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## POCKET HAND WARMER

by Judith Syau

Brrrrrrr... Keep your hands warm for the winter by making your own reusable pocket hand warmer!

### Here's what you'll need

- fabric
- rice
- scissors
- pins
- needle and thread

### Steps to success

1. Draw any shape you want on the fabric.
2. Cut out two of the same shape and pin them together.
3. Sew around the edges, but leave a small opening.
4. Turn the shape inside out and fill it with rice.
5. Sew the opening closed.
6. To heat it up, put it in the microwave for 30 seconds.

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 INTERVIEW ON SHADOW AN  
 ENGINEER: WITH APOORNA  
 DORNADULA

By: Jenny Li

*Want an inside look at what it's like to work at an externship? Check out this interview with Shadow an Engineer Chair Apoorva Dornadula on her experiences at Intuit and Electronic Arts!*

*How did you prepare for your externship? (did you read up on the company, prepare what you were going to wear, email your host, etc.)*

I made sure to read up on the product or service(s) that the company provided and read up on the company's latest news. When I was put in contact with the company representative, I asked them about the company's dress code so that I can dress accordingly (for example, Electronic Arts told me that the dress code is casual, while Intuit told me that the dress code is business casual). I also made sure to take my resume with me in case I got a chance to talk to a recruiter or if my host would be willing to give my resume to a recruiter.

*What did you do at your externship and what was your favorite part?*

At my externship at Electronic Arts, I was given a tour of the campus, a chance to pick anything I wanted from their store, talk to various engineers, and go out to lunch with one of their mobile teams. Some recent college graduates who work in the mobile team talked to me about tackling technical interviews and even gave

me a chance to do a mock interview with them. My favorite part was touring the campus and being able to see the progression of the company and how advanced their technology has become over the years.

At my externship at Intuit, I was also given a tour of the campus and my host showed me some development tools that she was currently working on. I really wanted to shadow at Intuit because I had gotten an offer for a summer internship there so it was a great opportunity for me to see whether or not I wanted to intern there for the summer. My favorite part at Intuit was talking to many different engineers and being able to walk through the executive building and see Intuit's CEO, Brad Smith.

*What are some valuable career skills you gained through this experience?*

I learned to how to communicate with people in a professional setting and how to network more efficiently. I also learned how people in the industry communicate with each other when there are problems or when working on a difficult problem together.

*How did you transform your externship into a summer internship?*

I got my internship before I went to shadow with Intuit. Since I was the point of contact for Intuit when I was part of the SAE committee last year, I think I may have gotten a higher priority in getting an interview than candidates who applied normally (via career fairs or online).

*Any tips for people participating in*

*SAE this semester?*

Make sure you are prepared and ask a lot of questions! It is a great way to network and expand your professional bubble. It might lead to an internship or even a full time job in the future!



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 APPLE INFOSESSION RECAP  
 By: Judith Syau

On Thursday, November 20th, engineers and recruiters from Apple hosted an infosession in the Woz. The company gave an overview about their technology and talked about the software and hardware behind graphics processing. Apple engineers introduced Metal, their programming interface for iOS 8 apps, which is one of the newest optimization tools for game developers. After the tech talk, attendees had time to network with representatives and enjoy refreshments. Despite the rainy weather, many students showed up to the event!



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'Tis The Season for...

## Top 10 Lists!

The Ultimate Top 10 List For  
Your Best Winter Break!

By: Sophia Liu

The semester almost come to its end. Congratulations to everyone for all the accomplishments you have made so far, and as a reward, a four-week long winter break is waiting for you ahead. Have you planned how to enjoy a fun and productive winter vacation yet? Here are some of the ways to get the most out of these four weeks:

1. Attend SWE Shadow an Engineer Program (SAE) - a great chance for you to experience the environment and culture of engineering industries!
2. Spend some quality time with the family. For some people that have not seen their parents for a whole semester, instead of sticking with electronics, try to help parents with chores, communicate with them often, and enjoy the wonderful family time.
3. Catch up with old friends. Maybe watch an old movie together or have dinner together. Gather up and get back to the good ole days.
4. Volunteer. If possible, spend a couple of hours a week at a local homeless shelter, hospital, etc. When you help your community become better, try to apply what you have learned at Cal. You will be glad when you make a difference to others.
5. Prepare textbooks for spring. Try to start reading them or at least preview them before the school starts.
6. Travel. Traveling can not only enrich personal experience, but also push your educational horizons and make you a better person. Do not wait until graduation. Travel now if you have a chance to!
7. Exercise. Do not stay home and watch TV for a whole winter! Try to go to the gym or play sports. If there is snow, go outside and build the biggest snowman if possible!

8. Read a good book. If you got too busy during school and did not have much time to read what you like, pick up reading in winter break!
9. Learn a new skill / get a new hobby. You should always try out new things – maybe learn a new language, or learn to play a new sport / musical instrument. Do not limit yourself in any way.
10. Complete personal projects. If you have projects that you would like to wrap up, take advantage of this block of time available and make good progress.

Given these suggestions, you still have to make your own choice. Whatever you plan to do over winter break, make sure to make yourself happy. Throw away stress from school or work, recharge yourself, and enjoy life. After relaxation, get ready for the semester ahead as well!

Hope you all have a wonderful winter holiday!

- *Sophia*



Top 10 Gifts  
For College  
Friends  
By: Kristal Celik

When it comes to gifting, us college students are often lacking in either time or money. These gifts are either thoughtful and easy on the wallet or great last-minute gifts!

1. Concert Tickets
2. A Framed Picture
3. Massage
4. Moleskine Notebooks
5. DIY Personal Coupon
6. Your Favorite Book
7. School Spirit Attire
8. Disposable Cameras (Urban Outfitters)
9. Groupon for a Fun Activity
10. Add \$\$\$ To Cal Debit Account

## Note from the Editor:

Thank you for coming out to our last GM of the semester! Although finals are fast approaching, the next week is jam-packed with some awesome SWE events - perfect for study breaks! If you haven't already got yours, you can stop by Kresge tomorrow or Friday to purchase your Winter Wonderland ticket for a chance to dress up and unwind on Monday evening! It's been a fast, fun and busy semester but I know I'm definitely ready for the break. Best of luck to everyone these next couple of weeks, and have a lovely winter break!

-Nicole



## DECEM(BRRR)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3 General Meeting 4	4	5 Alumni Dinner at Build	6 SWE Science & House Competition
7	8 Winter Wonderland	9 Fall Membership Banquet	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 <i>School's OUT!</i>	20 
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