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Night Hike To the "C"

By Brandon Lu

Overall, I found the hike to the "C" a wonderful experience. As a person who usually has a fairly sedentary lifestyle, I rarely find the initiative to actually hike up the side of the mountain, and the importance of getting physical exercise is crucial, especially to those who don't get it very often such as me. There is also a catharsis that comes with doing activities such as hiking that I usually use to get past the stress of finals week; accordingly, I kind of needed to relieve the stress of the final school-wide micromouse competition before the regional UC San Diego competition, midterms week, and IEEE Merit Badge day. Personally, I enjoyed the fact that this occurred at night when the weather is cool, the lights are dim, and the op-

portunity to demonstrate the prowess of Electrical Engineering hangs in the air.

With that said, the hike up to the "C" was also a great opportunity to demonstrate a bit of unconventional research that was more or less concocted the night of the hike. Elmar Palma, the EE Lab Manager, and I had the idea of using red light instead of the conventional to prevent night vision loss, so he jury-rigged a circuit to power red LED's from a sealed lead-acid battery. The whole project turned out to be a tremendous success. The night hike to the "C" turned out to be a huge success, in my opinion; I not only got exercise and relieved stress, but I also had the chance to participate in research and some public relations building.

SWEenie Roast

By Beth Mende

On Wednesday, the Society of Women Engineers collaborated with Theta Tau to host a SWEenie Roast during Nooners. There was music, clubs and organizations tabling, and the smell of bacon and hotdogs filled the air on a brisk Spring day. The sizzle of bacon and hotdogs quickly drew attention to many passerby's. Our first customers showed up before we were fully set up, but Director of Professional Development for Theta Tau, Juan Carlos Guardado was quick to satisfy. By 2 o'clock, demand exceeded supply and both organizations had to turn down hungry customers. Overall, the fundraiser was a success. Many Theta Tau members were able to collaborate with the officers of SWE and bonds were formed on both sides. One Theta Tau member, Tiffany Yeh, exclaimed that the fundraiser "went really well, and I learned a lot about SWE that I didn't know before!" Next year's SWE President, Stephanie Eater, stated she "enjoyed partnering up and look forward to cooperating in the future." This is definitely a fundraiser we will continue to hold in the future!



Evening With Industry

By Susana Jaimes

This Wednesday May 1st, 2013, SWE will be hosting its first Evening with Industry dinner! Various companies are sending their representatives to eat and meet with UCR students of all engineering fields. This is a great way to get to show your awesome personality and great people skills, something that cannot be seen through a resume! You could automatically click with a company representative and who knows, they might offer you an interview! Do not think of this as a job interview, but as a way to get to know someone who works for the company that you would love to work for! You can ask them questions and see what kind of person they are. Do not let this opportunity pass by! Quickly get your ticket from a SWE Officer and reserve a spot at the table with the company representative that you would like to meet!

Companies set to come:

Central Intelligence Agency

Luxfer

Vacco Industries

Advanced Professional Consultants, Inc

Meggitt

Sorensen Engineering



NASA-JPL Tour

By Isabel Davila

The NASA JPL tour was a great experience! I met great people, learned about different types of engineering, got all of my questions answered as well as some great resume tips, and got to take a photo with a scale model of the Mars Curiosity Rover! The tour consisted of a panel with different types of engineers, a break out session where we got to talk one on one to JPL employees in small groups, and then a tour of the facilities. I would definitely recommend it to anyone interested.



Upcoming Events

Evening With Industry

HUB 302

May 1st, 6:00 - 9:00pm

[FACEBOOK](#)

General Meeting

WCH 205/6

May 2nd, 7:00 - 8:00pm

SWE Scholarship

May 3rd

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SWE-OC Awards & Recognition

Antonello Ristorante

May 16th, 6:00pm

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