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Letter from the Editor

Hello,

After the long hot summer, and the unpredictable weather this fall, it is time for yet another SWE newsletter. The summer BBQ and the Ice Cream Social at the beginning of the new term went well. We sent seven people to National Conference which was held in Long Beach, California this year from the 14th to the 16th of October. For anyone who hasn't gone to one yet, it is a wonderful experience.

Upcoming events for the term include numerous volunteer opportunities and a visit from the Air Force to talk about the many careers they offer. Free food will be included. The SWE scavenger hunt that was supposed to be held on the 28th was unexpectedly cancelled last minute due to

Upcoming Events

TBD Scavenger Hunt

Nov 11 Air Force Information Session

Main Hall already being in use and will be rescheduled. The hunt takes place in Main and the connected buildings, Curtis, Randell, the Alumni Labs, Bossone, CAT, and Lebow. Prizes will be awarded to the first person with all the pictures.

Thanks to those who contributed pictures and to Cassie for her article.

- Sierra Tilton, Newsletter Editor

SWE National Conference



Drexel SWS 3141 Chestnut St. 407 Main Building Philadelphia, PA 19104 The Society of
Women Engineers (SWE) holds
an annual weekend conference
whose location varies year to year.
This year Drexel's SWE chapter
took a group of seven girls to the
conference, held in Long Beach,
California. The first day that we
were there, everyone was focused
on the career fair. For most of the
day, girls concentrated on learning
about different companies and
trying to obtain a job or co-op
position. In addition to the job fair,
there were workshops going on all



Photo courtesy of Diana Madden

day with a variety of focuses, such as professional development or technical innovation.

Friday night we all got together to have dinner with our alumni who were present at the conference. Personally it was a rather insightful experience to talk to women who had been in our position and still cared about what was going on in our chapter.

On Saturday there were more workshops throughout the day in addition to a collegiate luncheon where we had the opportunity to talk to girls from

other schools and hear from a panel of three former SWE national presidents. This lunch was particularly useful because it gave us a chance to see how other chapters run things and how we might improve.

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SWE Events: Barbeque and Ice Cream Social

This past summer the Society of Women Engineers took advantage of the good weather and held a barbeque at Buckley Field on August 5th. Instead of the Engineering Field Day that was held last year, SWE decided to hold an informal cook out, where the Drexel populace could meet the officers and learn more about the Society, as well as enjoy the hamburgers, hotdogs, fruit and cookies that were offered. Though the lack of carnival games disappointed some, the free food and chance to appreciate the summer atmosphere made up for it.

In the fall term, we held our semiannual Ice Cream Social. This event provides an excellent opportunity for students new and old to discover what the Society of Women Engineers has to offer. Despite the slight delay in starting, everyone had a wonderful time, making new friends and reconnecting with old friends. And, of course, there was endless ice cream and toppings to make everything complete.

"10 Reasons to Date an Engineer"

T-shirts are always on sale! Shirts are available with or without the Drexel SWE logo. The cost is \$12 for one or \$20 for two, so make sure to drag along a friend to get the discount. Contact swe@drexel.edu or come to any of our meetings to get your very own.

10. Free body diagrams.

- 9. We have significant figures.
- 8. Engineers do it to specification.
- 7. We know the Right Hand Rule.
- 6. No "couple" enjoys a better "moment".
- 5. Can go all night with no hint of fatigue.
 - 4. We know how to handle stress and strain in a relationship.
- 3. The world does not revolve around us.. we pick the coordinate system.
- 2. According to Newton, if two bodies interact, their forces are equal and opposite.
- 1. We know it's not the length of the vector that counts, but how you apply force.

SWE National Conference

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On Saturday night we sent a representative to 'Celebrate SWE', an event showing the spirit of the organization and awarding individuals and chapters. It was good that we

did because we won first place for our



Photo Courtesy of Cassandra Zook



Photo Courtesy of Diana Madden Beach.

while some went to the aquarium in Long

Advisor was given an Outstanding Counselor award.

Bur conference

isn't all work. Dur-

some girls took the

train to Los Ange-

les to see the sights

ing our free time,

National Conference is always a good time because you get to create new relationships with people you normally wouldn't. There is no better opportunity to connect with your own chapter and alumni, our fellow chapters, and professionals. Who knows, you could even end up having breakfast with a past national president (No really, that one happened. I have her card).

- Cassandra Zook, Treasurer

More Conference Photos









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