



THE

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Extra Extra...Read all about it!

NEW HOME TOWNS	Where Sci 07 is living....	And how they like it...
Ottawa – Lindsay Osborne	HOT	NOT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The historic Byward Market is a lively bar scene ▪ Lots of government money and jobs ▪ 170kms of bike paths ▪ Rideau Canal Skateway ▪ Cheap alcohol <5 minutes away in Quebec 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lots of indecision by the City of Ottawa ▪ People drive slow on the highway (110 km/h max) ▪ Bad traffic to get to NHL games at Scotia Bank Place ▪ Lots of snow
Boston – Geoff Olynyk	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sports - Especially the Red Sox. ▪ Seafood - the fresh crab, lobster, and oysters here is incredible. ▪ Education - The Boston area has over 100 colleges and universities. It's known as the "Athens of America". ▪ Music - Boston Symphony Orchestra and Boston Pops perform weekly ▪ History – Tons of American Revolutionary War history to be had. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The New York Yankees - Don't wear a Yankees Cap unless you want to be heckled. ▪ Overzealous police - believing LED ads for a cartoon were bombs and arresting designer of the famous Obama "Hope" poster. ▪ The cost of living. Lots of highly-paid professionals ensure that you'll never afford a decent apartment!
Regina – Lindsay Lackner	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Craven Country Music Jamboree ▪ Saskatchewan Roughriders ▪ Plus 30 degree summer temperatures ▪ Hosting the 2010 World Juniors ▪ Bunny hugs (i.e. hoodies) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minus 40 degree winter temperatures (-50 w/ wind chill) ▪ Tumbleweeds ▪ Winnipeg Blue Bombers
Edmonton – Colleen Decker	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Whyte Ave for shopping and nightlife ▪ Edmonton Fringe Festival ▪ The river valley parks and multipurpose trails ▪ Edmonton Oilers and Eskimos ▪ Camping, whitewater rafting ▪ Skiing/snowboarding in the mountains 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snow in June ▪ This year #5 most dangerous city in Canada ▪ Construction everywhere/crappy roads
North Bay – Cara Stapley	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The city is in cottage country - it's an outdoorsman's dream ▪ The fishing and ice fishing ▪ We are in blue sky region - clean air, no smog and beautiful skies ▪ Easy travel - you can get from one end of the city to the other in 15 minutes ▪ The summer weather 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shad Flies at the start of Summer ▪ Limited restaurant selection/variety ▪ The winter weather - plugging in car each night = not fun

Adelaide (Australia) -
Tanya MacDonald



HOT

- Weather! - 'winter' here means a temp of 15 degrees. The summer brings dry, hot, sunny days up to 40 degrees
- My classmates at the medical school they have become my family here.
- WOMAdelaide festival - every March in the Botanical Park, musicians from all over the world gather.
- Kangaroos, koalas and wombats
- Central Markets - a smaller, busier version of Toronto's St. Lawrence market

NOT

- Almost everything closes at 5pm
- Public transport - unless you're willing live a slower more laid-back life, having a car is essential.
- the state of South Australia is currently experiencing a drought
- lack of Japanese restaurants - I've been spoiled, having grown up in Vancouver, the sushi capital
- everybody is *obsessed* with either Aussie rules Football or cricket.

San Francisco - Duncan Findlay



- Crazy Events: Like Bay to Breakers, the foot race and drunken costume party.
- Outdoor sports and activities: You can surf and ski in the same weekend!
- The Mission District: Colourful murals, excellent nightlife and restaurants
- Sea Lions: These wild, playful yet stinky animals hang out just off the Pier.
- Cycling: A very well developed system of bike lanes makes it unnecessary to own a car.

- Summer: Definitely not hot! You're way more likely to need a sweater or jacket than a pair of shorts. Heavy fog covers some parts of the city from May to Mid-September.
- The Smell: Lots of homeless people, not enough free public toilets. Some areas of the city are hosed down nightly, others really ought to be.
- Expensive Housing: While it's not as bad as New York, housing in San Francisco is really expensive.

Vancouver - Edward Rothschild



- Local "alternative" scene (music, etc)
- Cycling: year-round thanks to the climate and great bike infrastructure.
- The outdoors: probably one of the greatest cities in the world with respect to the proximity to the mountains and ocean
- Work opportunities: Vancouver is a hub for environmental engineering firms
- Downtown Vancouver: great aesthetics (glass towers surrounded by the mountains and the sea. Also an easy car-free commute.

- The Olympics this coming winter (depending on your opinion of them!)
- Homelessness, addiction and mental illness (ever heard of the Downtown East Side?)
- There seem to be a lot of flaky people here - plenty of people warned me that it's tough to make new friends here. I would say it's tough to make close friends.

Job Networking = Recession busting

Finding a job through friends has 33% success rate vs 7% for internet applications.

Some Sci 07's are finishing their Masters, some have lost their job and some just plain hate their current job. So let's put our alumni network to use.

To help facilitate friend-friend career opportunities, Sci 07 has partnered with "LinkedIn", the professional version of Facebook. It's a job networking site designed for you to be aware of what your friends are looking for in employment and help them out if you can. You can also alert select classmates if you know of an job opening that would fit them.

I encourage every Sci 07 to join this network. More people = more opportunities. Having hundreds of successful engineers as part of your professional network will be beneficial to you at some point.

To join, create a profile on www.linkedin.com and then join the "Sci 07 Alumni" group.

Queen's Update – Andy Chong



Hello Sci'07! As VP for our class, I've taken on keeping tabs on our Engineering Society and Services, AMS, Alumni Society, and Queen's in general. Here's a quick snapshot of recent happenings at Queen's:



EngSoc is running strong with all **Services** (including **Clark Hall Pub**) doing business as usual, except that they now report to the BoD instead of Council. The **Queen's Bookstore** (yes, an Engineering Society Service) opened in 1909 and is celebrating its centennial this year.

Phase 1 of the **Queen's Centre** is scheduled for the beginning of classes this fall, and will include the new gym, workout areas, and AMS offices. Construction progress photos and a webcam of Union Street are on the Queen's Centre website: queensu.ca/queenscentre.



This September will see the first start of classes without a Queen's-endorsed **Homecoming Weekend**. The **Spring Alumni Weekend** stand-in will happen for a second time in 2010, and the long-term future of Homecoming celebrations lies with **a new principal Daniel Woolf, a Queen's ArtSci '80 (History)**.

Staying in Touch and Getting Involved as Alumni is easier than you think. The Queen's University Alumni Association told me that the one thing they wish we all did was keep our contact information up to date. If you're concerned about being asked for donations, **did you know** that you can ask to be excluded from specific types of mailing by contacting the QUAA? If you haven't struck it rich yet (I haven't), update your address info so you get reminders about reunions and alumni discounts without the guilt trip. You can find events for Alumni in your area on the QUAA website.

Best Regards,
Andy Chong
Sci'07 Vice President

We hope updates like this one will be an interesting part of future Sci'07 newsletters. Do you have contacts, requests, or other ideas to share – or are you already keeping in touch with these or other groups at Queen's? E-mail Andy Chong (andychong@gmail.com) with any feedback or offers to help!

Financial Report

The Sci 07 Bank Account has moved from 2/3 signing authority to the individual control of Chris Johnson (Treasurer). Getting 2 people to sign anything when they are spread across the country stopped being practical. For accountability, annual statements being reviewed by Andy Chong (VP) & Dave Monteith (Prez) and Top line amounts will continue to be in the annual newsletter.

Current Financial Status

Total July 2008	\$832.25
<i>Remaining Paypal fees</i>	<i>\$9.81</i>
<i>Bank fees</i>	<i>\$23.40</i>
Total July 2009	\$799.04

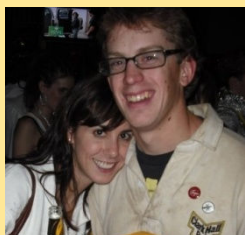
Homecoming Statement

As most of you know, Homecoming has been cancelled for the next 2 years which should not effect our 5 year reunion in October 2012. Should that Homecoming be cancelled as well, Sci 07 will still be having our reunion weekend in October, allowing for Ritual, Keggers, etc. An important part of the Homecoming experience is mixing it up with students, something that can't happen in a May Spring Reunion. So no matter what choice the Queen's administration chooses to do, Sci 07 will still be showing up in Kingston in October 2012.

Website

Due to poll results and the amount effort to do otherwise, www.Sci07.com is now a 100% Homecoming focused. Currently it's a countdown to our 5 year reunion in 2012 but it also has historical editions of the newsletter. In the future it will be our main homecoming information portal when we have something to announce.

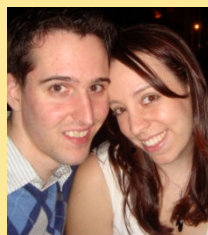
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Mikail Clarkson and **Morgan Davidson** are tying the knot in August.



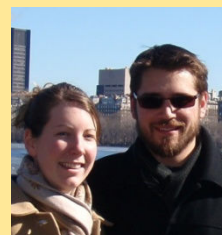
Jared Lucas and **Rachel Friesen** got married in May.



Geoff Olynk is marrying **Jacqueline Lee** this July.



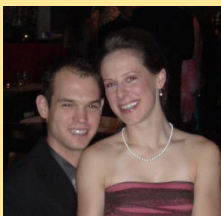
Katie de Roo and **Tom Lardner** just had a May wedding



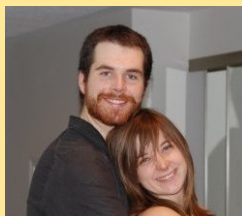
Lindsay Osborne and **Michael Ranger** got engaged in February



Nicole Pacque & **Victor Woodland** are engaged



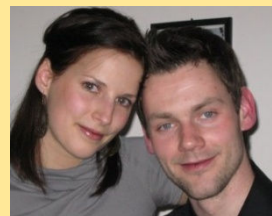
Colleen Decker and **Will Mason** got engaged in February



Sarah Dignard and **Derek McColl** were engaged in March.



Matt Reid and **Caroline Tomson** wed last January.



Mark Hoidas proposed to **Angela Cole** last October.

Single? Don't worry, only 3% of Sci 07 is married or engaged...

If you have an announcement for the annual SCI 07 CHRONICLE or want to comment, please e-mail dave.monteith@gmail.com