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J.D. MACLACHLAN BUILDING TORN DOWN TO MAKE IRON RINGS



With a lack of jewellery grade iron, the COE took matters into their own hands. Read more on Page 2.

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Games, gossip,
and more!

J.D. MacLachlan Ripped to Shreds

By Frank Goodfellow

For students who are not deaf, blind, or enrolled in business, there are some noticeable changes happening on campus. The old J.D. MacLachlan Building is being torn down. Ripped to shreds. They might even light it on fire for shits and giggles.

This was heartbreaking news for the people that enjoy the feeling of a sticky shirt in a warm September lecture. Some students were even seen leaving flowers at the steps of the beloved building.

If you're wondering why the most mediocre lecture hall is being torn to pieces, its due to a global iron shortage. As a result of increased acceptance rates into engineering programs across the country, more and more iron rings have been needed every year. This has put a strain on local iron deposits leaving the COE with no other option. Scrap metal from the insides of J.D. MacLachlan was made to make this year's iron rings. Plans for next years ring ceremony have already begun as well. Summerlee Science Centre is set to be demolished on O-week of next year. This also means there will be no more in person chem labs as all courses will be taught using strictly mastering chemistry. In the meantime, be sure to congratulate all who received their iron ring this past Sunday, including O'SNAP's finest: Mac Hilborn.

Mac seen posing with a ring made from MacLachlan metal:



Some of O'SNAP's finest contributors at the Iron Ring After Party:



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**THANK YOU TO OUR
CONTRIBUTORS**

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(In loving memory)

Your Pal Bunsen

Bunsen Questioners

Riri

Tej Gidda

PhysicsLuva69

Cam Billhorn

And our dedicated
supporters!

CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT AGAINST PHYSICAL RESOURCES

Reported By Brona Mayne

If you have been personally victimized by heinously excessive salt application on campus you may be entitled to a \$200 stipend for a new pair of Blundstone's. After recent investigation, it was found that the University of Guelph administration has directed Physical Resources NOT to plow or shovel. The university prefers students to walk through 10cm of salt created grey slush. Physical removal of snow is too effective and would create too much margin in the school's budget. To keep prices of tuition high, a deep-rooted contract with Big Salt has been maintained.

Please contact the firm of SaltIsKillingThePlanet at effsalt@yourmomshouse.com





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SCOTT ROBERTSON AWARD



Presented to a graduating student who most embodies the spirit of University of Guelph Engineering, someone who goes above and beyond for the College, is highly respected by their peers, and has made a meaningful and lasting positive impact on the community over the years.

Honouring the student who truly represents what it means to be a Guelph Engineer.

DEADLINE MARCH 6TH

NOMINATIONS NOW OPENED

Scott Robertson Award

By Tej Gidda

While hard for some of its recipients to believe, 2026 marks the 30th anniversary of the Scott Robertson Award! This is the final award given out at Banquet and honours a graduating student who has exemplified Guelph engineering during their tenure. This is the type of person that is involved, goes over-and-above for the College and, most importantly, has the respect of other students. We often say that this award is not for someone seeking an award or recognition; this award is meant for people who work hard for Guelph engineering because they're compelled to do so. Often, the Award comes as a surprise to these people.

Started in 1997, the Award was first implemented because a student graduating that year had provided so much spirit and had worked so hard for Guelph engineering that many believed they should be recognized. At the time, no award recognized this commitment towards the school (now College) and that individual, Mike Wigglesworth, didn't qualify for the other awards (academics weren't his strength). It was named the Scott Robertson Award to honour Scott, who had been exceptionally involved in Guelph engineering in many ways over the years in the mid-90s. His was the only name considered for the Award, a clear testimonial on the impact he had on the School that still resonates. He continues to be involved in the College to this day..

(Fun Fact: As perhaps an indication of Mike and Scott's influence on Guelph Engineering spirit, they were the two that discovered Stick as undergrads!)

One of the unique aspects of the Award is that the past winners come together to decide the new winner(s). As of 2026, there are 36 past winners. Those past winners receive nominations for candidates, have very diligent and sometimes heated discussions about who the new winner(s) should be, and come to a decision. Each year, every one of these winners deliberates and votes, a line of graduates stretching all the way back to 1996. This is a truly unique award. There does not appear to be any other award at an engineering school deliberated in this way.

To make sure we have candidates, we count on nominations from the College. We want nominations from a broad cross-section: graduating students, faculty, and staff. In fact, we would like to hear from younger year students as well, because the type of people we are looking for usually have an impact on all years.

We're very excited about the 30th Anniversary of this unique award! Many of us return each year to Banquet to hand out the Award and to socialize with the students. This year, on a big milestone, a number of past winners will be attending, and setting up a touchpoint with the students during the afternoon of the Banquet. We're hoping to give back, and to meet many of the amazing students that continue to call Guelph engineering their home! Be sure to introduce yourself....as you might expect, the previous recipients aren't shy.

**Earliest known
photo of "The Stick" ↘**



The Laws of Attraction

By PhysicsLuva69

Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein lie beneath the ever-legendary apple tree where it all began. Isaac shyly glances over in the direction of his former scientific rival.

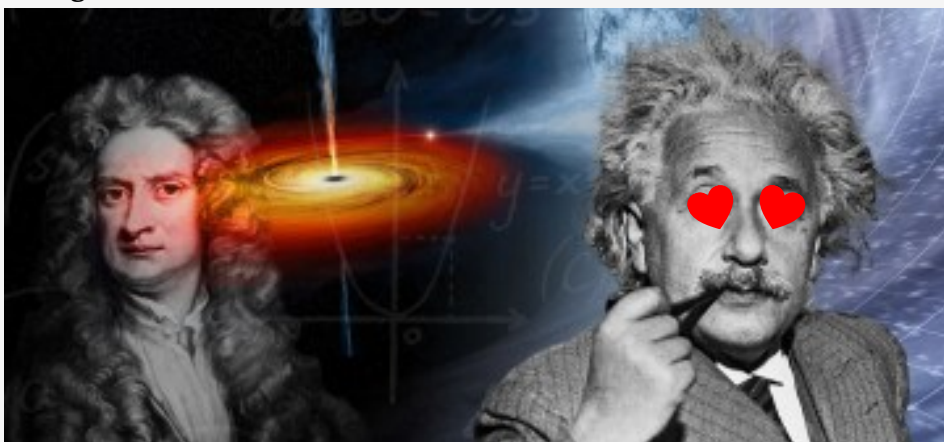
"Albie" he whispers, "can you believe we're changing the world?"

"I always knew you'd do something with that big brain of yours, nerd", he replies coyly, causing Isaac to playfully shove him away, before settling back down onto the lush grass. Albert reaches up and delicately plucks an apple from the branches above, before feeding his dear friend a bite of the red fruit. They share the ambrosia back and forth until there is nothing left but the core.

Suddenly, Albert jumps up and skips off into the vast field below the low afternoon sun. "Follow me!" he hollers through a laugh, as Isaac scrambles to catch up. They run until they are out of breath, collapsing on the ground in giggles.

"Help me dig a hole" Albert mutters, and the two of them take to the warm dirt with their hands, digging a small well. Isaac feels their knuckles brush momentarily, trying to ignore the heat on his face as Albert hides a smile. After tossing a few of the remaining apple seeds into the thoughtfully dug crevasse, Albert scoops dirt back into the crater, firmly pressing it once filled.

"There", he states in a matter-of-fact tone, giving the soil one more pat for good measure. "Now, even if we are apart, this tree will be a reminder of this wonderful summer that we have shared". Their eyes meet for a half second, before they both look away, staring off into the horizon as the sun sets in vibrant shades of orange and pink over the rolling hills



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.

Last Issue's Out of Context Photo Winner was Suzi!



"Not our tips touching"
- Suzi

"Now its stiff and discoloured"
- OJ

"..... naughty naughty" - nick

"imma send that in our three way"
- Suzi

"It like when you go into an airport and you think what if I packed a bomb" - Sabine

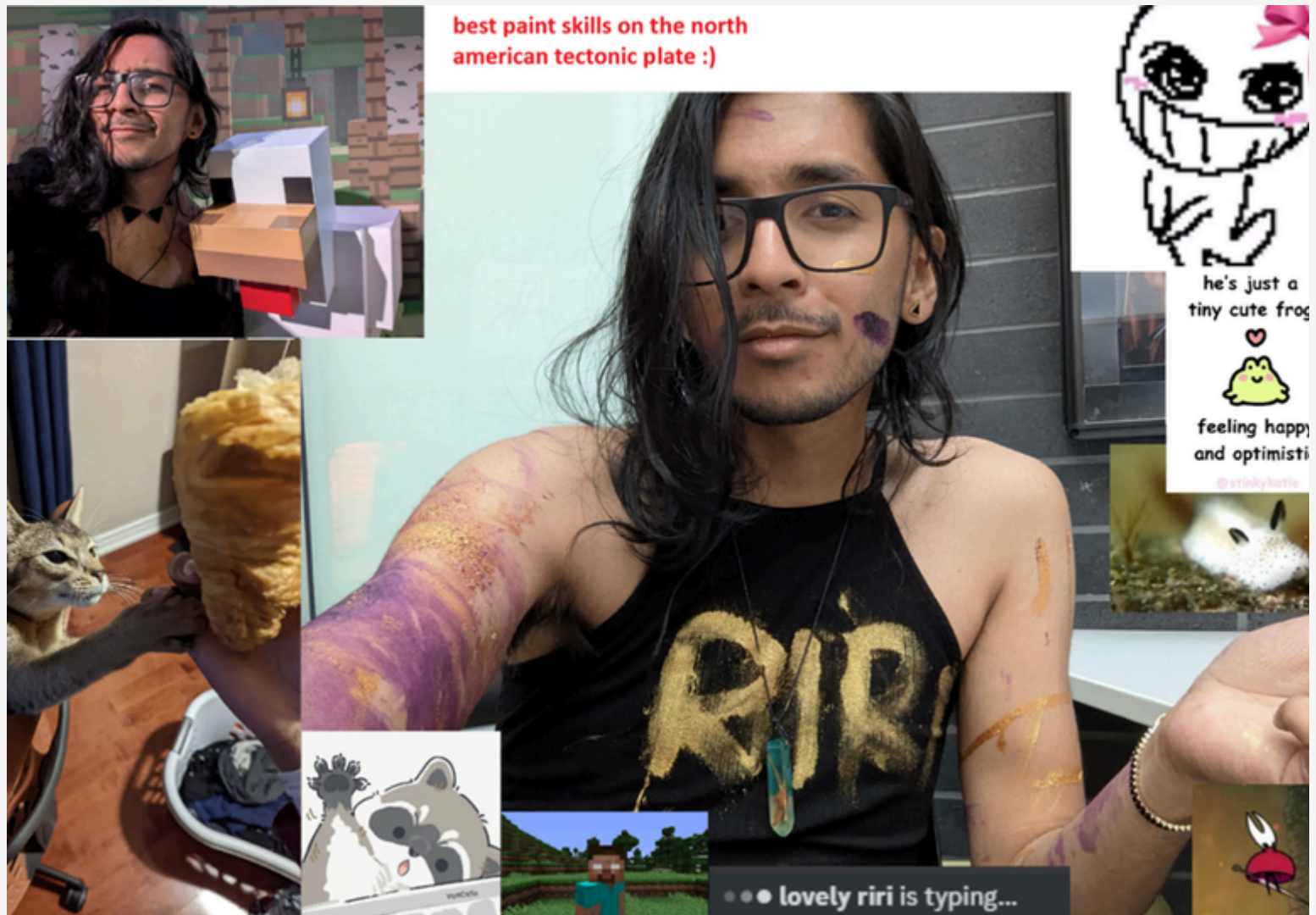
"Hutz nutz? Yea sure, I'll take 2 please." - joe

A Bunch of Scribbles, From A Graduating Engineer

By Riri

Hello precarious reader, today, I write to you with tales and scribbles inspired by my lessons through Guelph Engineering ^-^)/

Scribble #1 Identity



For context! This is me, I find this picture does way better at explaining to you who I am than the following very boring text x_x

I'm an undergraduate Computer Engineering w co-op student who minored in Entrepreneurship with a Certificate in Leadership. I was born and raised in Dubai, and my top three values are helping others, learning, and empathy. I started my undergrad in 2019 and worked full-time as a corporate girly alongside for 3 years to make my degree feasible. I'm club president of GryphDEX! Formerly CoCreCo >v<

So if you struggled to make friends through undergrad like I did, try speaking with pictures, rather than with words :) I remember sitting with this exact printout of memes and images and having tons of people come up and talk to me!! Even if you're embarrassed, being yourself is the best person you can be <3



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**AWARD
NOMINATIONS**

WHO COMES TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK "WOW THEY
WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND"? NOMINATE THEM FOR
AN AWARD TODAY!

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SUNDAY MARCH 29TH AT 7 PM

CHEERS & GEARS
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They Can Pry My Iron Ring from my Cold, Dead, Pinky

By Cam Billhorn

With the Iron Ring Ceremony having just happened, there has only been one thing on my mind: how do I remove a cylinder from a small metal ring? (The cylinder must remain unharmed).

Just kidding. What has really been on my mind, is what if I don't graduate? What if, by some fluke, I get a final grade of 49% in Atmospheric Emission Control and I come up short of graduating by 0.5 credits? By a single percentage point? What then?

I have heard stories about this very circumstance. A friend, who I shall refer to as Phil (not his real name) for his safety, went through this exact scenario. Attended the ceremony, got his ring, said his oath, everything. And then, the Vibrations final struck. He was a mere few percentage points away from passing the course, but it wasn't enough. Phil was ineligible for graduation.

At first the emails were manageable. There were a few from Dr. John Donald politely asking him to return the ring. He even CC'd the Associate Dean, like that title has any weight behind it. And when a week passed and Phil hadn't returned the ring (or even responded to the emails), things started to escalate. Rapidly.

Calls started flooding in from University-affiliated numbers, and Phil blocked them all. The voicemails that did come through urged him to turn in his ring "lest he face dire consequences" (but what could be more dire than not graduating after a 5-year long struggle?). And even though he had blocked dozens of numbers, the calls didn't stop – now the caller ID was hidden, or the number was spoofed to make it look like it was coming from the KW region.

And when they realized they couldn't reach him by phone, they resorted to more extreme measures. One night, Phil was followed home by an unmarked vehicle. Scott Robertson, Chief Warden of Camp 17* was unreachable at the hours he claimed this had occurred and Mr. Robertson could provide no alibi.

Last I heard from my friend Phil, he had accepted a job tree-planting in British Columbia for the 2025 season. I haven't heard from him since. Though, at this year's ceremony, Mr. Robertson was wearing a black class of 25 MECH jacket with the same tear in the elbow that Phil had on his... but that could just be a coincidence.

All to say that if I do not graduate, you will find my body draped over the cannon. And it is from my cold, dead, pinky that they can retrieve my iron ring.

*For the uninitiated, Camp 17 is a group of engineers who have nothing better to do with retirement other than to handle the virgin sacrifices required during the Iron Ring Ceremony. I don't know why they need a whole organization for it though – it's not like it's hard to find a graduating engineer who is still a virgin.



New Music Spotlight – New SHEBAD EP

By Mac Hilborn

I have been a SHEBAD fan for 3 years now. It has been a pleasure to see the band grow and expand in that time, having members come and go and music start to release more often and often. If you didn't know, SHEBAD was formed by University of Guelph Alumni Claire Voy and Ciccio Spagnolo as has expanded from a bullring-based start-up to a global phenomenon (did you know they have a huge fanbase in Japan!?). And being a fan myself, I was overjoyed when their new EP released. And even more overjoyed to see that the songs on this EP were collaborative versions of my two favourite SHEBAD songs (well, I love all of their songs, but if I had to pick...)

The EP, INNER OPENINGS, has 3 tracks: INNER RISE with King Cruff, and OPEN YOURSELF with Anomalie (explicit and radio version).



King Cruff has infused INNER RISE with his fast-paced flow that just seems to roll off his tongue to dance in perfect rhythm with the backing bass line. I appreciated that the original essence of the song remained and neither artist (SHEBAD nor King Cruff) overshadowed each other. Together this song makes a perfect blend of jazz fusion and Caribbean hip-hop and is definitely my favourite of the songs released.

SHEBAD has performed OPEN YOURSELF with artists freestyling over it a few times now, and while it doesn't always hit the mark, Anomalie certainly does. Like INNER RISE, the original backing bassline is persistent throughout the song, but SHEBAD has also taken some freedom to elevate the backing instrumentals both to support Anomalie's verses but also to expand on the original vibe and sound (I hear you, new violin, piano, and synth!). Would definitely listen to this song on an early-summer evening walk downtown in some nice flowy pants.

Final rating: ★★★★★

Scan to listen to SHEBAD's newest EP

Three stylized musical notes in blue and black, floating to the right of the text.

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.

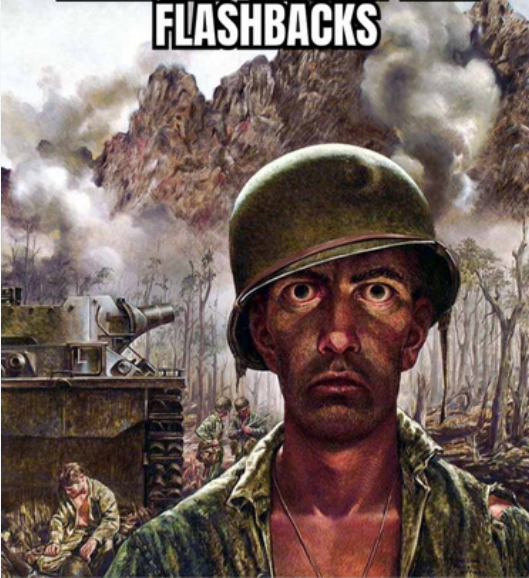
me licking my lips 24/7 bc they r so dry from the cold



tryna figure out which way the force is acting mid mechanics exam



HEARING ABT 2ND YEAR HELL WEEK/AND GETTING WAR FLASHBACKS



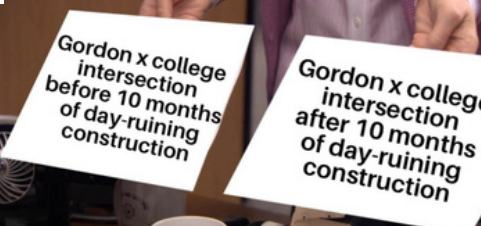
what was the date?



getting hammered at engg vs Aggie



my dream date: Cute. And he knows that



Gordon x college intersection before 10 months of day-ruining construction

Gordon x college intersection after 10 months of day-ruining construction

Corporate needs you to find the differences between this picture and this picture.



They're the same picture.



reverse engineering design project

2nd years the instant their animation is done

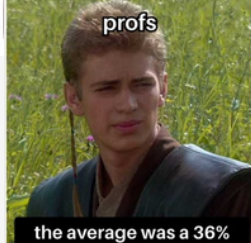
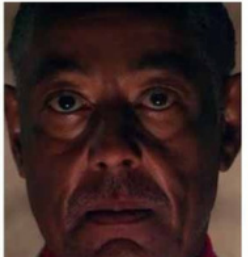
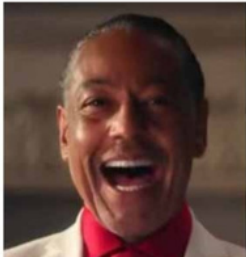
I don't want to play with you anymore



me and the boyz debriefing after the midterm (we all failed)

how much I lock in for an exam worth 80% of my grade

how much I lock in for an intramural game that has zero impact on my life trajectory



profs

the average was a 36%



struggling students

so you're gonna scale it right



right?

To Be Frank, Issue #10: A Lesson in Grapes

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.

Have you ever been invited to a party and thought to yourself, “I wonder if I should bring something”. I personally don’t think its a requirement people bring something they were asked to come to, but a little goes a long way. So the question really is, what do you bring to the table? If the first thing that came to your mind was a bag of chips, you’re not very bright. It’s not a bad idea in principle, but it’s a pretty common one which makes it bad. You don’t want to show up somewhere and the host sees you’re the 5th dork to show up with chips. They might even close the door in your face, I probably would too. A fairly solid idea is bringing a couple extra drinks for the host to enjoy. The amount of free drinks people get from hosting parties almost makes it worth the vomit in their back yard. This works better if you know what your host will like though, this isn’t time to offload some shitty IPA’s disguised as a gift.

This leaves quite the dilemma for party goers. How do you come off as being original while also getting something everyone will enjoy. Enter grapes. Pick up a bag of the crunchiest green grapes you can find, and instantly become the life of the party. You might be thinking this is a bit out in left field here, but trust me.

Anytime I’ve brought grapes to a party, the same thing happens the exact some way. Someone will say “Are those grapes?” with a somewhat demeaning and confused tone. The answer here is to ask them “Do you like grapes?” which undoubtedly 100% of the time the answer will be “I love grapes!”. Once or twice I’ve had a smartass try and lie and say they don’t like grapes. It’s almost as if they are so upset that they didn’t come up with it themselves.

So next time you get invited somewhere, grab some grapes on your way. Just make sure they’re cold.



Beer of Paper #10: Old Sport - Flux Brewing



I went to Lager Fest at Royal City Brewing over reading week and tried about 12 different beers from across Ontario. The one that stood out the most to me was Old Sport by Flux Brewing. Described as a half dark beer, this was kind of like a stout for babies. It had the flavour of a stout without the thickness that usually comes with it. I’d recomened trying the beer if you ever get the chance. I don’t see it being anyone’s favourite beer as they might as well drink a regular stout at that point. I also had probably the worst hangover I’d ever had the next day but I’d probably blame that on the beer made in Caledon that I tried.

Biological



Be patient with those around you and don't let past experiences cloud future interactions. Just because your lab partner didn't have a brain last week, doesn't mean it can't grow back!

Biomedical



Take time during the spring season to try something you let go of over the winter. Maybe text your ex and see if they're still single, they probably are!

Mechanical



Set ambitious goals for yourself and try to make yourself proud. At the same time, recognize your limits to avoid disappointment. Let's face it, this semester is not the one to go for a record high average.

Mechatronics



The stars predict great doom and gloom in your future. Perhaps even despair and agony! YOU'VE BEEN WARNED!!!

Water Resources



Wet things are coming your way! Spring showers are a sign to wash away any stress and look forward to a warmer future.

Systems and Computing



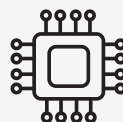
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Environmental

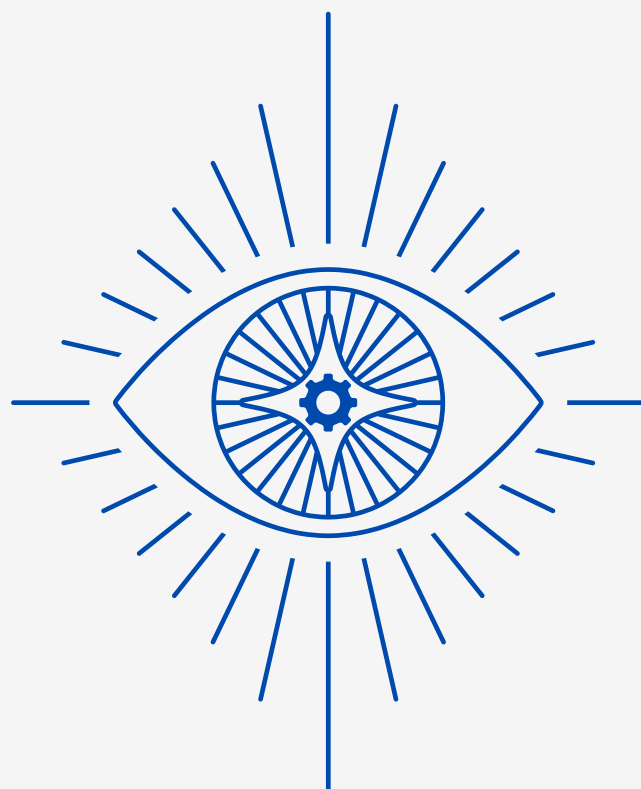


Practice self control and evaluate all situations carefully before taking action. Maybe avoid grabbing your lab partner by the ears next time they say something stupid.

Computer



Can you smell that? No, not the smell of you! There's love in the air! Release your inner romantic and show how passionate you can be.



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.

I write an advice column but nobody asks me for advice. Pls help.

Dear handsome sexy person,

Personally, I would try faking a request for advice where you ask for people to ask you for advice!

-Mwah, Bunsen

Dear Bunsen,

I hooked up with a guy after the iron ring party and my ring accidentally got stuck on his stick! He won't go to the hospital because he's too embarrassed.

-Susan

Dear slippy Susan,

Trust me, I've been there before! If he won't see a doctor, take him to the machine shop after hours and find a grinder.

From Bunsen

Dear Bunsen,

I keep having vivid dreams of me in a boxing ring with with loud beeping box. I always get knocked out wake up way after my alarm was set.

much love, Pedro

Scan me



Dear Pedro,

Try putting your alarm in your roommates room. See if they have the same issue.

Regards, Bunsen

DEAR BUNSEN,

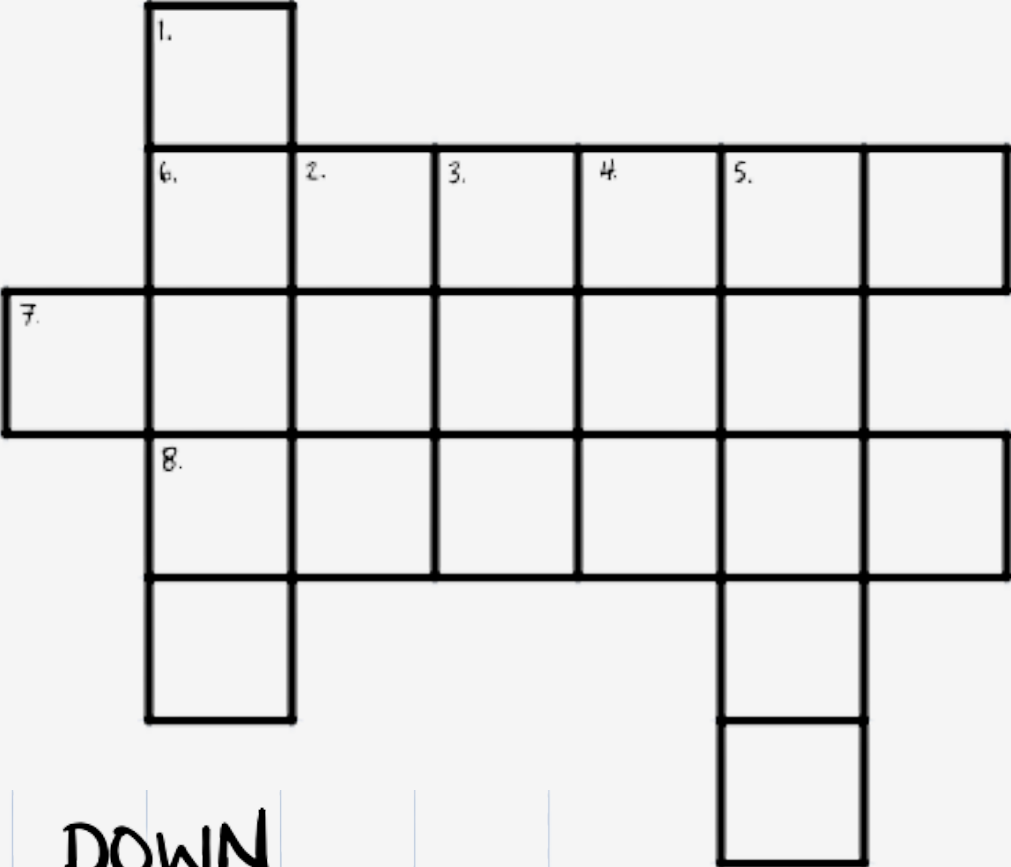
II THINK I'M GOING TO FAIL MECHANICS I. HELP

Hey buddy,

You have a 50/50 shot of guessing if every member is in tension or compression. That's better odds than roulette!

Cheers, Bunsen

CROSSWORD By Nola Hinton



Ideas and Submissions for O'SNAP



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ACROSS

1. Computer science word for matrix.

2. One of the four elements.

3. For example: Minecraft villager.

4. It did your homework last week.

5. 🙄 (Hint: It's a verb)

6. Yogi bear's job title.

7. Another way to say "iced out" 😬😬.

8. Home of the polar bear 🐻.

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).

*Subject to reasonable limits. No eroticas please!