

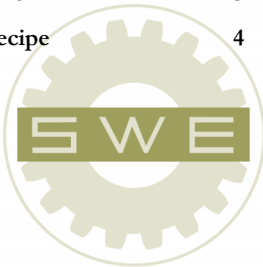


# Harry Potter

## AND THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS

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**Congrats  
Courtney Chow  
for being elected  
in ASUC Senate!**



Dear SWE Member,

We are pleased to inform you that you have been accepted at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Please find enclosed a list of all necessary books and equipment.

Term begins on September 1. We await your owl by no later than July 31.

Yours sincerely,

Minerva McGonagall  
Deputy Headmistress

I know I would secretly trade my UC Berkeley admission letter for a Hogwarts admission letter. But getting admitted into Cal is definitely the next best thing. Last Friday we welcomed 50 incoming freshmen for SWE's annual overnight host program...

### Overnight Host Program by Heather Hughes

The 2013 Overnight Host Program was another great success! This was my second year being a part of the program and my first year being a host. Last year I had a great experience being hosted and even met my awesome current roommate. This year I hoped to provide the same positive experience for the prospective

students. My roommate and I originally signed up to host four girls in our large double, yet we got along so well with a few other girls during activities on Friday evening that we ended up with six fun gals on our floor! We all had a great time and a few even said the next morning that they were now planning on coming to Cal! Go Berkeley SWE!

## Inter-committee Sushi Social by Heather Hughes

### TOP 7\*MAGICAL BOOKS AND SERIES\*\*:

1) **Harry Potter:** by J. K. Rowling. well, duh. Nothing says magic and a great read like Harry Potter!

2) **Enchanted Forest Chronicles:** Less well known, the Enchanted Forest Chronicles is a fabulous series by Patricia C. Wrede, which is full of delight adventures that constantly defy fairytale stereotypes. Cimorene is literally my role model.

3) **Discworld:** This series, by Terry Pratchett, is a great and hilarious series which parodies everything from Sherlock Holmes to Macbeth in a way that makes you love them all the more.

4) **The Hobbit:** More approachable than Tolkein's Lord of the Rings trilogy, The Hobbit is a truly delightful and grand tale of adventure. Seriously, you want to read this.

5) **Good Omens:** A collaboration between Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman, this is the funniest book you will ever read about the apocalypse.

6) **The Chronicles of Narnia:** A children's classic we all loved growing up. Or if you haven't read it yet, its not too late to pick it up! Whatever your opinion may be on the underlying Christian allegory, you will love these heartwarming tales of adventure and magic.

7) **Howl's Moving Castle:** Both somewhat darker and funnier than the Studio Ghibli film it inspired, Diana Wynne Jones' novel is a creative tale that will keep you waiting breathlessly for the next plot twist.

\* We choose 7, because it is a magical number! :)

\*\*That Tobin has read. This list ranges from children's books to very adult novels. If you're favorite fantasy book isn't here, let Tobin know! She wants to add it to her reading list ;-)

If you wandered down the stairs of Dwinelle and into room 255 on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> you were transported to Berkeley's very own Little Japan – a room full of Berkeley's finest female engineers feasting on freshly made sushi! Inter-committee sushi night was a fun night and different than any other club gathering I have attended

during my time at Berkeley. At this event, the members from each committee were invited to come craft their own sushi from an assortment of options at the “sushi bar” while mingling with members of other SWE committees. I really enjoyed the smaller and more intimate setting that the event offered compared to our general meetings. The sushi was delicious too!



## 18th Annual Junior Solar Sprint Challenge (JSSC) Success! By Courtney Chow

SWE hosted its 18th Annual Junior Solar Sprint Challenge on Saturday, April 13th, 2013 at the Lawrence Hall of Science. The Junior Solar Sprint Challenge is a competition for middle school students to design, build, and race solar-powered cars. Our goal is to spark and encourage enthusiasm for science, renewable energy, and creative thinking through hands-on design.

The event was a big success with more than double the turnout from last year! We had many new schools

participate in the races this year, and we also generated a lot of interest for prospective students for next year. All the students had fun racing their car models, while their parents cheered happily on the sidelines.

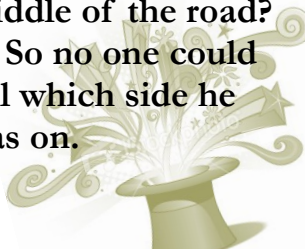
We would like to thank the many volunteers who donated part of their Saturday to helping out. We would also like to thank CalSol for helping to judge the cars and races. We were very pleased with the way the event turned out, and we hope to see more of you as volunteers for next year!



## **JOKES:**

**Q: Why did Professor Snape stand in the middle of the road?**

**A: So no one could tell which side he was on.**



**Q: How many wizards does it take to change a light-bulb?**

**A: None! Wizards don't use electricity**

**You must be magical, because I've fallen under your spell!**



## **SWE Tours Google**

by Mara Minner

On Friday, April 12 a group of SWE members took a trip to the Google Headquarters in Mountain View, CA to visit Google software engineer and past SWE president, Sara LaVigna. Sara gave us a personal tour, and we were able to see many of the perks of working at Google, of which there are many. The list could go on and on, but a few of these perks include: beach volleyball, free arcade games and skee ball, a spinning teacup ride,

a ball pit, and a pool that is only big enough for one person to swim in at a time that still has its own lifeguard. Employees can eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner at Google every day, and all the buildings are connected,

meaning one never has to set foot outside to get from one building to another. Google undoubtedly has to be one of the most fun places to work. Many



## **Trivia Night by Jessica Sun**

Did you know that when a baby kangaroo is born, it is only one inch long? Or did you know that Norway consumes the most spicy Mexican food compared to any other European country? Or that a group of ravens is called an "unkindness"? Those who attended Trivia Night on Thursday, April 25 in the Wozniak Lounge competed in a tournament featuring these facts and many more. Free boba

was provided, including jasmine and Thai tea, and two teams competed at a time until a winner was chosen out of six total teams. The winners, "Female Undergraduates from California and Kentucky", as well as the 2nd place team, "The Fremont-ers", won CREAM gift cards. All had a good time competing, socializing, and bonding with their team members

**OUR MAGIC RECIPE: BUTTERBEER****Ingredients:**

1 cup (8 oz) light or brown sugar  
 2 TBSP water  
 6 TBSP butter  
 1/2 tsp Salt  
 1/2 tsp Cider Vinegar  
 3/4 cup Heavy Cream, divided  
 1/2 tsp Rum Extract  
 4 12oz bottles of cream soda

**Directions:**

**Step 1:** In a small saucepan over medium, combine the brown sugar and water. Bring to a gentle boil and cook, stirring often, until the mixture reads 240 F on a candy thermometer (in case you don't have a candy thermometer, once it's boiling, wait about 55-60 seconds).

**Step 2:** Stir in the butter, salt, vinegar, and 1/4 cup heavy cream.

**Step 3:** Set aside to cool to room temperature. Once the mixture has cooled, stir in the rum extract.

**Step 4:** In a medium bowl, combine 2 tablespoons of the brown sugar mixture and the remaining 1/2 cup of heavy cream. Use an electric mixer to beat until just thickened, but not completely whipped, about 2 to 3 minutes.

**To Serve:** Divide the brown sugar mixture among four tall glasses (about 1/4 cup for each glass). Add 1/4 cup of cream soda to each glass, then stir to combine. Fill each glass near to top with additional cream soda, then add the whipped topping.



**Congratulations to all new SWE Officers! Can't wait to see you next semester!**

**CALENDAR**

May 2013						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2 GM4	3 Alumni Dinner	4 SWE Science Saturdays and Scholars	5
6 Officer Transition	7 SWE National Member Banquet	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19

# SUMMER BREAK

\*\* For times, location, and up to date information on future events, please visit [swe.berkeley.edu/calendar](http://swe.berkeley.edu/calendar) or our Facebook page.

**Happy Holiday! See you next year for new SWEet events!**

