Hi, my name is Ben Manson and I’m currently in my second year of hell, I mean engineering. I spent my first year in Lister Hall having what some might call “too much fun”. People would say “Ben, are you really going out again? It’s Monday” or “Ben, stop throwing plates out the window,” but I think those people don’t quite understand what it means to be a Mechanical Engineering student at heart. The whole point of our time here, at least in my opinion, is to expand our knowledge in a field that very few get a chance to learn, or even understand for that matter. But an often overlooked part of the experience we have here at university is to have fun when the opportunity presents itself. This is where I come in, because if I’m elected president next year, I want to supply the chances for fun to each of the Mechanical Engineering students, whether it’s the continuation of our time honoured MecE traditions of Geer Week, Country Crusade, and the MecE Ski Trip or the introduction of new traditions that we, and the future Mechanical Engineers, will enjoy during our time here. The fun we have here all comes down to the opportunities that are given to us and also the people that we choose to surround ourselves with. I hope to help provide these things and surround myself with each and every one of you in the creepiest way possible. After all, if we spend too much time stressing about the fact we have to take one more math course than every other faculty, we will all end up in a padded cell rocking back and forth to the beat from Funky Town. I spent a lot of time in the Mechanical Engineering club this year, and I learned a lot from each person who played a role there. I would be nothing short of honoured to be able to provide a similar level of insight to the fresh faces in the club next year. It’s important for everyone to have fun when they can and always ask questions when they need to, and I hope to be the person who can help everyone attain both of those things as president next year. To speak to my leadership experience, during my time in high school I helped lead the student council which was considered to be one of the most effective council teams in years. We managed to organize many events both inside and outside of the school, even with the small amount of resources we were given. I think I can take some of these experiences, both the successes and failures, and effectively apply what I know and what I’ve learned to the club in the coming year. I think our club has become an important aspect of many people’s lives, both academically and personally, and if I’m elected president for the upcoming year, I look forward to providing steady leadership and the continued support that the club has done so well for many years.

Thanks,

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Dear Mechanical Engineering Club,

I am writing in regards to the open position of club president in the upcoming school year. I hope that I can briefly explain my reasoning for running and why I believe I am a good choice for the position. Over the years I’ve acquired leadership skills in a variety of ways which I think could help me to be an effective president for the club. During my time in high school I was one of the leaders of our school council and with our leadership team at that time, we were considered to be one of the most effective councils in quite a few years. We managed to organize many memorable in-school events, but we managed to do some larger events as well such as a golf tournaments regardless of the limited resources that we were left with. Also, over the past year I learned a lot from closely following the current president Adam Wasyliw and his many actions as the current club leader. We have been friends for many years and I believe I have learned a lot from his effective management of the club and execution of leadership skills when required to do so. I believe the position of president needs to be given to an outgoing and caring individual, which I believe myself to be. The position also requires someone with a high commitment level, both to the club and to the people who choose to associate themselves with it. I believe I can be that person, and be an effective choice for president because of it.

Thanks for your consideration,

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