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Mid-Term Blues

The days are getting shorter, the lectures feel longer and the evenings come swifter and darker than ever as we approach the Winter solstice. It's at that point in the term where you're neck deep in work and there is no enjoyable end in sight.

You sit in the back of the lecture theatre, pondering on literally anything except the course content, wondering just what led you to end up here. A chemical engineer in training. At Imperial.

Personally, I have remedied this motivational drought by not leaving bed in the morning. This has had varied degrees of success. After bingeing Westworld I have even begun to question my own reality, and the validity of the consciousness of all those around me. Now that I have indulged my nihilist narcissism, I begin to look forward: Is there hope? A light at the end of the tunnel?

And then I see it; nestled in my inbox.

It's an invitation.

ChemEngSoc Christmas Dinner Sponsored by Bechtel, Monday 05/12/16

I exhale with relief. It's time. Time to get merry af.

Tickets available now.

"The Christmas Dinner is my most vivid memory of first year. Mostly because the burns from the candle wax I downed never healed. 10/10 would do again."

- Dugald Fraser, Chemical Engineering 3rd year



The Cocktail Party 2016: Confirmed list

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US Presidential Election 2016

Real People. Real World Change. An Insight by Markus Mohr.



Make LT2 Great Again

November 8th 2016. The day my life changed forever.

It's 3am, I sit alone, weary and cold. The election results are rolling in... It looks like Trump will win Florida, it's almost over. A tear drips down my cheek. Nothing can stop him now. Not even Joe Biden.

Rewind 1 week and I am overjoyed, over-confident and over zealous as the pre-election poles project a landslide victory for Clinton. Everything I feared might happen won't come to pass. How foolish I was. I realise now that you can't stop the Trump. I must embrace him, his confidence and passion are un-rivalled despite his absolute lack of reasonable policies or experience. The guy is obviously an idiot. But what a guy, for we can not deny that he has achieved greatly, becoming possibly the most powerful man in the world. One might ask; how did we go from the first ever black president to one officially endorsed by the KKK?

The moment I knew he was going to win was the night before the election. Much like the night before the infamous Brexit vote, my facebook feed was littered with comments by soft, keyboard warrior lefties, talking

of how a Trump victory/Brexit was impossible. With the majority of my profile coming from a similarly privileged, middle class upbringing, we really do live in a bubble and fail to grasp that many people have drastically different situations and as a result latch onto leaders who offer real change compared to that of the established political elite.

Despite his obvious flaws, I have now realised the error of my previous ways and have decided to now model myself on his obviously highly electable demeanour. With increasing numbers of people allowed into ChemEng on a yearly basis, I think we can take inspiration from the great Donald. Take his example of deporting 3 million people. To draw a parallel with ChemEng, I was sat on the bus this morning having a chat with a self proclaimed 'commie' course peer about how overcrowded LT2 is. Obviously money is tough at the minute with all that research spending so instead of building a new lecture theatre, I truly believe it would make ChemEng great again if we built a wall and deport the excess people to Materials.



- Markus Mohr, Chemical Engineering Student, politically enlightened

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FRANK MORTON T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION

It's that time of year again where we fulfill all your creative needs with a fun and rewarding challenge.

Submit any design, even if it's just an idea to Andrew Okenyi or Jordan Marshall (ChemEngSoc Sports Officers).

If your design is chosen, not only does your design get printed on 150 t-shirts, but you get a FREE TICKET to the biggest ChemEng event of the year.

Inspiration from previous years inserted on the right.

Get creative now.

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Shoot me an email or a message on Facebook if ever you want to contribute. All submissions are welcome.

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FM T-shirt Design Winner 2016

Cocktail Party 2016: Good, Clean Fun

The Cocktail Party once again provided one of the calendar highlights of the year. It was a night to get away from all the stress and work of Chemical Engineering and let yourself go.

The evening was enjoyed by all and it may go down in history, as rumor has it that that was the last ever ChemEng-Soc Cocktail Party. If you missed out, then let's be honest what better did you have to do on a mid-term Monday night. You should be disappointed in yourself. But there is a chance for redemption. This year's Christmas Dinner is scheduled to be the biggest of all time. With a fresh scenic venue and top quality food on offer for only £20 (first 50 tickets only, price raised to £25 after) there is nothing left wanting from this massive end of year send-off.

The after-party this year will be held at XOYO, an amazing venue with top billing DJ's over two floors and half-price drinks on Mondays. However, there is something that deeply upsets me. After the Welcome Dinner, we visited The Roxy. The staple of any student's diet. The birthplace of many a new relationship and good times. The first years however did not seem to quite grasp the magic that The Roxy provides. Upon discussion with a selection of Freshers the following quotes were obtained:



All For Nixon.

"I tried really hard to enjoy it. I kept drinking but nothing worked."

"The music was just s**t"

"I'm fairly sure my friend got sold into slavery"

I for one really hope the first years can step up their game and attend the Christmas Dinner in force, proving that they aren't really a bunch of wetties. There is still a chance for redemption. The Roxy is forgiving, The Roxy is loving, The Roxy is life.



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