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#### Calendar of Events

- Jan. 24 ~ Café SWE Social
- Feb. 7 ~ Self Defense
- Feb. 21 ~ Resume Writing Workshop
- Mar. 2-4 ~ Regional Conference—NJIT
- Mar. 7 ~ Dean's Night / Nominations
- Mar. 21 ~ Elections
- Mar. 28 ~ Hydrogen House
- Apr. 4 ~ Career Paths
- Apr. 11 ~ Science of Hair Color
- Apr. 13 ~ SWE Night
- Apr. 18 ~ Study Break
- Apr. 21 ~ SWE Banquet

SWE Meetings are held in the BCC  
GSL at 8pm

## Care to Show Me Your Resume?



On Wednesday, February 21, SWE hosted a Resume Writing Workshop, presented by the Pepsi Bottling Group, which touched upon the what's, the how's and the why's of resume building. This workshop allowed SWE members to gain some insight on how to write topnotch resumes and build strong skills to aid them in job interviews. Because of the company, SWE members got acquainted with several do's and don'ts about interview preparation. Some of the suggestions included having a strong handshake, firm eye contact, and dressing professionally for the interview. The Pepsi Bottling Group also informed the attendees about what companies are looking for in future employees. Later, PBG and SWE Alumni members held one-on-one resume critiques. Cheers and a bunch of thanks to the Pepsi Bottling Group for dedicating their time and the SWE alumni for helping out.

### Special Thanks to:

**Amy Corona, PBG**

**Helen Lothian, Merck & Co.**

**Mary Hiras, Pfizer**

**Christina Schroeffer, Rutgers University**

**Candiece White, Rutgers University**

**Ilene Rosen, Assistant Dean**

~ Kshipra Jawdekar '10

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We learned some self-defense moves  
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## Community Service Update

This semester, a few SWE members joined SERV in Buddy Ball on February 24th. Buddy Ball is an event in which the students help children with mental disabilities shoot basketballs. Participants felt the experience was rewarding and look forward to going again.

SWE is currently holding a DVD drive for the troops in Iraq. Both new and used DVDs are collected at the group's meetings and will be sent overseas to develop a library of movies that the troops can watch during downtime. SWE is also helping with an NJPIRG solar power event on April 23rd that features use of alternative energies. Hopefully participants will make smoothies from a solar powered blender! Future activities that SWE is planning are: volunteering at a local animal shelter and playing engineering-related games with children at a homeless shelter. If you are interested in participating in any of these events, contact Heather Preisendanz: (hpreisen@eden.rutgers.edu)

~Sarah Abdelsayed '08

## Self Defense Workshop ~ Feb. 7

The Self Defense meeting was a great way for members to learn fun and useful self defense moves. Israel Lopez came in to teach the members. He stressed that, while it was important to know at least a few basic self defense techniques, it was equally important to know how to try and get away from a dangerous situation by running. With members getting a chance to practice their newly learned moves on each other, the meeting was a great way for everyone to have some fun and yet learn something useful.

It was a much needed study break that everyone enjoyed!

~ Akila De Alwis '09

## Café SWE Social ~ Jan. 24

On January 24<sup>th</sup>, SWE kicked off the start of the spring semester with a refreshing café social. While warming themselves with sips of tea and hot chocolate, everyone also got a chance to sign up and learn about different SWE committees from their respective members. Some of the representatives present were from the Newsletter, the Public Relations, and the Fundraising committees, as well as SWELL and SWE Night. Also, SWE held a promotion during which members who wished to sign up to be national SWE members paid the \$20 membership fee and received a free SWE T-shirt. Everyone had a great time and many more members got to be involved in how SWE works.

~ Sarah Zhang '10





## Who Puts the "FUN" in Fundraiser?

I know! SWE does! SWE was seen with its I HEART YOU Fundraiser in the Busch Campus Center during the week of Valentine's Day. It wasn't your average rose and carnation fundraiser, but rather something much more creative. SWE sold numerous products from tank tops to panties to t-shirts with a stimulating formula on them that formed a heart. (It was a MUST HAVE and still is!) In addition to that, SWE also sold bears, hugging hippos, hedgehogs, shower gel, and baskets for those who wanted to give their loved ones a little something special on this lovely occasion. SWE is proud to have raised a lot of money and hopes everyone had a wonderful Valentine's Day. If you missed the chance to purchase some of these awesome gifts, now is your chance!

For more information, visit the SWE website:

<http://swe.rutgers.edu/merchandise.html> and contact a SWE member as soon as possible before it's too late!

~ **Christine Teodoro '10**

Participate in **SWE** Night!

How?



Host a prospective freshman girl for an overnight stay in your dorm on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Festivities start at 5:30 pm in the Paul Robeson Cultural Center.

Come join your fellow **SWE** members and incoming freshmen engineers for an evening of games, engineering team activities, crafts, and food!

If you are unable to join us for the festivities at 5:30 pm, *volunteer to host a prospective freshman girl in your dorm.* All you need to do is pick up your girl at 11:30 pm on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, clear a little space in your dorm room for her to stay, and bring her back on Saturday morning around 8:45 am.

If you are interested, contact Nancy Twu ([ntwu@eden.rutgers.edu](mailto:ntwu@eden.rutgers.edu))

Help make this a fun night for the incoming engineers and don't miss this opportunity to get more involved with **SWE**!

~ **Jemini Shah '09**



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