

VIEW FROM THE TOP

THE ENGINEER'S BI-WEEKLY

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"AN ENGINEERING WELCOME"

Well, Summer has come and gone and the fun is over for another year, right? Wrong! Here in the Engineering Department we learned to make fun a year-long event with a annual Pubs and other events to take the boredom out of the school year.

Throughout the year you will come to know us. Hell, you can't avoid it. We're the most talked about, controversial, conversation-making society on campus. We're always doing something to be on everyone's minds and we want you to be a part of it.

Haven't decided on a major yet? Don't feel like your the only one, there are people who've been here four years or more and still haven't found a major. Why not drop down to the bottom floor of Duffy, through the big doors and under the Engineering sign. Talk to the guys and girls (yes, there are women in Engineering, we don't discriminate.) and find out what it's like to be a part of the campus's most interesting faculty.

So, what is a Engineer, you ask. Well, Engineers are that rare breed who can drink beer to no end, party all night and still be up in time for class the next morning (They may not be in good shape, though). Engineering is the cornerstone of Science (in the background, "Pomp and Circumstance" begins to play softly). We strive for excellence in everything (Especially partying). We are both loved and hated by all other societies (mostly the latter). Our

work is demanding so our hearts must be *Choke* pure and our minds sharp (Except the morning after). Of all other faculties, this is the one to be most proud to be part of. You will be able to hold your head up high and shout "I am an Engineer and I'm proud of it." (Then duck) (Music ends in a crashing crescendo.)

For those of you who have already made the right decision and have joined our hallow'ed ranks, be prepared for the rites of initiation at our annual Cornboil. There, we uphold the ageless tradition (meaning leave your ID at home). Then, throughout the year, you will be honored at the annual Engineering Pubs, especially if you had a part in setting it up. The good times continue at the yearly Christmas party and finally we will cap off the year with the Engineering banquet where we honour guests after an excellent meal prepared at one of many choice locations (Bonnie Brae was last year's victim).

In the past we have had much success, due mostly to the participation of the freshmen half of the society. We want you to be a big part of all our events because you will be taking over the reigns when we're gone.

This year's Engineering society is ready and willing to accept the freshmen crowd, lead by our honored Prez Alan Coady (a.k.a. "The Energizer"). Hyperactive is the only way to describe this man, which is exactly what we need to keep this society run-

ning. If you can't find Alan then there is always Paul Beers (even his name made him our first choice). He has many new ideas for the coming year, but he is very open to any ideas you may have, so don't be afraid to catch him at one of our meetings and tell him what you'd like to see the society do in the months ahead. He, like the rest of us, is very anxious to make this year the best the society has ever had.

The man you will have to meet, because you will be paying society dues to him, is our treasurer Mark MacLeod. Upon first seeing this man you will see why he collects the money for the society, but like the rest of the Engineers is very easy to get along with. Finally, if you feel nervous about talking to the third year students for whatever reason you may have, have a chat with second year representative, Scott Matheson. This former Arts major saw the light last year and is now a welcome part of the Society. We hope, though, that you won't be nervous about meeting us with your ideas because this year's second and third year students (and few back for a fourth year) are very receptive and want to hear what you have to say, or are more than willing to give you the low-down on what goes on in the Department. After all, you are now one of us.

Now, what do we have planned for the year ahead? We have some ideas, but we welcome any and all suggestions from our society members, especially those

accompanied by a helping hand to make sure we see it through.

This society is a unit. To be the best we have to work hard and work together. This should be easy to do after you have been here for a while and have gotten to know everyone. The most important rule to follow, in this society, or in any society or group on campus, is to forget about being shy and get out there and meet people. Tell them who you are and find out about them. Trust me, you won't regret it.

And who is the man behind the Engineering page? Actually the page is made up from the brilliant minds of many people, some no longer in the society, some from this year's Freshman class.

We need new minds and fresh ideas to make this page a success every week and to make it the very best page in "The Gem". I want this to be the first page people turn to and we need you, the Freshman Engineering class, to make it work. But that doesn't mean that the older members don't have to do anything; we need the ideas of all the more experienced minds to give this page the final touches. In the past we have been informative, innovative, controversial, even despised for some of the things we've written, and this year I want us to be all those things and more.

And to all Frosh, the Engineering Society officially welcomes you to U.P.E.I.

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