

LOGO COMPETITION RESULTS



Winners: Andrew Aikens & Timothy Mankowski



1st Runner Up: Devin Horsman



2nd Runner Up: Sagar Thulung

THIS MONTH'S CONTEST - TUX SAYS...



Tux has found a new home at the Society Desk where he's built a fine house out of school supplies. Tell us what you think he's saying for a chance to win a t-shirt. Send your quotes to cssociety@cs.dal.ca.

MARCH 8, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On this occasion, the Society would like to send our best wishes to all women – our fellow students, faculty and staff.



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NEWS FROM OUR FACULTY DESK

Bad News / Good News Stories

Mike Shepherd, *Dean*

The old saying – “Good news stories don’t make the papers”, appears to be true. In 2001 when the IT bubble burst and Nortel was shedding jobs, the papers were full of doom and gloom stories about the IT sector. What was not reported was that at the end of the crash Industry Canada reported that there were more people working in the ITC field than before the crash. These “bad news” stories helped precipitate a drastic drop in computer science enrolments across North America which is just now leveling out and starting to rebuild.

This brings us to the “bad news / good news”. There is now a huge shortage of computer science graduates and industry is desperate to hire. Locally, several major players have indicated that they need to hire hundreds of new grads over the next few years – an example from a press announcement last week is that CITCO, a major hedge fund manager, was moving its IT operations to Halifax creating 325 new jobs over the next 6 years. The bad news is that companies are having trouble finding new grads and if they don’t hire it will negatively affect our economy. The good news is that the IT sector is booming and you (the students) are looking at excellent job opportunities. The jobs are here in Halifax, pay well and are widely diverse in nature – that’s good news!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Child's Play Fundraiser

Thursday March 6th
Atrium @ 7:00pm

CSS and WiTS is hosting a Child's Play Fundraiser. There will be video game competitions which includes Guitar Hero on PS2, Mario Kart on Super NES and Mario Party on Wii, all which will have fantastic prizes and the best of all three taking home a \$50 gift certificate to Future Shop. Books and Video Games will all be auctioned off for the IWK Children's Hospital. Come show your support and let gamers give back!

Movie Night

Tuesday March 11th
Atrium @ 6pm

The movie is TBD but there will be free soda and pizza for those who attend! If you have any movie suggestions send them to: nbodorik@cs.dal.ca

Pi Day

Friday March 14th
Everywhere @ 1:59pm

Don't forget to honor the most famous number!

St. Patty's Day

Friday March 14th
Atrium @ 4pm

Geekbeer will be starting off early to celebrate St. Patty's Day.

Bollywood Night

Friday March 21st
Atrium @ 6pm

GB is hosting a Bollywood themed night complete with movies, music and food!

Natasha Bodorik, *CSS Social Representative*

DALHOUSIE WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY (WITS)

Who Are We?

We are Dalhousie's Women in Technology Society (otherwise known as WiTS). We consist of both female and male members who work towards creating a positive atmosphere for women in technology programs, such as Computer Science and Informatics.

Our Goals:

- Supporting women pursuing degrees that heavily involve technical studies
- Raising awareness of the issues that women face in academic situations of minority
- Creating opportunities for our students and for prospective students

Meetings:

- March 8th @ 6pm at the Second Cup (5425 Spring Garden Road, Halifax NS) stick around after the meeting for a Philosopher's Café
- March 19th @ 6pm in the Teaching Lab 2

Events:

- *Potluck & Board Games Night* Saturday March 29th from 6pm to 12am in the atrium of the Computer Science building. Come out and spend a relaxing evening enjoying a potluck and playing board games!

Liz Legere, *WiTS President*

CHEERS FROM THE SOCIETY DESK

2nd Floor, CS Building



L..R: Liz Legere, Maria Naggaga, Manya Sivanandam, Timothy Mankowski

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| Paper (50 Sheets) | \$1.00 |
| Paper (500 Sheets) | \$5.00 |
| Papermate Pens | \$0.50 |
| Pencils | \$0.25 |
| T-Shirts | \$10.00 |
| | \$15.00 |
| TUL Highlighters | \$1.00 |
| Clipboards | \$2.50 |
| Blank CDs | \$1.00 |

The CS Society Desk is here to provide you with your everyday stationary needs and more. This month, we are modeling t-shirts which are reduced to \$10.

Remember, we are here to make you time at Dalhousie a little bit easier, so come on by.

Yours truly,

Maria Naggaga, *CS Society Desk Manager Winter 2008*