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LOCAL EMBARRASEMENT POSTS THEIR 2025 RECAP 3 WEEKS INTO JANUARY



It's almost February and some loser just posted what they did in 2025. Read more on Page 2.

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Games, gossip, and more!

The Big 25' is Over, Move On

By Frank Goodfellow

It was a cold, slushy and snowy evening this past week when social media enthusiasts were met with something pathetic. Something so socially inept people almost felt bad. Just when everyone thought they were well on their way to being in the Great ‘26, some dork they met in O-Week posts about the Big ‘25. If there was ever a time when people needed a hate button on Instagram, it’s now. O’SNAP reached out to this community turkey to find out more about their intentions. It turns out this nincompoop had confused Fake New Years (a beloved engineering social event happening this Friday night), with the real New Year. This moronic behavior was reinforced when it was confirmed that they had yet to even buy their ticket, which are $16 and includes entry and 2 drink tickets to the Attic from 9pm-1am. What a dumbass.

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UofG Plans to Install Giant Salt Lamp

By Frank Goodfellow

This past Thursday the university was overwhelmed with snow. This resulted in a (rather delayed) closure of the university. While students were at home enjoying this much needed break after a hard week’s work, UofG administrators were at the drawing board. For years there has been a war happening on the cold winter grounds of campus. Known to physical resource staff as the ongoing Salt Conflict, it has resulted in the loss of thousands of hours in lecture time. This week was the final straw however, as the university is set to play it’s trump card*. You see, for years the university has been trying to combat Mother Nature’s endless fury with the topical application of road salt. Roughly the equivalent of 30 Olympic swimming pools worth of salt is spread across campus every day each winter. Unfortunately, this has been no match for anything over 2cm of snow. That is until today, as UofG will now become the first university in the world to boast a 75m tall salt lamp. Place directly in the middle of Johnston green, the lamp will not only melt all surrounding snow, but make campus air just a bit tastier. The best part? It will only double student fees for the foreseeable future. University of Guelph, Improve Life.

**Shoutout to you euchre fans out there*



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You've Been Franked

By Franklin Goodfellow

Everyone loves a good prank, and I mean really mean love. Just look up the word on YouTube and you'll see videos racking up billions of views. So when my good friend (shoutout Will) said the phrase "you've been Franked" I knew I too would become famous like Mark Rober and Mr Beast. I've spent the last 5 minutes thinking of some pranks that you can pull to get a good laugh. Better yet, you can stare your victim in the eyes and tell them that they've been Franked.

Replace your roommates pulp free orange juice with extra pulp orange juice. ZINGER!

Say you're saving the seat when someone tries to sit next to you on the bus and then get off at the next stop. GOTCHA!

Raise your hand in class as much as possible but keep saying you forget what you were going to say. ROFL!

Tip 30% at a restaurant and then say it was an accident and demand they give it back. BAZINGA!

Stick your hand in the mash potatoes at one of the meal halls. ZOO WEE MAMA!



Interviewers Wanted

Can you talk to people? Can you make up questions? Could you ask these hard hitting questions to professors, students and popular campus figures? The O'SNAP team (Frank) is looking to expand operations. If you have the time to write down questions, reach out to people of interest, and write down answers, we want you! Reach out to Frank.

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GET UP GUELPHHH

By: Eva Cuddihy

Welcome back losers, new playlist alert. This mix is full of bomb-ass songs that will make you feel on top of the world. Lots of catchy basslines and freaky guitar. Some songs of note:

Gravity Blues by Geese

Cameron Winter and Geese have been honking their way into the limelight recently thanks to their newest release, Getting Killed, but my favourite song is Gravity Blues off their older album.





If It Wasn't for the Nights by ABBA

Dancing Queen this, Honey Honey that - this is genuinely the most slept on ABBA song of all time. They had no business cooking up a song that goes this hard.





Stayin' Alive by Scary Pockets ft Lizzy McAlpine

INSANE cover of such a classic song. Super funky band with the ridiculous talent of my girl Lizzy never fails to get me going. Scary Pockets has a bunch of other cool covers too.

Out of Context Quotes

This section was run in O'SNAPs of long long ago (2010 era). Prof say something in class? Lab partner phrase something a little odd? Submit your quotes to O'SNAP.



IN'S AND OUT'S FOR 2026

By Cam Billhorn



- DRINKING DURING DESIGN LECTURES
- CIVIL ENGINEERING
- NON-BINARY BEER TRADE
- HONING YOUR CRAFT
- LIVING WITH YOUR EX
- MECHATRONIC ENGINEERING
- AGGIE PUB
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CDE Takeaway

By Anish Ganapathyraju

Sometimes the best way to learn something new is to put yourself in a room full of strangers and see what happens. That's what I did when I drove to Montréal for the Conference on Diversity in Engineering (CDE) this past November. Spending three days discussing equity, accessibility, and representation in engineering sounded intimidating at first, especially during midterms, but I applied, got accepted, and ended up attending with a few other amazing Guelph delegates.

CDE is run by the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students (CFES) and was hosted this year at McGill University. The theme, "From Barriers to Breakthroughs," shaped conversations around topics you don't usually hear in lectures: imposter syndrome, mentorship, inclusive design, and what it means to feel like you belong in engineering.

What stood out most was realizing how similar everyone's experience has been in engineering coming from both experienced speakers and other students, whether from McGill, TMU, uOttawa, or schools' way out west. Knowing that other students are dealing with the same pressure and uncertainty was oddly comforting. The sessions encouraged us to ask questions, reach out, and take small risks, even when it feels uncomfortable.

Outside of our workshops, we explored the campus, the city of Montreal, and gathered as many new LinkedIn connections as we could (not quite 500, but close). I left with new perspectives on what it really means to be in this degree, contacts from across the country, and a lot more confidence stepping into new engineering spaces.





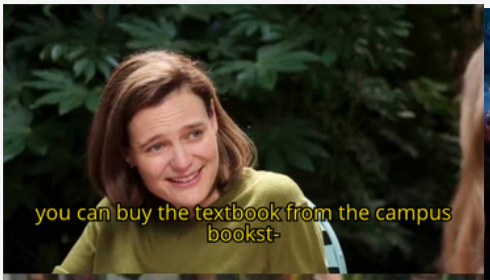


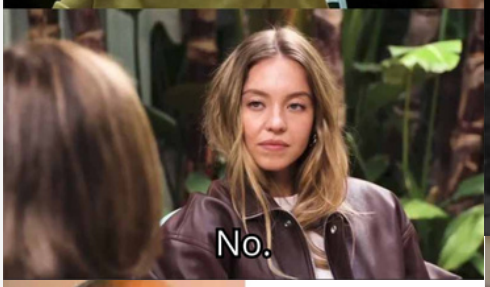
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Bi-Weekly Meme Recap

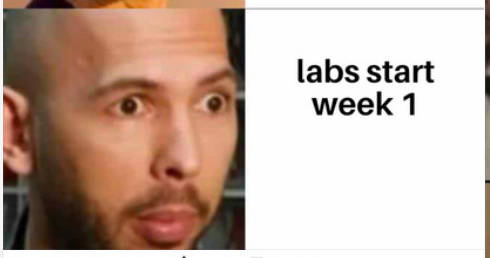
By Eva Cuddihy

DISCLAIMER: Please use bi-weekly recap in moderation. Excessive use may lead to mid semester joy or potential signs of happiness.









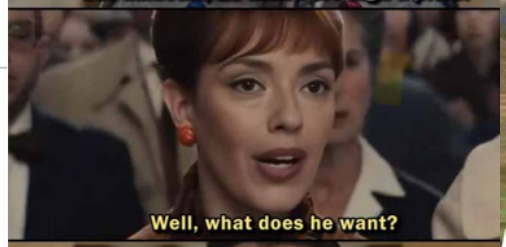
me at work at 5pm



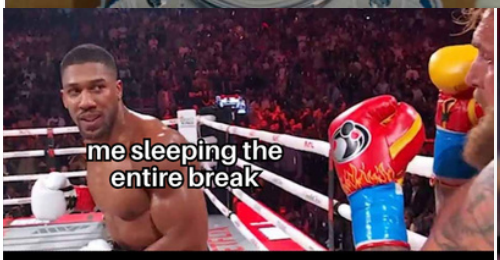
***Editor's Note: Eva claims her co-op sucks the funny out of her. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers**





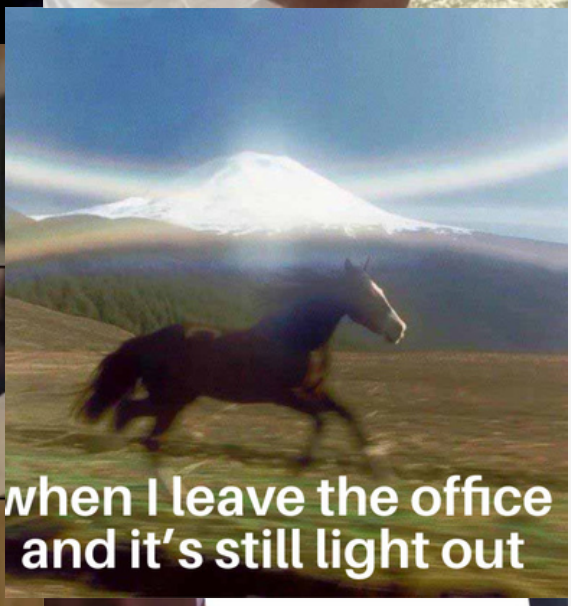
















To Be Frank, Issue #7?: A Socially Deprived Generation

By Franklin Goodfellow

To Be Frank is this years version of an editorial. I (Frank) have set aside time every other week to enjoy a beer at Brass Taps and write about whatever is on my mind.

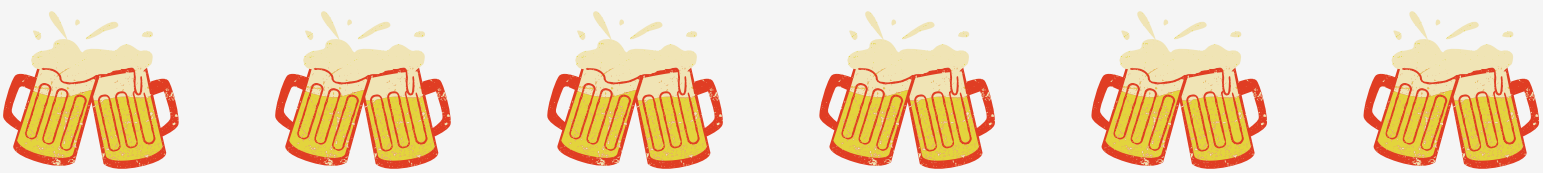
I've been seeing and hearing lots recently about how our generation is less social than previous ones. I think most people have heard this, along with many grim realities. For the most part it feels that the reaction is typically along the lines of "yeah that checks out" as if most people could've come to that conclusion on their own. What really made me open my eyes was when my history prof last semester told us that we have less sex than other generations. Excuse me? As if the risks and consequences of a less social society weren't bad enough, now you're telling me we get no bitches? Then the other night me and my roommates are watching YouTube and the guy starts saying college students are partying less than they used to. If this is true in any capacity, then we owe it to each other to do something about it. If you ask anyone what they were told when they were sent away to post secondary, 98% of the time the words "Have fun" are in there. Obviously partying and having sex aren't the only indicators of people having fun but you certainly get the idea, people are less social. You could spend all day thinking of reasons why this is but I think you should ask yourself what you can do to fix it. I wrote about sense of community in the first editorial this year and could honestly write 20 more. I feel quite strongly about the value of community as do most people who have felt it's effects. A sense of belonging is what makes the difference between having just another day and having a day worth smiling about. So go socialize this weekend like our generation depends on it.



Beer of Paper #7: Cowbell Brewing Co. Hazy Days Juicy IPA



When it was recommended to me that I review Hazy Days, I actually was in denial of the fact that I hadn't already. Aside from being a bit of a stronger beer (6% ABV), it's enticing description on the Brass Taps drink menu will sway most recently legal drinkers. This drink seems to be somewhat of a cult classic amongst those who enjoy feeling a bit hazy themselves. I mean it says juicy right on the can, so it can't get much better than that. It's fruitful flavour leaves your palette feeling enriched and is a good introduction to fruity IPAs. If it weren't for the fact I like trying other beers, I'd almost always get this at Brass taps. I would however recommend not getting this at 11am at an early lunch with your buddy. You will feel ready for a mid day nap and not want to go to class.



Biological

New year but same you. You're perfect just the way you are and don't let anyone try and say otherwise this year. Make it a resolution to find out what being you means to you.

Biomedical

You need to make some big changes. Actually scratch that. You should have made some big changes and you didn't and look where that got you. Figure it out pal.

Mechanical

Make use of those LCBO gift cards you got for Christmas this weekend. You deserve a little treat after a hard two weeks.

Mechatronics

Someone might rub you the wrong way in the coming days. You can simply let it go and move on... Or you can practice your right hook in the mean time.

Water Resources

You'll feel very torn this month. Your head is telling you that the snow is annoying and its a lot of shoveling, but your heart knows its just water that's misunderstood.

Systems and Computing

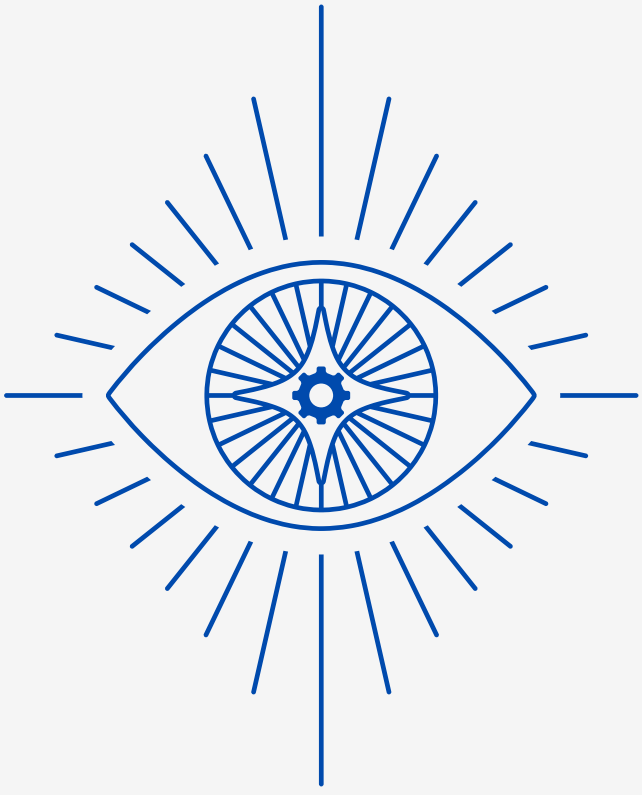
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Environmental

Do not risk all of the work that got you to where you are today. Under no circumstances should you eat whatever was left in your fridge during the break.

Computer

Make a list of all the things you want to get done this year. Plan out all of your goals so you can immediately forget them by next week.



dear Bunsen...

Have a question you're too scared to ask your professors, classmates, housemates, or parents? Ask your friend Bunsen - rich in experience (and wit). No question is too unusual or outlandish. Just don't come running back crying if the answer isn't what you expected. The truth can be a hard pill to swallow.

How do I keep my new years resolutions?

Dear writer,

Simply resolve to stick to your resolutions.

Love, Bunsen

Dear Bunsen,

67 has taken over my life. I see it and hear it everywhere. Please help

-67 kid

Dear Bunsen,

Does she think about me too? (Probably right?)

- secret admirer

Scan me



Dear incel,

It's the damn phone, Go outside

Regards, Bunsen

Dear writer,

Ha! (No)

From Bunsen

DEAR BUNSEN,

MY CO-OP SUCKS, WHAT DO I DO?

-QUARTER ZIP ENTHUSIAST

Dear worker bee,

Get used to it, you've got 40 more years of it

Sincerely, Bunsen

DAISY CHAIN By Nola Hinton

Guess the 5 missing words!
Every word combines with the word below it to form a 2-word phrase or compound word. I've given you the first and last words, plus the first letters of the missing ones

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Upcoming events

Ideas and Submissions for O'SNAP



Calling all students (especially you, engineers!) - can you read, write, or use a camera? Have some opinions you think the entire CoE should know about? Okay with working for free on top of paying thousands of dollars to do school work that will never help you in your day-to-day life? If you think you have what it takes, email submissions to fgoodfel@uoguelph.ca. Opinion pieces, conference reflections, advice, memes, comics, and more are all welcome*. Submissions for the next edition are due two weeks from this one. Submissions can be published anonymously or under a pseudonym (For the mechs, that means a fake name).

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