New Year, New You

By Michelle Mabuyo, AVP Publications

Welcome back, geerheads! Hopefully by now you’ve gotten over that annoying phase of scribbling 2015 before realizing your mistake and subtly changing the 5 to a 6. I mean, January is almost over, you’ve gotta get your life together! This means cleaning out your desk littered with last semester’s pile of stuff, making sure you’ve got all your assignment and project deadlines on the calendar and getting your 8 hours of sleep in before midterm season hits. Job hunting season is in full swing and you need to be on top of your game! Maybe rethink your forgotten gym resolutions and add a new one: submit something to this lovely newspaper for the next issue! Whether it’s a casual anonymous opinion for e Lines Free or a thought-provoking article on engineering ethics or a hand-drawn FBD you just really love the look of, send them our way! The Bridge wants you! In the meantime, I hope you enjoy this first issue of 2016!
Meet the Winter ESS Exec

SARAH ELDER, President

The following is an excerpt from an entry found on the back of one of Sarah’s assignments. The assignment was illegible and appeared to have been soaked in a liquid, most likely beer. "The end grows close. I can smell the freedom in the air. With only months to go, the hello's I once received from friends have been replaced with "OMG We are so close!" and "I'm so screwed. F*ck this economy.". What they don’t know is that I fear the day of reckoning. That final, final exam. What is this world if I am not a student? What will I do with all my free time without the ESS consuming my every waking moment? They speak of these strange things called "hobbies", and "exercise". I know not what they are, and so I fear them. At least, I will finally have a bottle opener on my pinky."

The rest of the entry was smeared beyond recognition. On closer inspection, the assignment was actually a set of sociables rules with and improperly filled out top section and a grade of 7/10.

AKSANA ENGEL, VP Internal

Aksana is still here and still sassy. She is a fourth year CivE who takes great care in coordinating her outfits (think pink everything), which makes her pretty easy to spot in the engineering buildings. She overuses exclamation marks, hides at the gym to avoid doing homework and talks way too much (a reserved, studious person’s worst nightmare). Aksana spends too much time at the Geer Store so feel free to chat her up, sometimes she’s funny! You can thank her for the teal engineering paper but if you have an extra pad of purple lying around she’d gladly take it off your hands.

RAYMUND SAPANGA, VP External (Winter)

Raymund is often misspelt as Raymond. And as much as Ray likes to be associated with the show "Everybody loves Raymond" and a Swiss luxury watch brand, he has never watched that TV show nor does he own a Raymond Weil watch (he is accepting donations though). He is a third year EnvE Co-op student that will be serving you this semester as the VP External in place of Josh. He is also an international student, originally from the Philippines, born in Saudi Arabia and completed high school in Wisconsin before coming to the U of A. Last year, he served the ESS as the Volunteer Coordinator, Supplies Coordinator and National Engineering and Geosciences Month (NEGM) Coordinator. Ray is often found running around ETLC and NREF, or in one of the libraries "studying". Some days he just wants to pick up his tennis racket and start hitting the ball against random walls on campus.

A typical job-seeking engineer.
RIYA, VP Student Life (Winter)

Riya will be serving as your VP Student Life for Winter 2016. To make sure you never get the winter blues, she will be here to organize lots of sweet events throughout the winter. She is a third year Mining Engineering Student who is originally from India. She is passionate about event organizing and shiny rocks. She loves to play volleyball and read up on history of wars, revolutions and monuments. Her goal in life is to really see the world, experience different cultures and eat lots of vegetarian foods from all around the world. When she has time, she loves to watch TV and sleep.

ANTON SURA, VP Services (Winter)

Anton is easily the least sassy and most geeky VP Services there has ever been (there have been two), but without his sassy and non-geeky counterpart Sush he would never be where he is today! Anton is a 2nd year Eng Phys co-op, and he likes cheese. Do you like cheese? If there’s an awful joke to be made, or an awkward pause to fill, you can be sure that Anton will be there! He hopes you have an awesome Winter semester, and a happy new year!

SNAPCHAT: bucklingESS

Send us snaps of engineering life. Maybe you’ll end up being featured on EnggLink as the Snap of the Week!

Please be aware that all snapchats will be saved. So be careful what you send.
Ten Ways Engineering Can Help You Live to 100

1. Everyone knows stress adds years to your life
2. Safety factors you calculate will prevent more accidents
3. You’re well educated on tech and only pick good products
4. You’ll make enough money to afford healthcare
5. Bio-eng is working on making us cyborgs (probably)
6. Sleep-deprivation is actually the secret to longevity
7. So is free pizza
8. Active brains = living longer
9. The engg buildings are on the far side of campus, walking makes you live forever
10. You probably drink a lot. Beer is totally good for you.

“Well, electrons are round so they must roll downhill.”
OVERHEARD IN ETLC

Best of Chitter: Engineering

Engcomp is more boring than my sex life
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Engineering group projects really know how to make you feel like sh*t.
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| University of Alberta
| ⏳ 3d | 💬 34 | ➕ share

ICE table…. nah its the DICE table. You have to give credit to the Donadeo family.
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| University of Alberta
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Job Hunting Tips
By Kirsten Svidal, Computer IV

Are you on the hunt? The job hunt? Here are some general tips you should consider to make sure you’ve got your bases covered!

1. Keep things up to date — Update your resume frequently so your personal information and work experience are always up to date. Having your transcript and a template cover letter on hand that you can quickly tweak is essential. That way, when you find your dream job an hour before the application deadline, you won’t miss out on the opportunity.

2. Be prepared — Always research a company before making any type of contact. Companies like to see that you took the extra step to know a bit about them and what they care about. Having a few pointed and thoughtful questions ready for interviews and career fairs will clearly demonstrate this. Give yourself a leg up and check a website like Glassdoor beforehand. Glassdoor has employer reviews, salaries and interview questions. This can be especially helpful for technical interviews, so you have a better idea of what you will be up against. Being prepared is your best tool in the job hunt.

3. Help companies find you — Not all jobs will be posted. Instead of posting, some companies prefer to run searches on pools of candidates on websites like LinkedIn. Create a profile on LinkedIn and post your resume and qualifications along with a few keywords to make it easier for a company to find you.

4. Network — Last week at the How to Network Effectively workshop put on by the Engineering Employment Centre (EEC), it was said that 70% of jobs are found through networking. So, turn any moment into a networking opportunity! Networking doesn’t only happen at formal events. Strike up a conversation with someone on the train in the morning or in line at Tim Horton’s. Talk to your family, friends and old coworkers about job opportunities. Networking is a great way to learn more about companies and what opportunities are currently in your field.

5. Take advantage of resources and opportunities — Keep an eye out for various events hosted by the ESS. The career fairs, mixers and panels are great places to start or continue your job search. The EEC hosts various workshops to help students improve their job search skills. They’re well worth your time if you can make it out, but if classes and assignments have you tied down, you can find the information and other resources on their website. This week (January 25th - 29th), they are hosting four workshops which will cover topics such as networking, interview acing, cover letter and resume writing and career planning and job search strategies.

6. Go out and hunt! — It’s easy to fire off your resume and transcript to ten companies within a few minutes (especially on PlacePro), but if you’re really interested in a company, take initiative and find a way to make direct contact. Check the company’s website to find someone you can contact directly from the company via either a phone call or an email. Set-up a meeting or a job shadow. By going the extra mile, you’ll stand out as a candidate. Happy hunting!

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“Piece of joke” - Dragos

Meet me at the GEER store on Friday at noon. You know who you are.

It's a Gundam!

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Distraction Corner
Job Hunt Word Search
by Nympha Escobar, Chemical II

RESUME
COVER LETTER
EXPERIENCE
VOLUNTEER
CAREER
EMPLOYMENT
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
PREPARE
PERSEVERE
INTERVIEWS
CAREER FAIRS
CERTIFICATIONS
DRESS FOR
SUCCESS
FOLLOW UP
REFERENCES
JOB SITES
SKILLS
NETWORKING
SUMMER JOBS
COMMUNICATION
RESEARCH
WORK ABROAD
PORTFOLIO
QUALIFICATIONS
DEADLINES
RELOCATION
APPLICATIONS
ADS
PROFESSIONAL
GROWTH
POSITIVE ATTITUDE
X-Sudoku

In contrast to classic Sudoku puzzles, the two diagonals of an X-Sudoku contain all numbers (from 1-9) too.

Dedicated to the co-op and graduating students going through the trials and tribulations of job hunting. May the odds be ever in your favour.

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<td>Considering going into grad studies</td>
<td>You see people browsing through PlacePro and job boards in lectures</td>
<td>Updating your LinkedIn profile to look more professional</td>
<td>You spend more time complaining about the job market than actually applying</td>
<td>Including a cover letter for all of your job applications because every little bit helps</td>
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<td>Wishing you had connections at any engineering company</td>
<td>You’ve been to the career fair and at least one job info session</td>
<td>Wondering what exactly the best answer to “What is your greatest weakness?” is</td>
<td>You’re one of the few people that’s got a job lined up already. Good for you!!</td>
<td>Your browser is full of tabs about companies, job boards and job postings</td>
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<td>You’ve been fine-tuning and rewriting your resume so many times over the past few days</td>
<td>Checking your PlacePro every hour to see if you have any interviews yet</td>
<td>Companies that you actually want to work at don’t have any job openings</td>
<td>You’re considering doing a victory lap because the job market is bad</td>
<td>Applying to ALL the jobs!!! (Can’t afford to be picky anymore)</td>
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<td>Side-eyeing everyone in the waiting room (aka your competition) before the interview</td>
<td>You’ve asked people to read over your resume multiple times</td>
<td>Maybe you’ll just do a victory lap</td>
<td>Reading articles like “20 Most Common Interview Questions”</td>
<td>“Why am I even in co-op?”</td>
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<td>Reading job qualifications, knowing you don’t meet them, but applying anyway</td>
<td>Having more than one interview in a day and hoping you don’t confuse them with each other</td>
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<td>Being very careful about not spilling coffee on your business formal attire before the interviews</td>
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