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Event recap: Ir-Resistor-able Jewelry Night

Red, green, yellow LED lights, axial –lead resistors on tape, and a mixture of decorative beads to accompany the variety of electronic pieces. Monday night at the Wozniak Lounge was filled with excitement as engineering students crowded around tables and tapped into their creative element. With the possibility of making wearable jewelry out of the items you wouldn't even find at a craft store, people went from table to table to find the perfect combination for their jewelry. For the more skilled and daring, a soldering station was set up. Eventually necklaces, bracelets, ear-

rings, and even pendants modeling DNA-spirals were starting to take shape. But Ir-resistor-able Jewelry Night was more than just a crafty art project. SWE was very happy to be joined by three graduate organizations: Association of Women in EECS (AWE), Graduate Women of Engineering (GWE), and Women in Computer Science and Engineering (WICSE). Members were able to meet women and converse about everything from graduate school to unique research topics, from being a woman in engineering studies at a graduate level to pros-

pects for the future, and so on. Some were SWE members as undergraduates, and even a SWE president of the past showed up to check out the event! As the night ended, everyone was able to walk away with a cute souvenir to wear as an unforgettable memory of an enjoyable and relaxed evening. If you were unable to make it, come join us at the upcoming SWE Halloween party for another night of crafts, food, and fun! :)

-Elina Lin; Intersocietal Coordinator

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TOP TEN MOVIES RECOMMENDED BY YOUR SWE OFFICERS

1. INCEPTION
2. TOYS STORY 3
3. LORD OF THE RINGS
4. WALL-E
5. FORREST GUMP
6. KAMIKAZE GIRLS
7. HAROLD AND KUMAR
8. FINDING NEMO
9. ENCHANTED
10. LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE



Event Recap (cont.): SWE Science Saturday

SWE Science Saturday is a 2-hour event on Saturdays where 4th and 5th graders learn about different fields of engineering through fun activities.

Our first SWE Science Saturday entitled Creative Chemistry explored density and electroplating. The kids had a fun (and messy) time testing the density of various liquids like honey, soap, oil and rubbing alcohol. We also "cleaned" pennies with vinegar and salt and electroplated galvanized (zinc-coated) steel nails with copper oxide from

the pennies solution to make the nails rust. Everyone had a great time and learned something new!

Our next SWE Science Saturday will be on 10/30 entitled Quake Safe where we'll be exploring Civil Engineering. Email ta-houra@berkeley.edu if you're interested in volunteering.

-Jesse Tung, Outreach



What are YOU doing for Halloween?

Halloween is just around the corner and, being college students, we all know that it's a perfect opportunity to do a little frat party-ing. But what about those who really don't find dressing up and wandering frat row an appealing idea for the 31st of October? Well, we've got just the thing for you. Here is a list of five alternative ways to celebrate the scariest holiday of the year.

1. Bake with your friends- Check out the recipe below for an idea. Perhaps you'll find a potential chef for your apartment next year.
2. Tell scary stories/watch scary movies- Whether it's you or Hollywood doing the storytelling, Halloween is a great excuse for a horror-fest!
3. Visit a haunted house- There are plenty of venues around the area, though some may require a short drive/bus or BART ride and a little Google mapping. Closer to home, there are the annual Bowles and WiSE haunted houses. Be sure to check them out!
4. Aid in the happiness of children- Participate in the "All Hall-o-ween" hosted by the residence halls (Oct. 28th) and pass out candy to trick-or-treaters.
5. Play night games- Remember how much fun flashlight tag, sardines, or ghost in the graveyard were when we played them as kids? What better night to revisit those pleasant memories than on Halloween?

No matter what you decide to do, just make sure to get out there and have some fun! After all, even if we don't get school time off for it, a holiday is still a holiday.



-Amy Zhang, PR committee

Why I never study on Halloween night

During my second year at Cal, I moved into a studio with my roommate. Being a total party girl, my roommate wouldn't miss the chance to party for the world, so of course, she went frat hopping on Halloween night and left me all alone to study for the dreaded Chem 3B exam.

Around 11:30pm or so, the doorbell rang. I half expected my roommate to come back telling me she had forgotten her keys or makeup or something, so I opened the door, only to find a package left at the door. I opened it and there was a box with puzzle pieces. Really now, is this her way of telling me I'm a total nerd for studying on a Halloween night? Totally annoyed, I went back to studying.

Later that night, I started hearing strange tapping noises outside my window. I decided that maybe ochem was making me go crazy, so I picked up the jigsaw puzzle to keep my mind off the spooky noises. As I was putting it together, I recognized that the bed in the puzzle looked a lot like my IKEA bed frame. Well, a bajillion people must have the same bed frame, so I thought nothing of it. Many pieces later, I noticed more of my room began to show up in the puzzle. Scared, but curious, I continued to solve, until I noticed that I was in the puzzle, leaning over an almost completed puzzle with a tall hooded man standing behind me with his arms stretched out towards me. With my arms shaking, I put in the last piece of the puzzle: He was holding a knife! Suddenly, I felt a sharp pain on my back and a cool flowing sensation from below the stab. I turned around expecting to see the man from the puzzle. As soon as our eyes met I...

...woke up!

(I know everyone hates this ending but hey, what's life without some imperfections?)

-Adapted from "The Mysterious Jigsaw Puzzle".

Halloween Mud Pie Recipe

Nothing is more tantalizing than a mud pie -- except maybe one with worms.



Ingredients

- 16 Oreo cookies or chocolate graham crackers
- 4 tbsp. butter, melted
- 1 pint ice cream
- 5 to 10 gummy worms
- 1 cup fudge sauce
- Whipped cream

Instructions

1. Put cookies in a plastic bag and crush with a rolling pin. Empty into a bowl and stir in the melted butter. Press the mixture into a 9 inch pie plate to form a shell and freeze for 20 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, soften the ice cream slightly. Drop in a few gummy worms (that's the Halloween part) and spoon into the pie shell. Top with a thick layer of fudge sauce and freeze for at least 1 hour before serving with optional whipped cream. Makes 8 servings.

For more fun recipes, visit
<http://familyfun.go.com/halloween/halloween-recipes>

Engineering Joke of the Day...

An engineering student was walking across campus when another engineer rides up on a shiny new motorcycle.

"Where did you get such a rockin' bike?" asked the first.

The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday mind-ing my own business when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike. She threw the bike to the ground, took off all her clothes and said "Take what you want."



The second engineer nodded approvingly, "Good choice, the clothes probably wouldn't have fit."

Got a hilarious joke you want to share?

Send them to Tracy at tracychuong@berkeley.edu

October/November 2010

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
17	18 General Meeting 3	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 EWI Etiquette	10	11	12 SWEet Break- fast	13 SWE Science Saturday
14	15 General Meeting 4	16	17	18	19 Movie Night	20

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/09/10
EWI Etiquette
6-8pm
Wozniak lounge

11/12/10
SWEet Breakfast
8am-12pm
131 Hesse

11/13/10
SWE Science Saturday
10am-12pm
189 Dwinelle

11/15/10
SWE GM 4
6-8pm
Wozniak Lounge

11/19/10
Movie Night
6-10pm
Wozniak Lounge

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