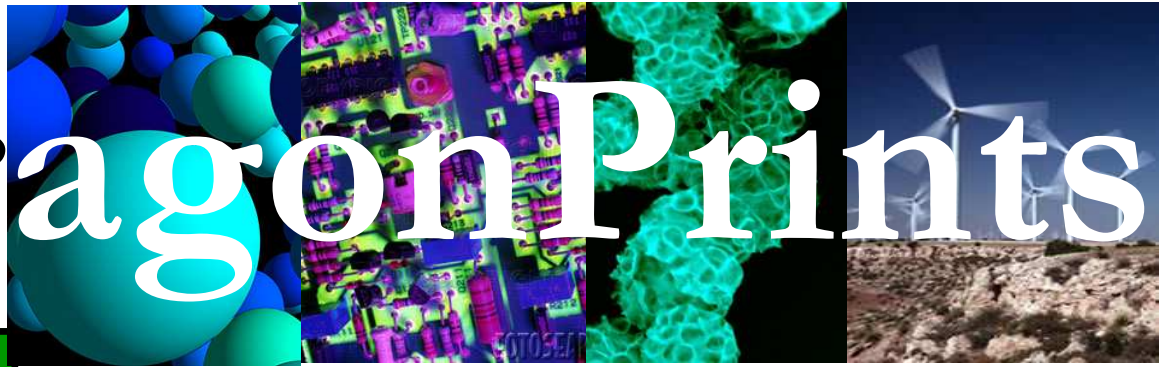


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Letter from the Editor

Hello,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the spring term, despite the rainy weather. Also, congratulations to the new officer board on being elected. Along with the new executive board listed to the left, we have Cassie Zook as Webmistress, Public Relations Chairs Purva Pandya and Megan Gribb, National Membership Chair Alisha Strayer, Fundraising Chair Stephanie Etherton, and Community Service Chair Danielle Jacobson.

Be on the lookout for news of upcoming SWE events. The "Mr. Drexel Engineer" pageant will be held at the end of May. It is basically a male beauty contest, with a bit of engineering thrown in. It should be a lot of fun. Also on the agenda is a group CEO event, which has yet to be decided. So for all those who have yet to complete the required

Upcoming Events

May 30 Mr. Drexel Engineer

May 31 Senior Dinner

number of events for certification, SWE offers a chance to go with a group and get to know your fellow members better.

We are continuing our open officer meetings too, so show up to meet your new officers and offer suggestions about new events or anything else. Thanks to all who contributed pictures and thanks to the outgoing Newsletter Editor for all her help,

- Sierra Tilton, Newsletter Editor

Lunch with Dean Guceri

On Monday, April 27, SWE members met with Dr. Selcuk Guceri, Dean of Engineering, and several of the College of Engineering administrative staff for a meet-and-greet and to discuss the past and future of the SWE program at Drexel. Dr. Guceri spoke about his mother, who was a mining engineer, a rarity for her time, and how he was proud to be known as the son of a woman engineer. He also offered support to any engineering students, especially women, who would like to go back to their high schools and speak about the profession and recruit

new future engineers.

Thank you very much to the College of Engineering for the luncheon and for your help in organizing a great event!



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Drexel University's Society of Women Engineers planned a successful Alternative Spring Break for eleven students and one advisor to Galveston Texas. Together they cleaned up coastal wreckage from Hurricane Ike at Fort Travis, demolished an unsafe house, and rebuilt city apartments. They also painted newly

renovated houses, rebuilt crabbing piers and worked with the Salvation Army to provide clothing to the dispossessed. While in Texas, the group got to taste some of the local cuisine and enjoy the beach. A city official talked to the volunteers about the current condition of the city and their plans for the future.

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Pocono Plateau

Pocono Plateau is an annual event that takes place in early May. This year, nine members took the weekend off to relax and bond with each other, while participating in teambuilding and leadership activities.

The weekend consists of four group activities, with plenty of time in between for exploration of the surrounding woodlands, canoeing on the lake, or whatever else suits your fancy. The camp itself provides the resources for these and three of the four group activities.



Picture courtesy of Elizabeth Henning.

The first and most exciting of these was the rock-climbing wall (pictured to the right). Participants were given the choice between the easy, intermediate, and two levels of difficult. Everyone challenged themselves to get as far



Photo courtesy of Stephanie Schweibert.

as they could, and exceeded their own expectations. The day ended with a bonfire and s'mores, and another chance to bond with each other

On the teambuilding side of things was the activity entitled "low ropes". It consists of several puzzles that can only be figured out by working together as a group. In one of these, all members of the group had to climb on a giant seesaw raft without allowing the ends to touch the ground.

Our guest this year to lead one of the activities was Suzanne from Interplay, a national organization that promotes com-

munity through play. A greater sense of balance and togetherness came about through movement and talking about what makes us who we are, as individuals and as members of SWE.

Overall the Pocono Plateau weekend was a wonderful time to bring members together, while taking a break from the rigors of schoolwork and Co-op. It especially benefited the new officer board, and taught them how to work as a team while strengthening their bonds of friendship. We all look forward to next year's trip.



Photo courtesy of Stephanie Schweibert.

Women in Engineering Panel

On Saturday, April 25, SWE hosted a luncheon and panel of professional female engineers from a variety backgrounds and job experience to discuss "Women Inspiring the Future."

All the women on the panel stressed the importance of women in leadership positions. Female engineers still are not paid equally to do the same jobs as male engineers, and part of this is due to the fact that women are not as willing to negotiate salary. Leadership development, business, and finance courses were strongly encouraged, as managerial skills are often as important as technical in some positions. These, coupled with women's inherent ethical abilities, can help women be promoted to management and CEO positions, traditionally a "boys club." Once in leadership positions,

women can help change company outlooks of "married to the job" to a more female/family embracing outlook. The panelists suggested that women always do more than what they're asked, and to take on tasks that they don't feel you're ready for, as this will help to demonstrate your leadership abilities.

Panelists also gave advice to co-ops and graduating seniors who are still trying to find a job in these tough times. They stressed the importance of tailoring your resume for each individual position, incorporating "buzzwords" from the posted job descriptions. It's important to do something while looking for a job (work part-time, take a class, volunteer, etc.) to show potential employers that you can stay motivated. Jobs were even compared to boyfriends; sometimes

you have to take a job that might not be everything you dreamed ("Mr. Right Now") which can help you gain new skills and springboard you to the perfect position ("Mr. Forever"). And to all those students who worry about their GPA: when the panelists were asked if their GPAs were still considered important after their first job, they responded with a simultaneous and resounding "NO."

Thanks again to our panelists and the event organizers for a delicious lunch and informative event!



Thanks to our panelists (from left to right) Michele Dorris, Bella Bakrania, Ellen Kerr, Mary Anne Layden, and Krista Pobl.

Last Issue's Prizewinner:

Congratulations **Antony Kotula** for solving our brain-teaser! (Psst: for anyone still stuck, it was the Biomed). Thanks to those who submitted answers.