

CS Society Desk

2nd Floor, CS Building

Highlights of this Month

SNoBOL



The CS Society Desk caters to the student body and provides the following sales and services.

Sales

1. Mechanical pencils - \$1.32-\$2.25
2. Clipboards - \$2.50-\$4.25
3. Papermate pens - \$0.50
4. T-shirts - \$7-\$10
5. Locks - \$5.50

Services

- Lockers for CS students
- Photo copy cards – (\$2, \$5)
- Print Credits

New!! Color printing @ Society Desk for \$0.25/page

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News from Our Faculty Desk

Is the ICT Industry Recession Proof?

On November 6, a media event was held in our building by the Faculty's Industry Advisory Board. The message was simple – the ICT industry in NS is strong and we need more students to go into ICT to keep it strong.

The economy is in tatters, jobs are being shed, the auto industry is on life support, but they are predicting that the ICT industry will create 1200 new jobs in NS over the next few years. What's going on?

What's going on is that in addition to ICT being an industry in its own right, most other industries now rely on ICT just to do business. So, whether you are in the software business or the grocery business you need people with ICT skills. For example, Sobey's has a large SAP installation in Stellarton. In 2010, there will still be new cars produced (green or otherwise) and it is estimated that these cars will have up to 100 million lines of embedded coded in them. I've been told that Windows Vista has a mere 50 million lines of code.

By the time the dust settled after the 2001 dot bomb, there were 10,000 more people working in ICT in Canada than there were before the crash (Stats Canada). There was a restructuring in the industry and, yes, some people lost their jobs, but over all there were more jobs created. This (dare I say the "R"-word) is different as it is the whole economy being affected. In the ICT industry money will be tight for new large projects, but the day-to-day operations will remain and in fact will have to become more effective to carry us through these difficult economic times.

So, is the ICT Industry recession proof? No industry is completely recession proof, but if I had to pick one I would pick ICT (and of course I'm not biased at all). This is a good time to be a Computer Science or Informatics student.

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News from Society – Society Wire

Hey Everyone,

Last Friday the Computer Science Society held their annual Snowball Event: SNoBOL. It was a big success. The Faculty and Society Awards were given out and everyone all enjoyed a wonderful meal at the Delta Halifax.

The Society Awards were given out as follows:

The Student Appreciation Award was given to Andrew Aikens
The Staff Award was given to Kate Millar
The Sрни Teaching Excellence was given to Vlado Keselj

The Faculty Awards were also given out as follows:

The Leadership Award was given to John Doucette and Andrew Aikens
The Citizenship Award was given to Liz Legere
The Ada Byron Award was given to Melanie Tupper

Also it is not too late to get a Computer Science Society grad ring. The CS grad rings come in silver for approximately \$210, 10K white gold (which has nickel in it) for approximately \$319, and 14K white gold (which has nickel in it) for > \$319. To get a ring, sign up at the Computer Science Society Desk with your name, email address, ring type (i.e. silver, 10K white gold, or 14K white gold), a number we can contact you at and your ring size if you know it. Also pay attention for information about when the ring company will coming to Dalhousie.



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