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PURPLE GROUNDHOG FOUND WANDERING AWAY FROM THORN AFTER O'WEEK



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Local Hole Enthusiasts Left Rattled

By Franklin Goodfellow

Just as the engineering community scrubbed away the last of their purple stains, another artifact of the Engineering O'Week appeared on the horizon. Crossing the over the shady hill of the bus loop came what most describe as a natural wonder. Completely covered from snout to tail in purple, arose a rather unpleased groundhog. With members of the OVC expressing concern over the animal's wellfare, O'SNAP made sure to go straight to the source.

"Well the O'Week activities were going fine until this one guy started calling me a woodchuck. Maybe it was the sap talking, but it really struck a nerve and that's when the brawl started. I really tore into him but ended up soaking up a lot of paint in the process"

The U of G groundhog community has since released a course on rodent terminology and acceptable lingo. Eng. students are encouraged to enroll.

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WIN A FREE CORNROAST TICKET!!!!

CORN SHUCKING CONTEST!!!

Think you're the #1 shucker in town? Come to the atrium next Thursday (Sept. 24th) morning to put your skills to the test. Whoever shucks three cobs of corn the fastest will have their CornRoast ticket paid for!!

(While supplies last. Shucking completion up to discretion of judges. Guaranteed to be a great shucking time)

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(In loving memory)

Your Pal Bunsen

Bunsen Questioners

And our dedicated supporters!

Engineering O'Week Recap



September Ins & Outs

In:

- Crop dusting
- Fist Bumps
- Sandwiches
- "Old hag"
- Card games
- The Muppets
- Candles
- Paying attention in class

Out:

- Climate Change
- Terms and conditions
- Canadian Geese
- Nicotine
- Strep
- Mascots
- Not wearing a seatbelt
- Construction

Hot Tips for the Start of School

By Eva Cuddihy

In my fourth year at Guelph, I feel as though it is my responsibility to lay down some wisdom for the younger generation. My credentials? I have had the highest average in the entire COE for 4 of the past 5 semesters. Franklin out-academic'd me once, but I'll be regaining the crown this year. Take advantage of these quick tips to start your semester on the right foot:

1. At the end of the first lecture, be sure to introduce yourself to the professor. Find out what they wish to be called, ask about their spouse, children, first pet – anything that could be useful when answering bank security questions, or for blackmail purposes during midterm season.
2. It is crucial to demonstrate your academic prowess to your classmates. Sit at the front, and answer every question with perfect hand-raising form: fingers together, elbow straight, arm fully outstretched and upright (even extend your arm slightly further than is comfortable to express your eagerness). You will only know you have succeeded when the professor says "maybe let's hear from someone else this time".
3. Being on time to every class is of the utmost importance, so always be sprinting as fast as you can through campus. Use your elbows if necessary!
4. To further mark your territory and gain a reputation amongst your peers, make sure to always rip ass during lecture, as often and as powerfully as possible. The greater the volume, the greater the respect you will gain. Same goes for smell, so eat lots of beans each day. This will compliment the nose when paired with your non-deodorized pits.
5. Make sure to have Hay Day, Clash Royale, and NYT Games downloaded for use in class. This is going to be a very productive semester for you and your farm. Put that $2,500 iPad Pro to good use.
6. For upper year students: if you see a lost freshman looking confused, ask if they need help with directions. When they tell you their desired destination, point them the opposite way. This will build resilience; a key part of getting through engineering.



Engineering Students Prepare for the Bender of the Century

By Eva Cuddihy

When colour coding the horrifying number of assignments into your calendar (yes, colour coding is the secret to success, not actually studying), you may have done a double take for the last weekend of September. Corn Roast? The day before Homecoming ? This...this can't be. I've only heard of benders like that in myths and tales of COE past. Fear not, young engineer, the stories are true. Nothing like O-Week to get the kegs and purple paint flowing, but the Corn Roast x Hoco crossover will redefine the term "rally".





"But I have to start studying for midt-" ***ZIP IT BUCKO.*** Breaking news: you're only young once. Corn is good for the body and good for the soul. Hanging out in a field with your friends is even better. And having your first vegetable of the semester couldn't come soon enough. All of this, just to be followed by a weekend of avoiding the football stadium? It doesn't get much better than that.

Make good choices. Stay hydrated. Let's get corny.

A Message From Your VPX

By Abby Jackson

Throughout the year, there are plenty of ways to get involved through conferences, competitions, leadership opportunities, and social experiences. Whether you want to meet students from other schools, build new skills, explore different areas of the profession, represent Guelph, or just try something new, there is an opportunity for you.

Take a look through some of the opportunities below, and keep an eye out throughout the year for applications and registration!

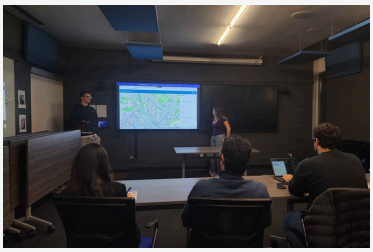
PEO-SC 2026: Details on next page, apply now!

GEC 2026:

Date: October 3rd-4th

The Guelph Engineering Competition is a student-led competition that challenges students to apply creativity, collaboration, and engineering design to real-world problems. This year's theme, Full Circle: Rethinking Resources, focuses on developing innovative and sustainable solutions that rethink how resources are used, reused, and optimized for long-term impact.













CELC 2027

Date: January 1st-7th 2027

Location: University of Alberta

The Canadian Engineering Leadership Conference brings engineering student leaders from across Canada together to collaborate, learn, and share ideas with fellow students, industry partners, and sponsors. Through a variety of streams and sessions, delegates develop their leadership skills while supporting knowledge sharing between engineering societies across the country.

CDE 2026

Date: November 20th - 23rd 2026

Location: University of Victoria

The Conference on Diversity in Engineering brings engineering students together to explore equity, diversity, belonging, and accessibility within the profession. Through discussion and collaboration, delegates build a greater understanding of diverse identities and perspectives while learning how to create more inclusive and welcoming engineering communities across Canada.







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To Be Frank, Issue #1: Co-op Reflection

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.

As I write this, the clock continues to tick closer and closer to my co-op work report deadline. 8 months of passionate professionalism have all come down to this. I find myself overwhelmed with emotions as the deadline approaches and am really doing my best to savour each one. It truly is such a privilege to get to report on the work I did and have the quality of that report directly affect my transcript. I'm an extra big fan of how little of a role my supervisor's evaluation plays in all of this as well. I am beyond excited do this again in 16 months, and will be counting the days until then.

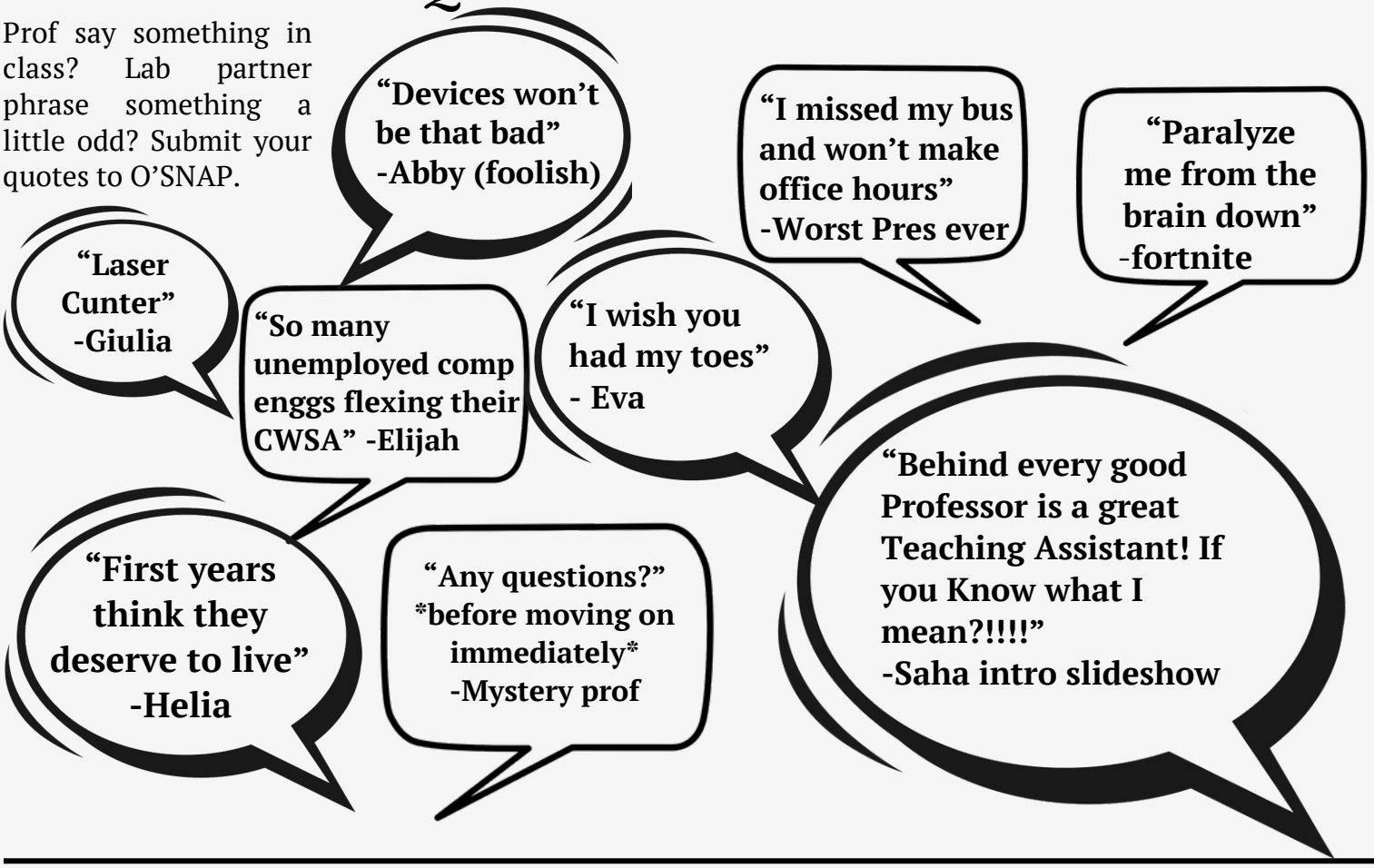
Beer of Paper #1: PBR Keg



Although it isn't directly talked about much, there is one beer that is actually almost everyone's favourite. The beer I'm talking about is of course a cheap beer. Doug Ford had a chunk of his election campaign dedicated to cheap beer its so motivating. Like most things, the best way to get your money's worth is to buy in bulk. So of course what I like to do when I'm planning an event is to call up the Sleeman retail store and order a 58L keg. Call them at least a day ahead so its cold and grab some snow from the back of the arena to keep it that way. Get enough people to chip in $10 and suddenly you can taste the money you're saving in every sip.

Out of Context Quotes

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



That's How Eva C's It

By Eva C



I'd like to begin by expressing my disappointment in my parents for lacking the foresight to name me something that could be incorporated into a newspaper-related pun. "To be Frank" is a fantastic title for an editorial, and I feel as though I have been set up for failure in that department. The best I could come up with was "That's how Eva C's it" (since my name is Eva C), so let's just hope the Gleeks don't snitch, since we don't get lawsuit-scale funding.

As any O'SNAP superfan will know, Franklin's Beer of the Week is always a highlight. Unfortunately, I can't stand beer (I'm a wimp, old news) so I'll be reviewing cider instead. Other ideas included milk, albums, or marijuana, and while Sativa Eva would be a great name for the column, it would involve a significant lifestyle change that I'm not able to commit to.

I'm excited to be doing more with O'SNAP this year, and honoured to share the title of Co-Editor in Chief with my good pal Frankie G. We've been hard at work with some big things coming down the pipe, so we hope you enjoy what's in store.

Now let's get to business. This semester, I'm locking in. Yes, yes, I know I've lied about this before, but this time I mean it. For real. I'm even immortalizing the claim in Guelph's top engineering newspaper to hold myself accountable. No more reels, no more procrastination, no more cramming. This is my year. This is *OUR* year. 8 million percent average, here we come.

And that's how Eva C's it.





Cider 1: Mauzy "Can't Make This Up" Blueberry Apple Cider

In the week between the end of my J-O-B and the start of school, I went in a roadtrip through Newfoundland, Labrador, and Quebec with 3 of my friends. Fantastic freaking adventure, and tried a Newfoundland cider while backcountry camping in Gros Morne National Park. Unfortunately, it tasted like dog piss! This being said, it was in a great location with great people, so can't complain too much.





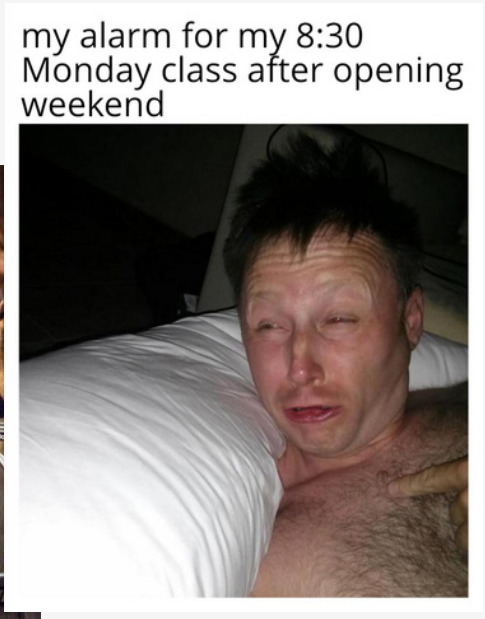
Bi-Weekly Meme Recap

By Eva Cuddihy

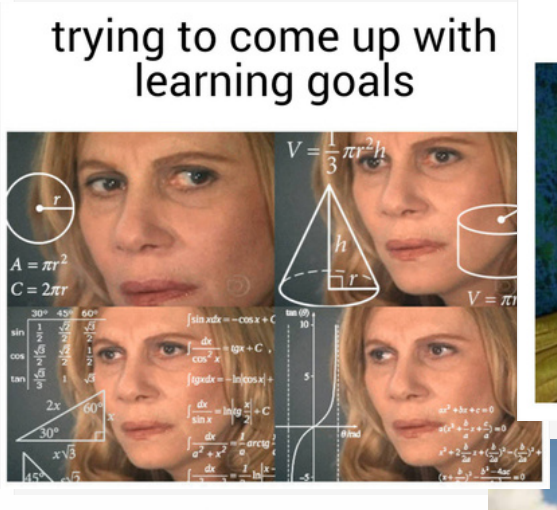
DISCLAIMER: Please use bi-weekly recap in moderation. Excessive use may lead to mid semester joy or potential signs of happiness.

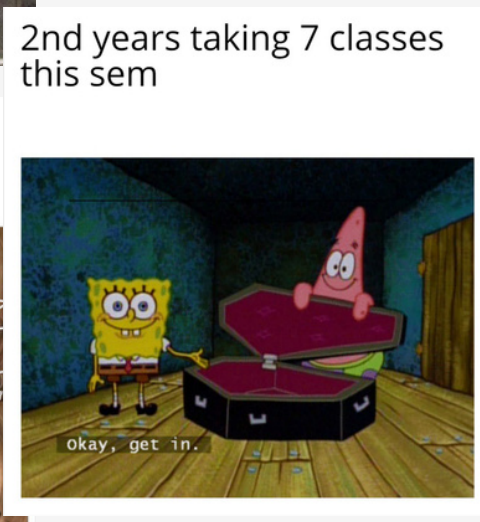


















Biological



Have faith in yourself to achieve all of your goals this semester. Take pride in even the smallest of wins, like learning your profs name.

Biomedical



Any worries about who saw you downtown last Saturday will soon be calmed. You are bound to do something more embarassing next week.

Mechanical



Pick one thing on your to-do list each day and make it a priority. You'll begin to notice the list get shorter and feel more accomplished. Just one laundry pile at a time.

Mechatronics



This is not going to be a big week for you. Nothing bad will happen but also nothing spectacular. Next week though? HUGE!

Water Resources



Take time to settle into a routine this week. This is the time to lend a hand to your future self. Plan out your semester so you can at least pretend you're locked in this year.

Systems and Computing



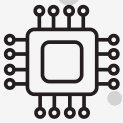
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Environmental



Be cognisent of the time passing by. Be sure to make any summer recap posts soon. Anything past this week is basically nostolgic.

Computer



Treat yourself and enjoy the warmth of early September. Every fall you don't get ice cream for dinner is a fall you won't get back. Cherish these moments.

Civil



Your days of being the new kid on the block will end shortly. Soon everyone will think Guelph always had a civil program. Just remember that too much time in the spotlight can blind the eyes.



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.

My roomate went to a frat party in the first week and I haven't seen them since

Dear resident,

Not sure if this is a notice of concern or you're bragging about having a single room in 2026. I'm sure they're fine.

-Bunsen

Dear Bunsen,

I've tried everything to get this purple dye off of me and NOTHING will remove it. Any skin care recommendations that preferably don't remove more than two layers of skin?

-Grimace

Dear Bunsen,

How did you become so wise?

-Curious Reader

Dear Grimace,

I've had purple in some pretty hard to reach places, trust me. Just use as much mustard as you can.

Lmk, Bunsen

I slept in on my first day of classes and missed my only lecture. How do I get back on track? -Frosh

Dear reader,

Just like Pitbull, been there done that.

From Bunsen

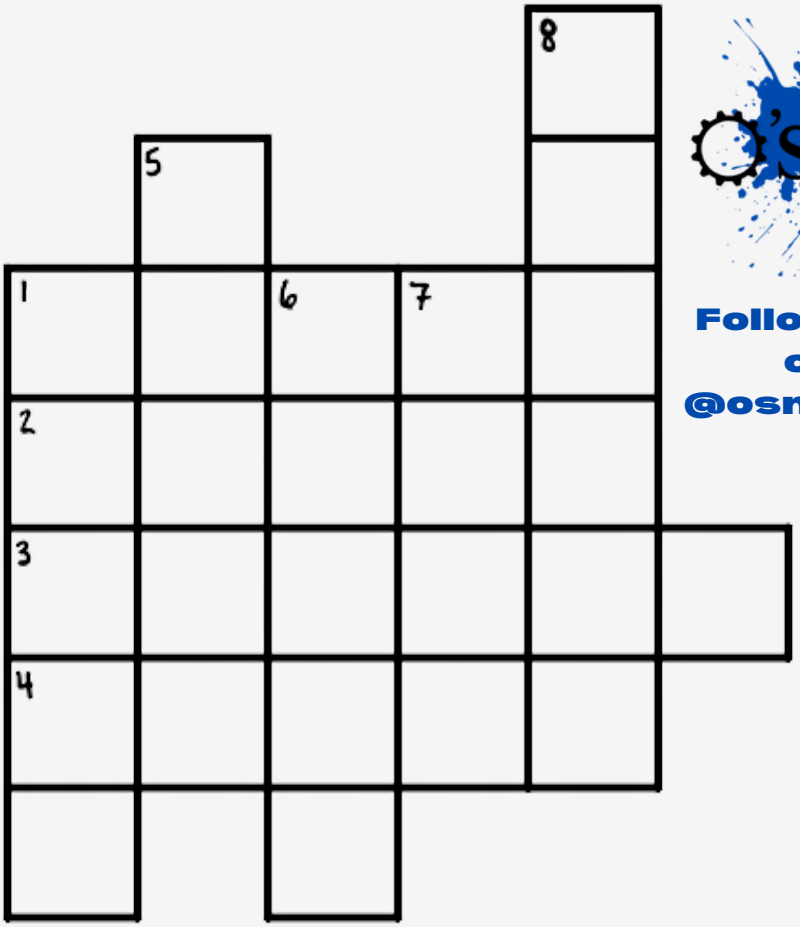
Dear frosh,

Just take the semester off, don't worry about it. Always next year amiright.

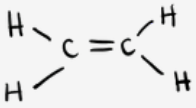
Cheers, Bunsen

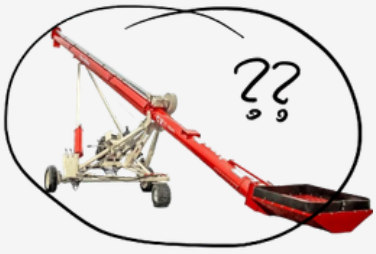
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CROSSWORD By Nola Hinton



DOWN

1. What folks allegedly used to cheat before ChatGBT.
5. Something you want to be >50%.
6. Aggie trivia, what is this called?
7. Chlamydia, syphillis, HIV.... anything in common?
8. 



ACROSS

1. "____ course" YouTube channel with Hank Green 🦙.
2. "Oat" but write that sound in French (it also means high class).
3. The action verb to use Microsoft Edge! The only other meaning is to line up a hairline.
4. Bird that dominates man (especially in Waterloo).

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Ideas and Submissions for O'SNAP

Contest alert!

Congratulations! If you're reading this, you have the rare opportunity to win a piece of certified O'SNAP merch. Shoot us a DM on Instagram (@osnapguelph) with the number of lower case Ls in this bunch of capital Is for a chance to be entered into a draw for a mystery licensed O'SNAP item.
-Eva and Frank xoxo

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