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THOUGHTS OF MIDTERMS LOOM OVER STUDENTS DURING FALL LONG WEEKEND



Just when students of the COE thought they could pig out in peace, they were reminded that engineering is not just a program, but a lifestyle choice. Read more on page 2.

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Turkey Coma Interupted by Courselink Notifications

By Franklin Goodfellow

As midterm season wages on, many students hoped to escape from the demands of their coursework and enjoy a weekend at home. Unfortunately, most found themselves reminded of what awaited as they return to class this Wednesday. Several reports were made this past long weekend of engineering students hallucinating and hearing the laughter of their grading TAs. Some even claimed to have seen the Pulse App logo within the reflection of a shining Costco pumpkin pie.

A majority of these reports say that the episodes were triggered by the notification of a grade update, or an email about a new course in their Gradescope. From there, most cases followed a similar pattern of students murmuring equations to themselves at the dinner table while staring at their right hand.

After receiving several concerned complaints about student welfare, the COE released a statement late Tuesday afternoon: “Literally not our problem bro, that’s why we sent them home for the weekend”

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Find Eva Mic’d up at the ESSCO Soccer Tourament this weekend!



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The Ethical Dilemma of Pregaming Your Evening Lecture

By Owen Unrau

To drink or not to drink, that is the question. Given that I'm in mech eng and not a philosophy student, it's no wonder that I struggle with this complex proposition. On your own time you are free to do as you please, no cares if you have a few drinks at the end of a day. The understandable opposite is during class time when you must be attentive and studious. But such is the crux of the issue, when lectures START at the end of the day, who is to say if it's class time or personal time? To cope with this assault on one's freedom you might think to drink anyways and attend lecture, however this is outrageous considering the importance of taking higher education seriously. This issue of conflicting desires is what I will seek to solve with the analysis of the following points;

- **Relax and Enjoy the Evening.**

A drink or two with friends is considered by many to be an easy way to make the evening more enjoyable and lighten themselves up. A more relaxed disposition can make it easier to stay focused for a full three hour FEA or History lecture.

- **Don't Fuck it up Now.**

You have done the work and put in the hours and money, made it into engineering and maybe you are almost finished the degree. The last thing you need right now is to not be on your A game for the most important lecture of the semester and put yourself behind for the rest of the year.

- **Support Local Business.**

Conveniently located equidistant from all lecture halls is the Brass Taps Pub, a place for good brews and immaculate vibes. Open all the hours it needs to be, the Taps is a great place to grab a couple beers before class. Odds are that your server for the sit-down will be a UoG student working part-time. Leaving a tip for a fellow student is an honorable use of your patronage in my opinion.

- **It Won't Make a Difference.**

If I already can't understand the numbers, what does it matter if they are floating off the projector screen? Complex equations and FEA matrices are already basically ancient hieroglyphs, if I am going to study them in the morning anyways, what's wrong with understanding a little less tonight?

I am still undecided where the issue stands (again, I'm not a psychology student). It really is up to you as long as you aren't disrupting the lectures by being too drunk or too sober. All I know is I have a table booked at the Taps for 6:00pm and an un-answerable question, to drink or not to drink.







Midterm Study Tips

By Eva Cuddihy

The last time I gave tips for school in Issue 1, I claimed to have the highest average in the COE and some of you numbnuts actually believed me. Hopefully, it has since become clear that a) 80% of the contents of this paper is completely untrue and b) I am far from an academic. This being said, I hope these study hacks help during the frightening midterm season ahead.

1. A fall-coded study tip is to light a candle and study until it goes out. I would instead suggest lighting your house on fire. This creates a sense of urgency, and increases the possibility that you won't even have to write your exam (due to hospital visit and/or death).
2. It is crucial to stay fueled during study sessions, so try these brain snacks to keep you going: medium rare chicken, room temperature mayonnaise, suspiciously warm seafood, and 3 bottles of vodka. If prepared correctly, you should be yarfing enough to get out of your midterm.
3. If you find yourself stuck in a study rut, take a brain break. Go for a walk in the Arboretum, Guelph Conservation Area, or find a trail in your neighbourhood. If you see a white van advertising free puppies, hop in – spending time with animals can be very relaxing during a stressful exam season.
4. It is a well known fact that October is always the perfect time to try a new hobby. Wood carving, learning an instrument, drawing, or a trying a new video game are all perfect examples of things to distract you from the impending doom of Signals.
5. When passing your exam feels like a lost cause, it is always an option to fake your death and skip of the country. My destination of choice has always been to move to rural France and become a pastry apprentice, but this Earth is vast with many options to go off grid.





University to Implement New 24/7 Class Schedule

By Franklin Goodfellow

Starting in W27, the University of Guelph will adapt a new class schedule. As opposed to previous years that offered classes from 8:30am to 9:50pm from Monday to Friday, the new schedule will have class times every hour of the day throughout the entire week. The move comes following several other efforts the university has made to increase student capacity for enrollment. To clarify, no effort has or will be made to expand the actual physical capacity for students as that's not what actually makes money. The added room for more class sections should allow for a 130% increase over previous years.

However, the university does not expect the subsequent increase in enrollment to match this new capacity right away. To make use of the added time, courses sections will be spread out over 24 hours to limit any cases of peak times on campus. The university states that students will enjoy more peaceful study areas as class times become more spread out. An example schedule for a 2nd Year Mechanical Engineering Student provided by the COE is below:

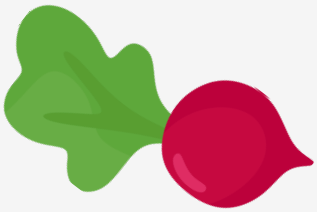
Class	Lecture	Lab
Fluids	MT 2:30am	F 11:30pm
Manuf.	WSa 12:30pm	Su 8:00pm
Circuits	Th (All day)	T 10:00am
Stats	Su 4:30pm	N/A
Kin. & Dyn.	MWF 3:30pm	W 1:00am
Num. Methods	Sa 6:30am	W 10:30am

To align with its ongoing mission to "Improve Life", the university has also seized the opportunity to enforce good habits into students. After reviewing housing information, all students along your most convenient bus route will now have class at the same time as you. This was done to encourage students to wake up early as no bus within a 2 hour range of their class will have an open spot.

The university is happily accepting feedback in the form of a survey which will be ignored as all changes are final.

October Ins and Outs





In:

- Using your manners
- Soup
- GIFs
- Memojis
- Hot Chocolate
- Spotify Jams

Out:

- Lobotomies
- Twins
- Cobwebs
- Wedgies
- Radishes
- Bubblegum



Out of Context Quotes

Prof say something in class? Lab partner phrase something a little odd? Submit your quotes to O'SNAP.

"Rome was built in a day, so I can write history in a day" - Daniel T

"That's a secret between Courselink and God" - Helia

"You are leaking on my space right now" - Alex J

"I'm trying to push it right on the end" - Eva

"You get jerked and you get mac and cheese?" -Josip

"My ears are erect" - Franklin

"I think this is the best position to do it in" -Eva to Mac

"The city of London is genuinely the armpit of Ontario" -Matt

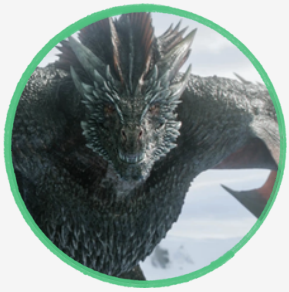
"That man has giant appendages" - Langston

"They know nothing it's like I'm talking to babies" - Cam, on computer enggs

"I'm taking it out of the hole" - Jaren

Would You Rather...TV Character Design Groups

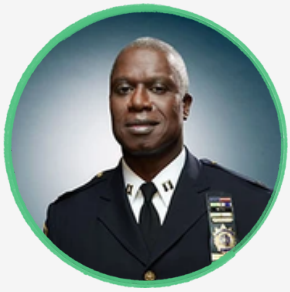
Take your pick for which team member you would rather have in your design project group - chances are any of them would be better than the absolute dolts you landed this semester anyways


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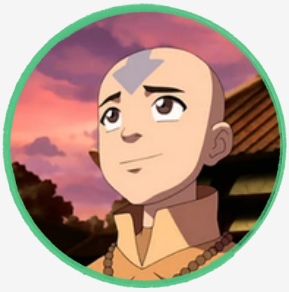
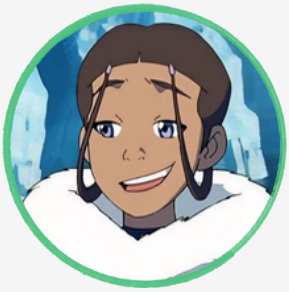
JOFFREY BARATHEON DROGON


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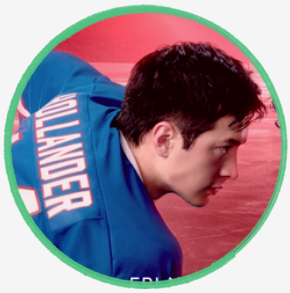
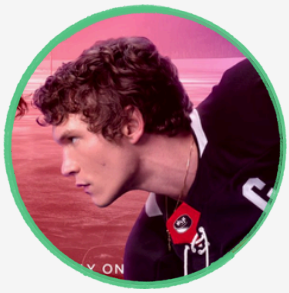

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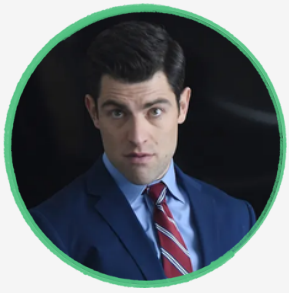
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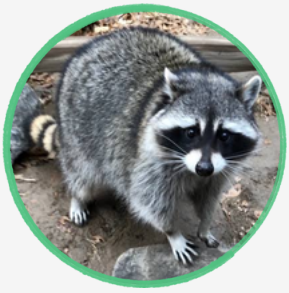
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NICK SCHMIDT


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PAUL BAKER THE RACCOON

To Be Frank, Issue #3: Enough Said

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 (or elsewhere) and write about whatever is on my mind.

The purpose of an editorial is to present a stance on relevent topics and events. Unfortunately for me, few things worthy of an opinion piece take place in Guelph in mid October. To make matters worse, Eva finishes her editorial before me and usually takes whatever I was going to write about anyway. To me this indicates that aside from midterms, I have little to complain about right now. In reality, the only downside is that I have an entire page to fill on the day of printing. So, please enjoy an extended discussion within this weeks beer review.

Beer of Paper #3: Heineken



I'll be off to Boston this weekend to compete at the Head of the Charles. You're probably wondering who this Charles character is and what this has to do with beer. Well although I'm not sure who Charles is, the competition is sponsored by Heineken and I will be sure to enjoy some after my race is over. I've indulged in the green bottled beer before and although I had no complaints, it does make me question the need for such a high price point.



Heineken is a pale Dutch lager made in the Netherlands making it imported beer. It tastes good and is easily distinguishable from other beers by its taste and signature green look. Unfortunately, if you're looking to purchase some for yourself, a 6 pack will easily cost you over $3 a beer. As someone who is particularily cheap, I rarely buy Heineken and it's not often you see someone else under the age of 30 doing so either.

This whole scenario screams introductory micro economics and is a pretty typical example of a premium good. The entertaining part is when you begin to consider opportunity cost. It's unlikely you see someone buying a case of Heineken at the store due to average $1 increase per beer compared to a cheap domestic. However the same individuals will spend upwards of 5 to 6 bucks for that same cheap domestic at a bar given their situation.

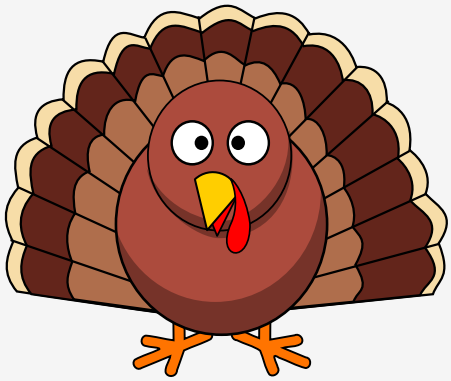
The point isn't about how people spend their beer money, but how your environment affects your decision making. The takeaway isn't to be more aware of your decisions, but to consider the environment you make decisions in.

Buy beer A or buy beer B. Either way it doesn't really matter as long as the decision is yours, not that of your envrionment.

That's How Eva C's It, Issue #3: Feeling Frankful

By Eva C

Now that we've rid our systems of the urge for excessive drinking (see prior issue on HoCorn Roast) and started to get into the swing of school, I have made the heartbreaking decision to download an app that prevents scrolling on Instagram. Now, I don't want it to seem like I think I'm better than everyone by doing this. I am *devastated*. I feel like a soldier who lost their best friend at war. I feel like I've given away my firstborn. There is NOTHING like getting into bed at the end of a long day and hitting a generational scroll to settle the nerves. But due to The Great Lock-In of 2026 ™, I know that this is the only way forward. Much to my dismay, homework has been worked on. Midterms are being studied for. My friends say I've "lost my charm". Reels, I miss you. I'll never forget all the laughs we've shared. Perhaps we can meet again someday.



Rather than going back to the motherland for the long weekend (Vic BC #gorp #granola), I spent my Thanksgiving studying away like a little nerd in Thorn. By Tuesday, the lingering smell of sweat and despair had almost entirely disappeared, but I'm sure it will return this week faster than you can say "eigenvector". Midterms are coming at us like a brick on Chancellor's during homecoming, and for now I seem to be keeping up, but I'm sure that will come to an end very shortly. One false move and it all crumbles to pieces.

So the best I can do is delay that day for as long as I can, and while I'm sure any mental health professional might have something to say about it, *I don't care*. Cody's me bro. Let me be me. In the meantime, I'm feeling grateful for the fall weather, soup and sandwiches, hockey season (up the Nux) and my fucking wonderful friends. If we can't look past the horrors and be thankful for the little things, we certainly will not be making it to Halloween, let alone Winter break.



And that's how Eva C's it.



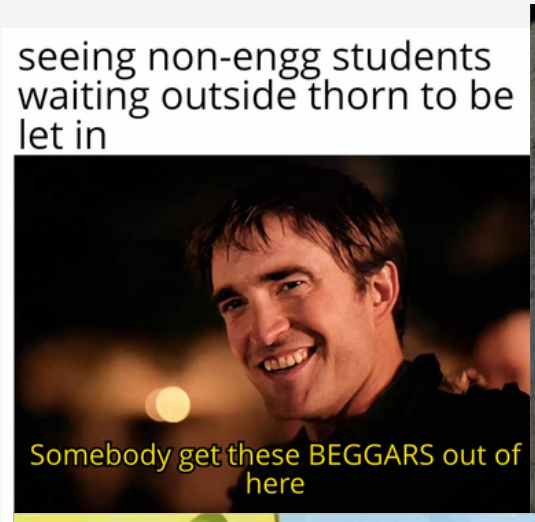
Cider 3: County Cider Blackberry Peach

For a friend's birthday (everyone say happy 21st Steph), I made my first ever appearance at the 3 Michelin Star establishment, Beertown Guelph. The Blackberry Peach from County Cider in Prince Edward County caught my eye, since those are two peak flavours. Super light, very refreshing and almost no alcohol taste which is dangerous. Almost closer to a cooler of some sort than a cider, but I really enjoyed it. Would drink again, and would recommend.



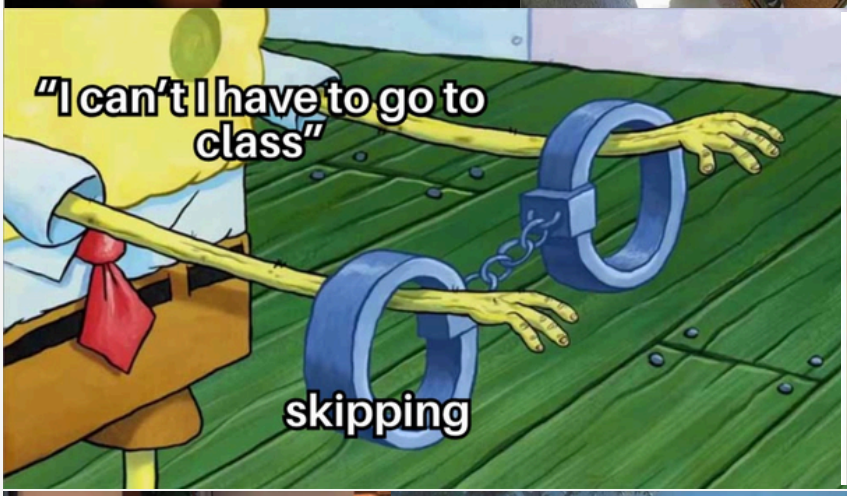
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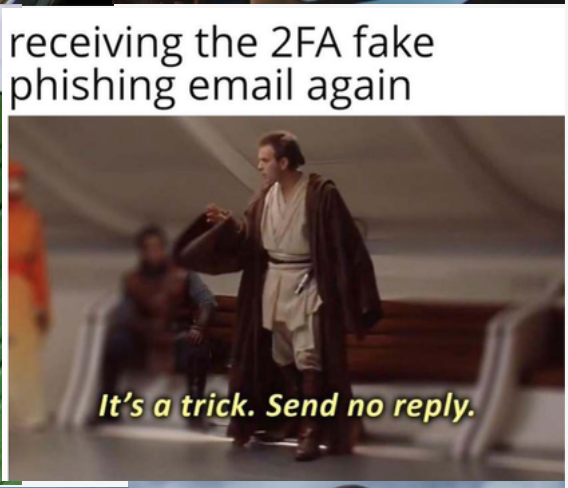
By Eva Cuddihy + a sprinkle of Helia Minaian



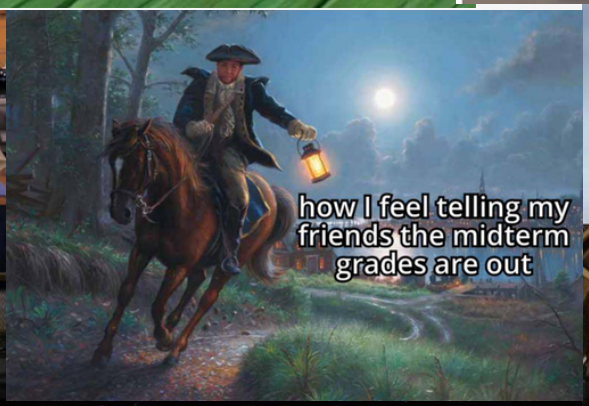






















Biological



All your studying and hard work will pay off in your upcoming midterms. One hundred percents all around! Also, my fingers were crossed while I typed this (you're cooked).

Biomedical



You may find yourself struggling this week, so make sure to ask for support when you need it. For example, you could ask your roommate to pick up a couple mickies from the LCBO.

Mechanical



After a long weekend of *definitely studying*, you will feel refreshed this coming week. Try to enjoy it while it lasts, because that machine design midterm is only getting closer.

Mechatronics



A never-ending list of assignments may lead to some late nights this week. Maybe you should make a robot that holds you eyelids open so you can stay awake for your 7-10 physics lab.

Water Resources



As the summer weather turns to fall, you may see a few clouds in the sky, with the chance for rain. Yes, I know you like water, but can you please wipe up your drool from the floor? Calm down.

Systems and Computing



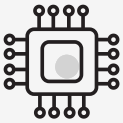
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Environmental



Take a moment to relax, and soak in the beautiful fall weather. Perhaps take a walk through the Arboretum while you still can; if you don't lock in soon, it will all be in flames within the next 50 years.

Computer



WAKE UP WAKE UP

Civil



In these busy days with many due dates coming up, it may be a good idea to review the deadlines of your upcoming assignments: stare at wall (Oct 18), think about concrete (Oct 23), make sure THRN doesn't move (Oct 28)



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.

Is there a record for fewest midterms passed? I think I'm breaking it this year.

Dear Flunk,

I spoke with Guiness and you've already set the record for stinkiest engineer.

Congrats,
Bunsen

Dear Bunsen,

I accidentally left my mashed potatoes out over night. Are they still okay to bring to friendsgiving?

-Ratatouille

Bunsen,

I smuggled so many leftovers back from Thanksgiving that I didn't have room for clothes. Thoughts?

Dear Remy,

I think your food would make people sick even if you put it in the fridge.

Throwing up in my mouth,
Bunsen

Dear Bunsen,
How do I make sure I still have money for the bars on Halloweekend? -Ralph

Dear Piggy,

Your old clothes probably don't fit you anymore after all of that eating. Oink Oink.

-Bunsen

Dear Ralph,

Try to cut out unnecessary expenses until then. Things like paying back your friend for the uber you split can wait until November.

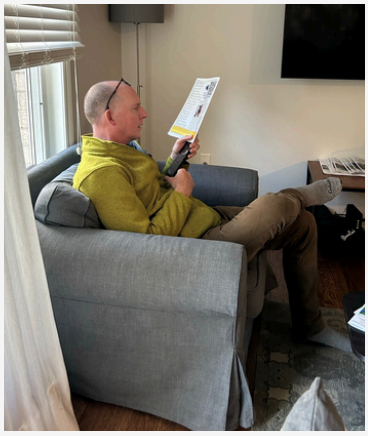
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DAISY CHAIN By Eva Cuddihy

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Ideas and Submissions for O'SNAP

Reader of the Week



My (Eva) parents came to visit, so please enjoy this photo of my dad enjoying the paper. I don't want to hear a *word* about how he got nepo-babied into ROTW. I just hope he's proud of all the things I'm accomplishing at school (writing 12 pages of lies every 14 days)

Contest alert!

Also, count how many times the letter "m" appears below. Did I mention it is in cursive? Mwah ha ha ha ha. Dance monkey dance! DM your answer to @guelphosnap on Instagram to be entered into the best merch draw of all time.
-Eva and Frank xoxo

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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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