end of the Spring term, the department with the most points will receive a trophy! Why you ask are we doing this? Well, sports is the number one way to de-stress. (Besides drinking) Flunked a mid-term? Kick that ball as hard as you can. Plus it will build up that good ol' departmental pride as well as faculty pride. The first tournament will be at the end of October. If you have any suggestions or any particular sport you want to play please email us at sports@ubcengineers.ca.

Do you have an urge to write something? Good! Then WRITE FOR THE NEUSPAPER! Submit all articles, comics, ads, or anything you would like published in the nEUSpaper to neuspaper@ubcengineers.ca today! Deadline for next nEUSpaper is October 1st, 2007. Deadlines also on website.

Is it time for your Engineering Undergraduate Society to change?

** An Announcement from YOUR Engineering Undergraduate Society. **

The Current Executive Structure (created in the 1960s)	The New Executive Structure (proposed in 2007)
President Vice-President External & Academic Vice-President Internal Secretary Treasurer Social Coordinator Professional Relations Officer Publicity & Publications Sports & Charity Representative	President Vice-President of Administration & Communications Vice-President of Academic Affairs Vice-President of External Affairs Vice-President of Events Vice-President of Finance ***Please note: Only the Executive Officers are shown in this chart. Positions have not been eliminated, they have simply been reorganized. Please stay tuned for more information to be released shortly on the website.
Executive Focuses (based on portfolios): 	Executive Focuses (based on portfolios): 

VOTE yes or no to the proposed structure in the upcoming referendum (details to be announced).
 Be a part of our evolution: Be a part of **your** Engineering Undergraduate Society.

An Interview With a Vampire...err... a President

Chris McCann

Among the many issues and initiatives that are being looked at and discussed in EUS Council meetings this semester is a proposal to remodel the structure of the EUS. Proposed changes include reducing the number of voting executives to 6 [currently there are 9 on a Council of 20], creating a new Coordinating & Managing Officers level of volunteers, and introducing a Board of Directors. Members of Council have been highly supportive of the changes so far and changes to the EUS policy manual are still being made and await a long and arduous approval process. The most important step, however, is amending the Constitution

and having these changes approved by engineering students through a referendum. I had the chance to speak to the proponent of this initiative, none other than our illustrious and lovely EUS president Bowinn Ma, and asked her a few questions regarding the structure changes.

nEUSpaper: Can you tell us why you feel the structure changes are necessary and how they may benefit the society and EUS membership in general?

Bowinn Ma: The EUS Executive Structure has needed a dusting for some time now. It's supposedly existed since the 1960s and though it may have worked for our EUS back then, it is definitely lacking when it comes to being able to meet our

students' needs now.

The current (old) structure is lumpy, like poorly mixed pancake batter. The focuses of the various executive portfolios are too specific in some cases (for example, the Sports & Charity Representative) and far too broad in other cases (for example, the Vice-President "Internal"), the work balance between each Executive member is completely off, and so many new responsibilities have come up in the last decade or so that don't fit into any Executive category at all and are simply dumped onto the President. These extra responsibilities on the President cloud his or her ability to lead an effective and efficient Society. Because his portfolio...

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HOODIE DESIGN CHALLENGE!!!

Red Sales is currently looking for a new design for our Engineering Hoodie.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Create a design on a 8.5x11" paper
2. Hand it in to Red Sales at the Cheeze during our hours by **October 31, 2007**

THE ORIGINAL AND TOP 3 DESIGNS WILL BE PRINTED IN THE NEXT ISSUE. VOTING WILL BE DONE BY HAND AND ONLINE.

An Interview With a Vampire...err... a President cont.

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comes to him so full, the President is unable to help pick up pieces that fall from other Executives and leading the Executive team becomes a secondary or tertiary responsibility, when it should be second only to listening to the concerns of the students. This makes the Society very inflexible. This is what is holding us back.

The priorities of the current Executive as a whole are also unbalanced. If you take a look at the Pie Charts I've included in this edition of the nEUSpaper, currently nearly 50% of our efforts, based on the Policy Manual's take on our Executives' Portfolios, go towards events of different kinds and only a fraction goes towards services of Academic Nature.

Although this is not the way the 2007-2008 Executive ACTUALLY puts their focuses (as you can see by our work with the Engineering Student Centre Project and other new initiatives), the only way we can preserve and streamline these new priorities for future years is by updating our Constitution and setting the stage for future years.

NP: What do you see as the biggest change from our current structure?

BM: As I see it, there are three major changes (and many other minor ones) that will result from this Structure Update. (1) Passing more voting power to the program clubs by reducing the number of voting Executives; (2) Reorganizing the Society's priorities through the Executive Focuses; and (3) Creating a new level of volunteers known as the Coordinating and Managing Officers that will do the legwork to host events and put together publications and all that stuff without having to deal with the University politics and bureaucracy the way the Executives do.

The BIGGEST improvement comes as a result of changes (2) and (3). Together, these two changes significantly increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the EUS Executive and its volunteers and, in doing so, the organization will have the potential to do far more than it is able to do now.

NP: What exactly is a "Director", and why do they not receive a vote in council?

BM: I think that you are confusing this proposed structure change from that which was proposed in 2005 by the 2004-2005 Vice-President External & Academic, Ian McKechnie. As I recall, simply put, Ian suggested reducing some Executive positions and promoting some Ex-Officio Officer positions into a new level known as the Directors. Those changes were never realized.

This new proposed structure is reorganizing the entire organization. It is not just about promoting or demotion positions.

In this new structure, a Director refers to a member of the Board of Directors, which includes the 6 Executive Officers and one representative, normally the president, of each of the eleven program clubs. Together they will make the decisions that shape the Society by representing what they

feel their constituents (respective students) would want. The Board of Directors is simply a new name for what we now call "Voting members of Council" to illustrate that they are no longer considered simply advisors to the EUS Executive, but the actual governing body that directs the EUS Executive.

The Board of Directors will be considered the highest decision making body in the EUS second only by the general student populous via referendum that receives quorum, annual general meeting that receives quorum, or special general meeting that receives quorum.

NP: Currently the EUS executive holds 9 votes in council, what is the mindset of reducing this to 6?

BM: Reducing the number of Executives from 9 to 6 had more to do with common sense than anything. It simply did not make sense to have a single Executive whose responsibility was both ALL academic services AND ALL external relationships (Vice-President External and Academic) whereas you have another Executive whose job is to make posters and print banners (Pub Rep). We also have Executives like the Secretary that does so much more than just "minutes and filing" like their title suggests. The amount and type of responsibility is just too varying so instead of President, Vice-President External & Academic, Vice-President Internal, Treasurer, Secretary, Professional Relations Officer, Social Coordinator, Publicity Rep, and Sports & Charity Coordinator, we change the top-level Executives to President, Vice-President Academic, Vice-President External, Vice-President Communications & Administration, Vice-President Finance, and Vice-President Events. Each of them will then have their own team of Coordinating and Managing Officers. Streamline, streamline, streamline. Now the responsibilities are clearcut and we don't spend half our time figuring out whose responsibility this and that is.

The other advantage this results in is, like I said before, more power to the program clubs. This should result in a broader range of student representation.

NP: Is there as much support for the initiative as you were hoping for when you brought it forward?

BM: I ran a few focus groups last year and fewer students participated than I had hoped for but the results we came up with still generated a lot of enthusiasm amongst members of the 2006-2007 Council. I think that people see that it makes sense and therefore support it. I just hope we get the voter turnout in our referendum to implement it!

NP: Is it hard being beautiful AND powerful? What is your favourite method of beating off potential suitors?

BM: I flex my arms a bit and they usually go running. My spontaneous biting also frightens them but I think it's the insanity that really drives them away: I'm always EUS this and EUS that as they smile politely and slowly back away.

NP: If you were stuck in a "Groundhog Day"-

like scenario what would you wish to be doing on that eternally repeating day?

BM: Oh geeze, that's a tough one. I suppose if I start each day the same, I'd like to spend the day eating ice-cream and playing with cute bunnies and kittens. That's right...I have a soft side.

NP: A new structure means a new way of running the society, do you think that next year's EUS will be able to handle the transition smoothly, and what will be the key elements for them to focus on with the implementation of the changes?

BM: Yes, the obvious disadvantage of this change is that it's new but it really has to be done and so we need a really strong team of 2008-2009 Executives who are willing to bite the bullet on this. I don't know if next year's Executive will be able to handle it but I hope for the sake of the Society that they can. These Executives will have to be patient, flexible, and highly adaptive for this to work. They will have to be willing to go beyond what is expected of them and build up their portfolios as they go. Each Executive will also be in charge of a network of volunteers below them so they will have to be very organized and patient leaders. No idea should be turned down next year, everything that isn't completely ridiculous needs to be considered. The year these changes are implemented is the year we will grow exponentially as a Society as a community.

The new Executives will also be in a highly administrative and political position. The "funnest" positions will be the Coordinating and Managing Officers and Ex-Officio Officers. The Executives must be willing to work very hard at some very tedious things.

One of the largest concerns students have voiced when looking at the new structure is the greater number of students required to run the Society. It is true that more people will be required to take one more medium-level responsibilities but it is also true that the number of people required to take on high-level responsibilities will be reduced so it almost balances out. The advantage of the new system is that it is actually designed in such a way that the level above a certain position can always absorb the shortcomings of the volunteers below them or redistribute the work

NP: How can students stay informed on the progress of the structure changes?

BM: For now, students just have to be aware that a referendum asking them to help us make these changes is going to be happening, most likely in the spring semester. Keep reading the nEUSpaper and pay attention to announcements made by the EUS Executives through Facebook, posters, e-mails, or otherwise.

Students who are keen on these changes are encouraged attend Monday Council Meetings or view the minutes of these meetings, available online at www.ubcengineers.ca. As soon as the referendum question is approved, we will likely launch an educational website on the topic to discuss in full what will be happening.

THANKS ERIN!!!

Erin Biddlecombe, the current Student Development Officer (filling in for Amy Vozel while Amy is on maternity leave), has done an amazing job thus far. The EUS Executive would like to extend a sincere and HUGE "Thank you" to Erin for all her hard work and support.

UBC Engineers Without Borders presents: The "100 Mile Wardrobe" Fashion Show

WHEN: Evening of Thursday, November 1, 2007

The "100 Mile Diet" requires adherents to eat food made only from locally-grown ingredients. Similarly, the "100 Mile Wardrobe" is an EWB-UBC fundraising event showcasing the fantastic work of local Vancouver designers. Come out to this unique event in support of this local talent as well as local EWB education and outreach initiatives.

For ticket info & other inquiries please contact: fashionshow@ubc.ewb.ca

Engineers want student input ahead of proposed referendum to fund new social space*

Michael Kenacan, News Writer [The Ubysey]

[article originally appeared in The Ubysey on October 2nd]

Engineering undergraduate students, who are currently without a student space due to the forced closure of the 'Cheeze', should be concerned about the future of an official student space, says Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) President Bowinn Ma.

Concerns over EUS space began to crop up soon after the EUS's longtime home was shut down by UBC Plant Operations over health concerns regarding mould and rodents in the aging building early in September.

The issues revolve around differing ideas between the EUS and the Faculty of Applied Science dean's office concerning the creation of a new engineering undergraduate student space—a space which is intended to be similar to the Ladha Centre recently opened for science students.

Ma said that her organisation was presented with three options regarding the future of engineering student space by Dean Michael Isaacson. The EUS could either participate in a brief consultation period followed by a fall referendum regarding the creation of a new student space and

the accompanied increase in student fees, renovate the Cheeze, or do nothing and put off making a decision about the space to a future date.

EUS Council decided that before a decision could be made, they would need extensive consultation with engineering students regarding the design and potential uses of the building. "We came to a very simple and obvious conclusion—we need to ask the students what they want," said Ma.

Ma pointed to a previous failed referendum on engineering student space when explaining the reluctance of the EUS to move quickly towards another vote.

"We already have one failed referendum," said Ma, "Everybody [on the EUS council] agreed that a second failed referendum would basically mean the end of the project."

"[In June] the Dean presented us [EUS council] with a plan created by a designer, Steve Yeomans," said Ma. However Ma says Yeomans didn't consult the student body adequately.

"The students had no idea what the fee was for, and we really didn't know [what the project was]," said Engineering Physics Club President Charlie Yao. "There was a lack of information combined with a sense of a lack of control [over the project]." The Cheeze's future is also uncertain. Ma said

that the basic estimate by UBC Plant Operations to minimally renovate the Cheeze would be in the neighbourhood of \$170,000, and given EUS support for the current plan, the Dean's Office would contribute thirty thousand dollars towards the repairs.

Ma said that while the Dean's Office wasn't willing to compromise on its imposed timeline originally, in recent days it has become more willing to talk.

The Dean's office did not respond to inquiries by press time.

*Fact Corrections: Although well written and generously offered to us, there are a few small facts that need to be corrected in the interest of complete accuracy:

The thirty thousand dollars that the Dean's Office volunteered was in fact for a different renovation and is still the table, with talk of additional funds for a more major renovation.

Although the Cheeze did face forced closure for a few days, it is currently in a state of limited access, where students can access the main areas, but much of the building is padlocked.

At the time of printing this article students were hopeful of flexibility from the Dean, he has more recently expressed that flexibility in the timetable is not an option.

Flexibility Paramount in ESC

Chris McCann

I believe that a new space for engineering students is incredibly important, a new space that can house our social and academic activities, a space that is not in a state of disrepair. The first time I learned about Dean Isaacson's Engineering Student Centre [ESC] proposal, I was in support. I saw a building that had space set aside for students, and although I was hesitant about the amount of faculty space that would also be in the building I still felt that it better to have some space than none. Now, after hours of listening to council debate around the issue I have changed my tune. Fundamentally I still support the Dean's initiative, new space is a necessity, but I also support student consultation into any new space built. It is unfortunate that Dean Isaacson's timetable will not allow for real student consultation, because it would be fantastic to be able to have faculty support in fundraising, but how can the EUS Council promote the ESC to the students if there has been no significant consultation process. All that is needed is a few months to talk to students, see what kind of space, and how much of it will be needed now and in the future, and develop a vision for the space that really is for the students by the students. It will be interesting to see how it all develops and if there is any possibility of working with the faculty on this in the future.

About Our Dean System

Applied Sciences is served by one Dean and four Associate Deans. The Associate Dean of Students Profile (formerly filled by Dr. Dunwoody) has recently been split into two profiles: The Associate Dean of Programs & Associate Dean of Engineering Students. Associate Dean Dr. Rob Hall of Engineering Students has been charged with watching over the more extra-curricular aspects of student life such as communicating with the EUS Council, co-chairing the Professional Activities Fund, and managing the Centre for Professional Skills Development. Associate Dean Dr. Bruce Dunwoody of Engineering Programs will be dealing with the more technical side of his previous profile such as managing the Engineering Student Services Office and dealing with admissions and programs. Associate Dean Dr. Don Mavinic of Faculty & Research will presumably continue to deal with the faculty and research side of things. Associate Dean Dr. Perry Adebear of Administration will, as far as we know, continue to deal with the administrative parts of running a faculty. The Applied Sciences Dean, Dr. Michael Isaacson, has announced his resignation in June 2008. A Dean Search Committee will be formed shortly.

Your EUS Presents....

Kickin' it up!

A Departmental Tournament

When: October 30th, 2007, 4pm - 7pm

Where: MacInnes Field

Why: to have FUN!

Registration Fee: \$10 per team (5 - 7 people)

Contact your department's Sports Rep to register.



Wet, Hot, Engineering Summer – How the Summer Went Down.....Town

** Editor's Note: This article never made it into the editor's hands for the Frosh Week edition but it's here now! =) **

Lindsay MacPhee

I've been an Executive for the EUS going on my 2nd year now. Somehow, I've managed to not get a key for the Cheeze and for the Executive office. (This is my own laziness – who needs keys when Bowinn lives at the Cheeze anyway?) I've also managed to scrub down the floors of the men's and women's washrooms on TWO occasions, help clean up after the messiest centurion I've ever witnessed and slept on the couches on a few occasions because I'd missed the last bus home. Meetings every second Saturday night of the summer, hours spent on the computer replying to emails (equating to large optometrist bills), missed parties – all in the name of the EUS.

Being an executive for your EUS is an unpaid, full-time job. Even as I write this article for the nEUSpaper, I realize that with every keystroke I am going into the negative. Seriously though – quit my full-time job to concentrate on EUS matters as well

as volunteer for other projects – a huge decision? Nah. It had to be done. And I'm glad I did it.

I sat in a stuffy room in June to present and defend numerous complaints/concerns/positive points at the CO-OP Program review session. My pay was an email I received from a student who heard about the outcome from the meeting and was thankful that someone had defended a particularly sticky situation for them. No worries, it was part of my job and I was happy to do it.

So why do we executives take on this task each year? Personal fame and fortune are out of the question. And it certainly doesn't help our academics either. And it definitely isn't for the chicks. Well, that answer is quite simple: **we love our EUS members** – as in anyone who is in the engineering program at UBC is a member. Seriously, we're happier than 'the pigs' in shit when smiling/drunken faces are packed into an event – and when our liquor licenses go through without a hitch! And when a student successfully transfers from one discipline into another with the help of members of your executive, feelings of joy, that only a mother holding a newborn could experience, overwhelm

each and every one of us. [Some like babies, I for one would be happy the 9 months were over with so that I could get back into my regular routine of knife fights in the alley way followed by forty-hands of OE with the neighbourhood kids]

Hours upon HOURS of pre-school planning went into this upcoming year – so relax and have fun. Your Exec will definitely relax after the curtain falls and the standing ovation ends [hint, hint] then quickly dust ourselves off and prepare for what's next.

*We're here and *volunteering* at your service.*

An excerpt from Wet Hot American Summer that is easily applied to my view on Commerce students:

Susie: Before we start, I'd just like to say the campers you're about to see suck dick! But nevertheless, please welcome them.

Be nice. At least to their faces.

Frosh Retreat 2007: A success. Stay involved, kids!



PP Election Results

PP elections happened on September 30th, and the following people won their elections:

President - Addison Twitchell
Vice President - James Zhan
Treasurer - John Lee
Secretary - Kara Hawkes
Social Coordinator - Matt Kusy
Sports and Charity Rep - Kathryn Williston
Publicity Rep - Madeleine Schaefer and Shane Beaton
Project Operations Officer - John De Vera

Congratulations to the new PP Council! They've got a ton of great ideas and look forward to planning some kick ass events for all the PPs! The PP Council meets every week, so look for announcements in Physics and Chemistry to find out when they meet and what's going on.

Engineers aren't boring people, we just get excited over boring things.
 --Anon.

Languages Now Count For Humanities

Did you know that: As a result of an initiative that was started in 2004/2005 by your EUS Council, language courses can now count towards your humanities credits! Unfortunately, accreditation requirements restrict how much languages can count. They are subject to the following:

You need 6 credits of humanities courses and 3 credits of the Impact of Technology on Society. At least one of those courses must be taken from the Faculty of Arts, not including language courses. If the Impact of Technology course is taken through the Faculty of Arts, then the 6 credits of humanities courses can include languages. If the Impact of Technology on Society course is not taken through the Faculty of Arts, then one of the humanities courses must not be a language course and only one humanities course may teach a

language.

These Impact of Technology on Society courses include: ECON 339, GEOG 122, GEOG 310, HIST 215, HIST 425, PHIL 435, POLI 361, SOCI 260.

Confused? Okay...

Take a look at the "Complementary Studies Requirements" listed here: <http://www.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=12,195,272,30> <<http://www.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=12,195,272,30>>

If you take one of the courses listed above to satisfy requirement 4, you may use up to 6 credits of language course towards satisfying requirement 5.

your Engineering Senator

Hello all! My name is Tim Leaver and I am your representative on the UBC Vancouver Senate (I also represent nursing, architecture and engineering grad students). I was elected by you pretty much at the very end of last school year.

So what do I do with myself all day? Well, a fair chunk of my time is consumed with trying to finish the glorious program known as Engineering Physics. I really do enjoy it (and recommend it to you PPs) and I really am on schedule to finish in five years. Whenever I am not doing that, I often find myself taking care of the business of being Senator. What does this mean? Well first of all you need to understand what the Senate does.

The Senate is the highest academic body of the university. This means it has the power to decide

on issues ranging from curriculum, to academic discipline, to honorary degrees and tributes. So far I have held my positions for two Senate meetings. During this time we have dealt with everything from new courses to what colours nurse practitioners should wear during graduation. We have also dealt with some more important issues like policies on academic concessions. I have the opportunity to speak about and vote on everything that comes to the floor and I do my best to do so with you in mind.

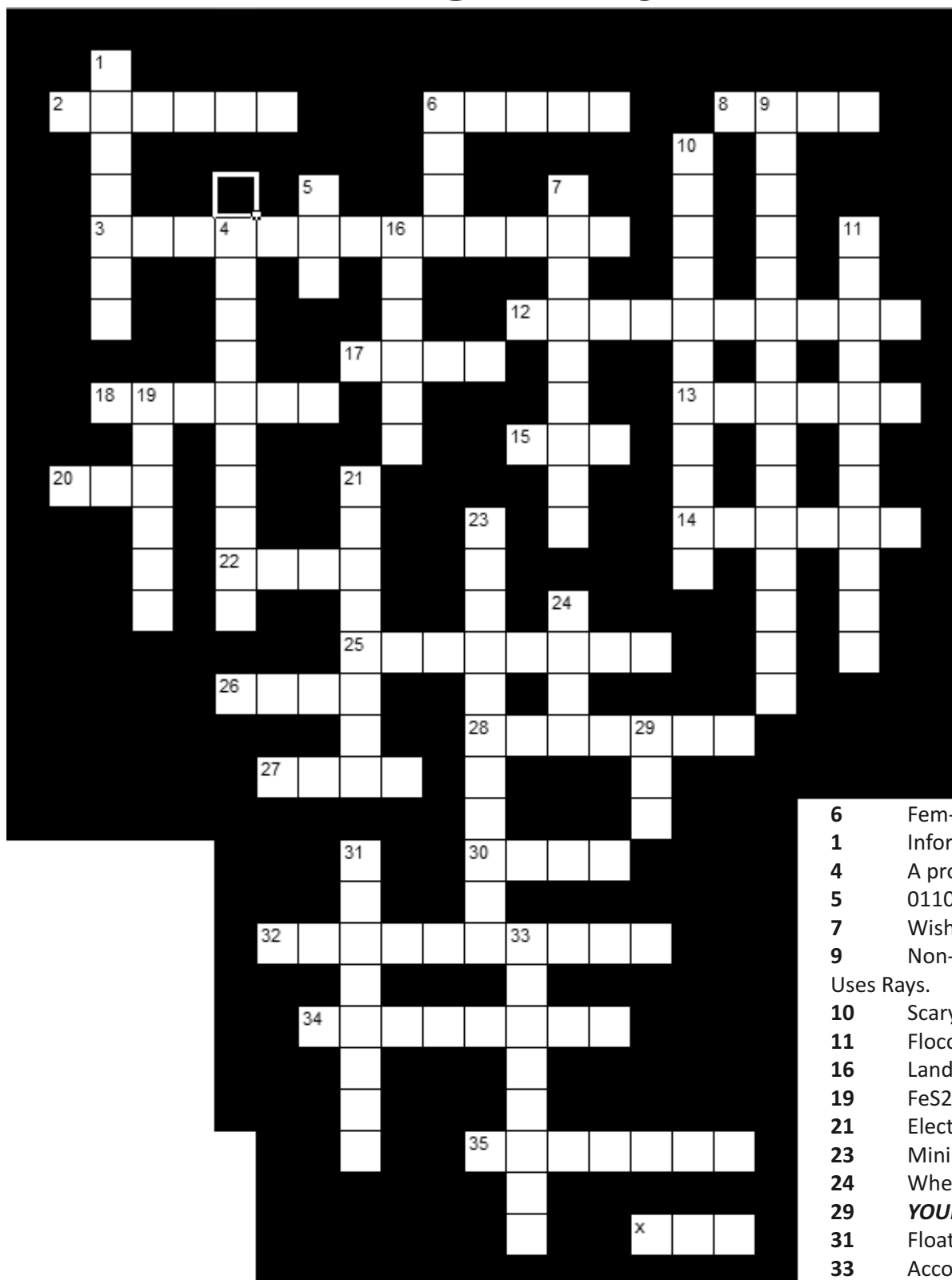
Having said all that, please bear with me as I learn this new job. My major goal for this year is to try and keep a higher profile so that people are not only aware of the Senate, but also informed so that the learning curve for the next person doing this job can be minimized. I will be posting information

on the website from time to time and also will be seeking your input when important issues arise. If you have a problem, concern or opinion that needs voicing concerning an academic issue, feel free to email me or track me down. I do my best to attend EUSday meetings and EUS Council meetings, however I am not always able to due to the number of other meetings I am also asked to attend. If you want to talk though, let me know and we can set something up.

Here's to everyone having a good year and not ending up before the Senate Academic Discipline Committee!

Tim Leaver
senator@ubcengineers.ca

Engineer-y Crossword by Bowinn Ma



Disclaimer: I make fun of stereotypes in this crossword: Please don't take offence!! I'm just joking!!

Across

- 2 10101001011001010111101010101010101
3 A program for tree huggers
6 Bridges and shit
8 A fixed line used as a reference
12 This program loves to beat around the bush
13 Positive change of stuff in regards to a system
14 To make molecules dance
15 Holds back rivers
17 This club likes to set fire to their clubroom
18 Local licensing and regulatory body
20 Automotive vehicle
22 This club has an unbelievable voter turnout
25 Common material made of paste and aggregate
26 Holds back floods
27 Over-irrigation causes a build up of this
28 Are to engineers as letters are to artsies
30 Mining by-product
32 Releases energy
34 Limits, derivatives, integrals
35 (Random Entry) Sky some...

x Naive but cute.

Down

- 6 Fem-Eng
1 Informal name for the most useless smart-people you'll ever meet
4 A program without a place in the world
5 0110
7 Wishes they were Mining
9 Non-destructive technique to figure out what's in rocks and stuff.
Uses Rays.
10 Scary pitchfork in his equation...something about a cat in a box
11 Flocculation and ...
16 Land Pirates
19 FeS2
21 Electrochemical energy conversion device
23 Mining product
24 Where coal is found
29 YOUR
31 Floatingness
33 According to Einstein, everything is this

Commerce Construction Conundrum

Darren Peets

***Darren Peets is a Physics PhD Student and also one of UBC-Vancouver's two students reps on the UBC Board of Governors. The UBC Board of Governors is the highest decision making body for all of UBC (both UBC-Vancouver as well as UBC-Okanagan) and comprises of two UBC-Vancouver student representatives, one student representative elected by the students of UBC-Okanagan, three faculty-elected representatives, 2 full-time-non-faculty-staff-elected representatives, UBC President Stephen Toope, UBC Chancellor Allan McEachern, and eleven individuals appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. ***

A particularly challenging decision came to September Board, on the first phase of a \$65M renovation and expansion of the Angus building. This is its tale, adapted from a Facebook note I wrote in part as an exercise to clarify my thinking.

Once upon a time, as all good stories begin, the Dean of the Faculty formerly known as Commerce (now operating as the Sauder School of Business) decided he needed a nicer building. He found donors, got the building designed, then convinced the students to pay for half the cost, their support indicated by a non-binding plebiscite (75% in favour, of the 47% who voted). They would pay \$500/year each (plus inflation) for 25-30 years, but nothing in the first year and only \$250 the second year. MBA students would pay twice that (and they gave it a much stronger majority). Student fees would be building classrooms, and in exchange the student society would get first call on a small retail outlet in the lobby, for which they'd have to pay rent. There are MANY issues with all this, but they're beside the point.

The BC government had decided some time earlier that fees could only increase by inflation, which it defined as 2% per year. It was expected that this, being a new fee, would be exempt, and encouraging rumblings were heard from Victoria. At May Board, the first phase (\$35-40M) got Board 3 approval (which allows them to build it), provided the fees were approved by the Province and the tenders came in on budget. The tenders were fine, but the undergrad fee was canned. At the same time the fee was rejected, the government's website explaining their 2% rule was rewritten to include this sort of fee in their controlled category. The MBA fee has not been canned yet, and we're

hearing encouraging rumblings from Victoria (anyone else instilled with confidence?).

It's worth noting that if the undergraduate fee had been put to a student-initiated referendum rather than a Dean-initiated plebiscite, it would not have been subject to government veto. It would, however, have met with consternation from students in other faculties at the precedent this would set. Only about two faculties have student who'd be willing to let the Province and UBC off the hook and fund academic space themselves. It's probably worth noting at this point that proposed EUS and/or AMS building expansions and fees would not encounter these problems, as they would be funding student social space and would be student-initiated. Students here have a long history of funding buildings, but not core academic buildings.

The fee's veto left a situation where large portions of the Faculty had already moved into space that was being rented through a half-funded construction budget -- space that would need to be vacated in short order for a Buchanan B-wing retrofit. Asbestos removal started, but everything else was left in limbo, and most of the tenders expired (everyone ultimately agreed to extend their tenders at the original price). Demolition would have to happen during the school year. The donor money could evaporate if delays occurred, and construction prices would increase, creating problems. A little more fundraising was done, some creativity was applied to the budget, and a \$12.5M hole in the budget was to be filled by taking a loan out against UBC's General Purpose Operating Funds (which would then need to pay \$910k per year for 30 years to retire this debt, with no new funding). GPOF is facing down a \$36M/year structural deficit, to become \$8M worse next year, which happened because we made long-term spending commitments without the required funding. The MBA fee funds another \$5.5M, and it will be interesting to see where that money would come from if the government were to veto the MBA fee.

It's worth pointing out here that using GPOF for building renovations is not new -- half of the \$120M UBC Renew project is funded through a debt against GPOF. UBC Renew is renovating, will renovate, or has renovated Buchanan A, B, C, and D, Chem D and E, Old Auditorium, Huts M-17 and M-18 (Arts) and parts of Copp and Friedman. The

distinction is that Angus jumped to the front of the line by having funding, then got GPOF because it wasn't funded after all and the situation was desperate.

The building project was considered a high priority in large part because it was fully funded. The Dean likes to say that he's worried about losing accreditation if he doesn't get a nicer building. It would appear that the Faculty has been accredited (by AACSB and EQUIS) since prehistory (i.e. late 2004). In the case of Medicine, Physical Therapy, Engineering, etc., "accreditation" means that your degree isn't meaningless, and you can actually work. In commerce, as far as I can tell, it makes it easier to recruit the top MBA students, which can build the reputation (and budget) of the Faculty -- these students shop around, and are happy to pay outrageous sums of money for a well-regarded MBA. UBC's is probably the only business school in Canada to not be housed in a shiny new building with every imaginable bell and/or whistle, which was seen as a serious hindrance to achieving the Faculty's strategic vision (business school accreditation evaluates how well they're achieving their vision, which would perhaps suggest a cheaper option for bringing the building and vision in line with each other). By UBC's standards, though, Angus is in pretty good shape. Of our ~300 buildings, it's probably in the top 50. Does this mean that other departments in crummy buildings can come up with harebrained funding schemes, start construction, then stick GPOF with the financial consequences while reaping the benefits of a spiffy new building?

UBC is presently preparing a mid-level academic plan, to guide where money will and will not be chopped from as the budget is balanced. This process could, for instance, say that we should do an adequate job of everything, or that we should be exceptional at a few things and let other areas wither away. The plan is not complete, so we don't know whether the Sauder school would be in line for excellence, mediocrity or oblivion.

If the building had tried to come to Board in May with the construction budget brought forward in September, it would almost certainly not have been approved. But in September it was an emergency. Faced with this rock-vs.-hard-place decision, Board voted for hard place (build it), with a review of the funding model in three years.

Bringing Down The Axe by Alexander Tse

Fall. It's that time of year again. It means the start of a new school year BUT it also means the premiere of new TV shows and returning TV series'es. However, like anything, professors for example, there are always the shows that just "Wow!" you, the ones that make you go "Meh... I'll see if it gets any better before I make my decision", the ones that are just plain god awful (or are close to that point) despite the fact that there's some good parts here and there, and the ones you're just totally not interested in and therefore don't watch. And then the Networks bring down the axe and cancel the shows that aren't doing so well.

As an Engineering student just like you though, there's always a limited amount of free time due to the impending doom and failure of assignments, labs, projects, quizzes, midterms, and final exams. There are some people who, like me, try to watch as much as possible live on television to support the continuation of the show, but will resort to downloading if they miss the show. So far this year,

more of the latter has occurred. Luckily though, downloading in Canada has yet to be enforced but there is still that feeling of transgression lingering. As such, there are shows I'm (semi-)interested in but I'm limiting the number of new shows I watch now to two, max 3, per day. Maybe... just maybe... If I was getting paid to watch them *insert thinking smiley*.

So enough with the blabbering. On with the shows! ****WARNING:** The rest of this article contains a few spoilers, mostly about the pilots of each show** Let me know what you think about these shows at neuspaper@ubcengineers.ca so I can put it in the next newspaper.

Mondays

Chuck – To begin, this comedy-drama show is a bit similar to Reaper in that it is about a relatively ordinary 21-year-old working at a minimum wage store while saving the world at the same time. Charles (Chuck) Bartowski (Zachary Levi) has all of the US government's secrets downloaded into his

brain by accident and becomes a walking human computer. He works at the Nerd Herd at Buy More (which is a spoof of the Geek Squad at Best Buy) and now works with beautiful CIA agent Sarah Walker (Yvonne Strzechowski) and NSA agent John Casey (Adam Baldwin, *Firefly & Serenity*) whenever his mind is triggered by something he sees. Chuck is a nerd who wants to 'improve' his life and applies for an assistant manager job; as a nerd, he doesn't have a lot of girlfriends and must fake a relationship with Sarah to impress/please his sister. His friend, and coworker Morgan, doesn't know what he does but he does support him and his team at the Buy More.

Chuck is one of those maybe-in-theory-happen-in-real-life type of shows with slapstick humour and killer punch lines. However, there are instances that gives a 'WTF?' attitude. For example, what terrorist would use a laptop as a bomb when a cell-phone would have been much easier? As of October 11th, three more episode scripts have been requested. *(Continued on Next*

Bringing Down The Axe Cont.

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Mondays

Journeyman – Journeyman is a time-travel show. Dan Vasser (Kevin McKidd, *Rome*) is a news reporter who all of a sudden finds himself back in time. In that time, he helps someone and then reemerges back in 2007 where his policeman brother, his editor, his wife and friends think he's on drugs or crazy. Any mention of time-traveling would only strengthen that belief. Unfortunately, Dan's time travelling is quite random and he always seems to follow a certain someone through their life, helping them along the way. In an effort to save his marriage, Dan takes his wife's wedding ring and on his next time-travel experience, he buries it in the backyard patio with a newspaper of the date and then when he is back in 2007, he hacks at the patio and digs it back up in front of his wife.

I can't really say what I think of Journeyman yet. It's sort of hard to follow and a little early to tell. It seems like a show that might be axed prematurely despite the fact that it also got three more episode scripts requested on October 11th.

The Big Bang Theory – Two really, really intelligent scientists discover that they don't know anything about women, and life, outside of their lab. Wasn't really interested.

Aliens in America – Justin Tolchuck (Dan Byrd) is an awkward teen starting his junior year in hopes his life would be better since he has his braces taken off. However, life plan changes first day when he is named 8th most bangable chick by the seniors. So his parents get him an exchange student as advised by the school; to their surprise, the exchange student, Raja (Adhir Kalyan), is a Pakistani Muslim.

I don't watch this show and not exactly interested. It's a comedy, of course, but it's also the post-9/11 situation and how Americans are 'terrified' of Eastern people, as though all of them are terrorists. Honestly, I think this show is quite far-fetched. I have friends from Turkey and Iran (Iraq is in between the two countries! And Iran is beside Afghanistan and Pakistan!), UAE, Sri Lanka, India, Egypt, and the surrounding countries and none of them are terrorists (at least I'm pretty sure so... to my friends reading this, I vouching for you here!)! Granted, I'm not living in the US, but I've been living 10 minutes from the border for almost all my life, I might as well be one. But, I'm not anti-West-Asian.

K-Ville – It's been two years since Hurricane Katrina, and Marlin Boulet (Anthony Anderson) and Trevor Cobb (Cole Hauser) are partners in New Orleans Police Department, trying to clean up the streets from the crime and damages that still linger.

The fact this show is not only filmed in New Orleans, but also has the freshness of Hurricane Katrina's devastation still fresh within our minds makes this show great. For me, however, I don't watch it because a) it's a cop show and b) I already have quite a few cop/detective shows on my platter that I just rather not add another one on.

Tuesdays

Reaper – As said above, this is similar to Chuck; the difference is that Sam Oliver is a dumb slacker whose soul is sold to the devil even before he was born so that he could save his mother. As the Devil's bounty hunter, he collects soul, who have escaped from Hell, with his even-more stupid best friend, Bert aka Sock (Tyler Labine) as well as his other co-worker, Ben. Did I mention that he works at The Work Bench (a spoof on places like Home Hardware, The Home Depot, Rona, and a bit of Costco)? Also, he has a crush on one of his co-workers, Andi (Missy Peregrym, *Heroes*, *Stick It* and is from Surrey!), and doesn't wish to move further

up at The Work Bench.

This show is OK I think. Of course, it's ridiculous how Sam and Sock can take anything from The Work Bench to prepare them for their soul-capturing mission. Doesn't the store have a Inventory tracking system!?!? To be honest, I'm not sure if I rather have this show continue instead of Chuck.

Pushing Daisies – Ned (Lee Pace) can touch dead people to bring them back to life for one minute. Any longer and someone nearby dies. Touching the dead again will kill them forever. Emerson Cod (Chi McBride), has found out about Ned's ability and the duo uses Ned's ability to solve crime. However, all is about to change when Ned resurrects his childhood crush, Charlotte (Anna Friel), for longer than a minute.

Probably the best show of the 2007 premieres! This romantic comedy is told in a childish fairy tale sort of way that it makes it quite a joy to watch.

Carpoolers – Four friends carpool to work for 30 minutes in traffic everyday. Not interested. Axe it.

Cavemen – Umm. I honestly don't even know how to describe this. Probably will be axed soon. Not interested.

Cane – The Duque family runs a rum and sugar cane empire in Miami but the three main characters/family members are feuding. Brother Frank (Nestor Carbonell) wants to sell to rival family; brother-in-law Alex (Jimmy Smits) doesn't; father of the family Pancho (Hector Elizando) know the violent history between the two families.

It sounds like a good show and the odds are that it won't be axed any time soon so I'll still be able to watch it in the future.

Wednesdays

Private Practice – Neo-natal surgeon Dr. Allison Montgomery (Kate Walsh, *Grey's Anatomy*) has moved to Los Angeles to start a new life at a private practice, Oceanside Wellness, with her med-school best friend and fertility expert Dr. Naomi Bennett, and her ex-husband health-guru Dr. Sam Bennett (Taye Diggs, *Day Break*), family doctor Dr. Cooper Freedman (Paul Adelstein, *Prison Break*), therapist Dr. Violet Turner (Amy Brenneman, *Judging Amy*), and Addison's love-interest, alternative medicine, Dr. Peter Wilder (Tim Daly, *The Nine*), and surfer-receptionist William "Dell" Cooper (Chris Lowell, *Veronica Mars*).

As a spinoff of Grey's Anatomy, this show has potential. Granted, the pilot, which was part of Grey's Anatomy last season, was pretty boring, but the show is improving and can still improve. Spin-offs are usually never cancelled as we've seen from CSI, Law and Order, Stargate, etc etc. So we'll be seeing more of Private Practice in the future.

Bionic Woman – Re-imagined series of The Bionic Woman stars Michelle Ryan as Jaime Sommers, a regular bartender dating a super-genius professor, Will Anthros, while also taking care of her teenage computer-hacking sister. Will and Jaime are in a car accident caused by Sarah Corvus (Katie Sachoff, *Battlestar Galactica*), the first Bionic-Woman. Unwilling to lose Jaime, Will injects her with nanobots to recreate her lost limbs, making her into a Bionic Woman.

Hyped up to be the best new show of the season by NBC, the pilot sucked and was pretty boring. I wanted to stop watching 5-10 minutes into it. I have not yet seen any further episodes but will whenever I have time to. On Thursday, October 11th, 2007, they were filming over by Koerner's Pub and Battlestar Galactica's Katie Sachoff and Aaron Douglas were there. I did not go over to watch because I was finishing up a project. :(

Back To You – Anchorman Chuck Darling (Kelsey Grammar, *Fraiser*) returns to the TV Station he left 10 years ago as a result of an on-air meltdown that

became a YouTube classic. He is teamed up with anchorwoman Kelly Carr (Patricia Heaton, *Everybody Loves Raymond*).

The fact that it has several experience comedians starring in this show should say something. Even though I don't watch it, I think it'll last for awhile.

Dirty Sexy Money – A lawyer, Nick George (Peter Krause), works for the rich Darling family. His father was their lawyer and his mother was driven to suicide by it. Now Nick is their new lawyer and he hates the family but is doing it for the money.

First off, who wouldn't want to watch a show called "Dirty Sexy Money"? It's an awesome title. It's also a show that I don't watch but I'm sure it'll stick around for awhile.

Life – Policeman Charlie Crews (Damian Lewis) spends 12 years in prison for a triple homicide he didn't commit and is beaten multiple times by the inmates who know he was a cop. When he gets out, he's has a whole new weird personality and behavior, different way of doing things, has issues with coworkers, recites zen-ish quotes, but in the end he gets the job done. More importantly, however, is that he has a multi-million dollar settlement, handled by inmate friend Ted Earley (Adam Arkin), from the city and is back on the police force with partner Dani Reese (Sarah Shahi).

Funny thing is that, in my opinion, this is Dr. House as a policeman. Think about it. Damian Lewis is also a British actor doing an American accent by the way. I think this will last for awhile. Especially since 4 more episode scripts were requested on October 11th.

Gossip Girl – The O.C., except only in Manhattan, New York. I don't watch it and I don't intend to. I didn't really watch the O.C. either. This show is by the same producer, Josh Schwartz, as The O.C. also.

Thursdays

Big Shots – The male version of Desperate Housewives. And they're all rich, unhappy executives. And the show sucks. I stopped watching the pilot after 15 minutes and couldn't watch anymore. I think it'll be axed soon.

Fridays

Moonlight – 60-year old vampire Mick St. John (Alex O'Laughlin) is a Private Investigator who saved a girl 20 years ago, who is now reporter Beth Turner (Sophia Myles) on Buzz Wire. He has kept tabs on her and now she's interested in who he is.

This is an ok show. It seems like a more-funded version of Blood Ties. I'm more interested with New Amsterdam instead.

Women's Murder Club – Don't be fooled by the title; it's actually about women who SOLVE murders NOT commit them. I'm not watching it.

Other (aka not yet premiered)

The Sarah Connor Chronicles – Watched the pre-air. It continues right after Terminator 2. Pretty good. But now they're removing a school shooting scene and will air it next year.

Viva Laughlin (at the time of the writing, not at time nEUSpaper published) – A guy is starting a Vegas-style Casino in Laughlin, Nevada, with funding from his rival but then a body shows up in his Casino. May watch if I have time.

New Amsterdam - New York detective John Amsterdam became immortal in 1642 when he saved an Indian girl who repaid the favour. The only way to become mortal again is if he finds true love. Will premiere next year.

Cashmere Mafia – By the same producer as Sex in the City and is similar to that. It is also, in a way, similar to Big Shots. However, it also stars Lucy Liu, which will probably attract more viewers.

Our Awesome EUS Prez by Angela Melick



What's going on with Engineering Coop?

Due to many concerns brought forth through the EUS Council on behalf of numerous students, the Faculty had an external review conducted. The report is available on the www.ubcengineers.ca website under Services > Academic Services. A committee has been created to go through the general items in the report and try to formulate ideas to improve areas that need improvements. Three student representatives sit on this committee including Lindsay MacPhee, EUS VP External and Academic, who will be happy to answer questions and take comments. She can be emailed at 1stvice@ubcengineers.ca

Mandatory Laptop Policy

A couple of years ago, the idea of a mandatory laptop policy was brought forward by the Dean's Office. Due to logistic and financial concerns, the policy is being kept on the backburner and will not be implemented in the near future.

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MONDAY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Location: SUB Council Chambers (Second Floor, south end)
Time: 6pm
Upcoming Meetings: October 22nd, November 5th, November 19th

Come learn about what your EUS Council and Executive really are and check out what's going on in your Society at these bi-weekly meetings. These meetings are a world apart from tEUSday Informational Meetings at the Cheeze and should not be confused with one-another!! (By "formal", we mean serious...not formal dress.)

Food is available at the start of the meeting while quantities last. To add items to the agenda or to RSVP, email meetings@ubcengineers.ca. Although RSVPs are preferred whenever possible, drop ins are welcome and encouraged.

Minutes and agendas are available at www.ubcengineers.ca/council_meetings.php

tEUSday INFO MEETINGS

Location: Cheeze Factory, CEME Courtyard, Fred Kaiser, or Main Mall
Time: high noon every Tuesday

These weekly meetings are simple, short, to the point, and meant to be fun, informational, and sometimes silly. Pop by if you'd like to know exactly what events are happening and a very quick run through of recent news. If you would like a more in depth look into your Society, please attend a Monday Council Meeting.

Free refreshments are provided (while quantities last) and a cheap BBQ will be hosted whenever weather permits.

Drop in whenever you can! No RSVP is necessary.

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nEUSpaper writing contest

We know some of you Engineering students out there have something to say, secretly enjoyed english or simply want to win the prizes.

Write a **satirical** or **serious** article by Nov. 1st for your chance to win!

Prizes:
 Molson Gift Basket*, Eternal Glory

visit www.ubcengineers.ca for more information
 *Non-Alcoholic Prize alternative available (equally awesome)

NO COVER +
CHEAP BEER =
GOOD TIMES

FRIDAY OCT. 26TH

600 TO 1000 PM

COSTUMES =
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THE CHEEZE
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THE HALF HOUR LATE

YOUR EUS PRESENTS

LOONIE LAGER: HALLOWE'EN BALL