EDITOR'S WELCOME...

BY CAITLIN ZHANG

So it comes down to this. I can’t really think about a front page idea, so I guess I’ll introduce myself! I am Caitlin Zhang, the editor for the UW ActSci club. I am a second year and I will do GREAT THINGS in here!! Kidding… sort of.

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this newsletter (You especially, Mr. President). This is the first of all newsletters planned for this term so that we can provide the LATEST, BEST, AND MOST EXCITING news and events going on in this AMAZING club.

Through this newsletter, I hope to update students on upcoming club events as well as some latest information in the Actuarial Science community. I will try to make it more interesting than the past ones. If you have any comments or feedback, please send it to our email and I will improve my newsletter editing skills.

But I hope from reading these newsletter, you can gain some insights into the Actuarial Science field, whether you are for sure pursuing an actuarial career or are a lost lamb. ActSci Club supports not only the career development but also the academic success of all students. We believe that all future actuaries should have technical and great interpersonal communication skills, and we will gladly do our best to help out.

In return, we would like support from our readers. If you have questions or comments regarding our club operation or the newsletter, or if you would like to submit an article, please feel free to contact us at our email address or drop by our office.

I sincerely hope you will enjoy the first issue!

Your awesome newsletter editor
Caitlin Zhang

Get to know the president: Q&A with the President, Jasper Zhu

ActSci is fun Q&A with Jasper is even more

HE IS... Quirky hardworking dedicated
For those who went to BOT, I hope you had fun getting to know the new executives for this term and members involved in ActSci! For those who sadly did not attend, you missed the fun games with other execs as well as the delicious fried chicken and bubble tea. But don't worry, there will be more events coming up!

HAD FUN AT BOT?
EVENT COORDINATORS ARE WORKING ON MORE EVENTS COMING!!
A: Yes 100% a sandwich is defined as an assortment of various food items stuck in between two pieces of bread, which a hot dog TECHNICALLY falls into.

Q: If all jobs had the same pay and hours, what job would you like to have?
A: I think I’d want to be a ballet dancer. I enjoyed dancing a lot as a kid, but wasn’t able to pursue it due to the amount of time it took out of my schedule, but I really enjoyed performing.

Q: What job would you be terrible at?
A: "drawing..."

Q: Is a taco shell considered bread?
A: No I think there needs to be bread. Is a taco shell considered bread?
Q: so what makes a sandwich sandwich
A: I guess just various food items located between two distinct pieces of food that can maintain the entire food body’s structure and contain its containment’s within said structure
MEET YOUR EXECS

Daniel Fagan
EVENTS COORDINATOR
Q: What’s the best Wi-Fi name you’ve seen?
"eduroam."

Rebecca Jiang
EVENTS COORDINATOR
Q: What is the best club in UW?
"Act-sci Club!"

Eashaan Singh Clair
EVENTS COORDINATOR
Q: If life were a video game, what would some of the cheat codes be?
A: Sometimes I wish I had a cheat code that allows me to fast forward time. Like when you have an exam the next day, you’re studying and you know you’re gonna pull an all nighter, but you just don’t wanna go through it. So if I can just fast forward time to right after my exam, and just get it done with. That would be my cheat code.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR
Caitlin Zhang
Yours Truly

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MEET YOUR EXECS

Jasmine Xiao
WEBMASTER

Q: What’s the worst thing a person can do that isn’t illegal
1: Being unethical
2. Putting money above all things
3. Building your happiness upon others pain
4. Being a mean and horrible person

Jason Zhang
MENTORSHIP COORDINATOR

Q: In one sentence, how would you sum up the internet?
A: The internet is the sacred sanctum for knowledge and memes

Aman Murba
MENTORSHIP COORDINATOR

Q: Is hotdog a sandwich?
A: Okay so it’s not a sandwich because they’re horizontally-oriented, and anything inside a bun isn’t a sandwich so that includes burgers too sandwiches should have 2 exterior pieces

Jasper Zhu
PRESIDENT

Yours Truly

Q: What do you hope your last words will be?
"I was happy."
A: Despite their reputation, I actually look forward to seeing geese on my way to school in the morning. I don’t know why, but something about seeing them going about their day doing geese stuff puts me in a good mood. And aside from one horribly terrifying, life-threatening experience, geese usually don’t bother me so there’s that.
Q&A with Jasper

What are some good food places you can recommend in Waterloo?

I’m not too big of a foodie, so take my advice with caution. I do really like Morty’s though; every Monday and Thursday they have half-off wings with the purchase of any drink.

“Their wings are both huge and delicious, especially their dry Cajun ones”

The first term I was an executive as the website manager, a few other executives and I went to Morty’s quite frequently. They’re all good friends of mine now and part of why I decided to stick with the club.

Why did you choose the field of actuarial science?

Frankly, I had spent most of high school thinking I wanted to be an engineer. I applied to engineering programs across the country, but since I could apply to multiple programs at Waterloo, I applied to both engineering and math here. When I started thinking about why I wanted to become an engineer though, I realized it was mostly due to my interest in math. I was that one kid in my high school who was interested in math contests, and while many of my classmates thought of math as a chore, I thought it was fun.

“Much to my parents’ horror, I accepted my offer to Waterloo math without any career plan at the time, but somehow, that ended up leading me to actuarial science!”
Q&A with Jasper

What are some goals you want to achieve during this spring term as a president?

To me, the word club should be almost synonymous to community. Club members should all feel like they belong to a larger group, but I don’t think the Act Sci club currently captures that idea too well.

"I want to help foster this sense of community through hosting different events, and how our “normal” events are held."

This won’t be something that happens overnight – it’ll be a process, but I hope to lay down a strong framework so that students other than myself can recognize the ActSci club as a community they belong in.

・ So Jasper, we all know you are not an actuarial science major, but you are still the president of actuarial science club. Why do you choose something else to major in instead of actuarial science?

When I was choosing universities, I had decided to come to Waterloo to study math; I wasn’t set on actuarial science. I just wanted to learn more about math. Somewhere between the jitters of first-year and writing my first actuarial exams, however, I forgot about that passion for math. I found myself trying to finish assignments as quickly as possible without really learning, and it felt wrong.

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I didn’t come to university to just take the easy way out! So last term, I decided to stick go back to my roots and challenge myself with the PMATH courses of the Mathematical Finance program. Maybe this decision of mine ends up blowing up in my face; but in the end, at least I’ll be able to say I tried.
What are some perks about joining the Act sci club?
You get to talk to me! Jokes, I’m not that cool. I guess the food we have at our events can be pretty good.

"In all seriousness, the ActSci club is just a great way to meet other actuarial science students."

I think it’s important to network with all sorts of people, from employers to your own classmates, so that you learn of different perspectives, and expand upon your own point of view. The ActSci club was one of the first communities I felt like I belonged to after coming to Waterloo.

So Jasper, do you have any tips for the younger generation aspiring actuaries? (first-years)
Don’t be afraid to try new things! Want to try a new hobby? Go for it! That competition you’re not sure you’ll do well in? Try it out for the experience. Sure, you might feel embarrassed or scared at first, but that feeling doesn’t compare the regret you might feel down the road.
UW ACTSCI CLUB PRESENTS
Mentor-Mentee Meetup & Mock Interview

MONDAY MAY 28
6PM - 9PM • MC 4021
CHECK UW ACTSCI CLUB ON FACEBOOK TO REGISTER.
SPOTS ARE LIMITED!

UPCOMING EVENTS:
MOCK INTERVIEW MAY 28TH
EXCEL TUTORIAL JUNE 6TH

Follow our Facebook page for upcoming events.

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