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Greetings from the Presidents

Dear MITSWE members,

Greetings! February was a great start for the new exec officers. Many of them have planned interesting activities in the spring term. The Social Co-Chairs, Judy Chen and Jennifer Huang, brought a study break to the SWE office on February 24th. This was the first time we had a society-wide social event at the SWE office. It had a great turnout. People that came explored the resources at the SWE office, while meeting the new exec officers and socializing with fellow members. If you haven't got to meet the new officers, we are eager to talk to you and hear what you would like us to bring to MITSWE activities. Also be sure to check out our SWE office. Officers are at office 3-5pm Monday through Friday.

February General Meeting featured a two-day workshop series. We had Leslie Gray, lecturer at MIT Entrepreneur Club, address "How to Sell Oneself and One's Ideas". Networking dinner with corporate recruiters followed the next day. Many attendees at the dinner practiced tips that they learned in the Leslie's talk the day before. In the coming March General Meeting, MITSWE's advisor, Prof. Millie Dresselhaus, will come and meet our members and share her life as a woman engineer. We are looking forward to seeing at the meeting.

Have a wonderful spring break!

Sally Xun Yu & Angela Chen
MITSWE Co-Presidents

Scholarship Winners Announced!

MIT SWE offered three scholarships for its members, \$1000, \$500, \$200. The winners are as follows:

First place went to Paulina Kuo, a McCormick junior doubling in Courses 8 and 3. Paulina is currently Treasurer of TBP honor society, programs chair for the Physics Society, a member of the Quiz Bowl team and a student tutor.

Jean Yang, a Chemical Engineering junior from Next House, was the second place recipient. In addition to pursuing a BME minor, Jean is currently serving as vice-president of MIT CSC, and holds offices in Kappa Alpha Theta and Next House government. She is a pledge in the Order of Omega and competes on IM teams for volleyball, tennis and ice hockey.

Amy Strickert, an Electrical Engineering sophomore from WILG, won third place. In addition to her presidency of the MIT Figure Skating Club, Amy has been an R/O leader and associate advisor. She is also involved in the MIT Women's Initiative for EECS and tutors for HKN.

Faculty Mixer

The name says it all...come to the Faculty Mixer to mingle with professors and get a fresh perspective of MIT from a professor's point of view! Hear professors share interesting experiences, enjoy a good meal, and maybe even get a head start on your UROP search! => Hope to see you there!

March 30, 1999

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

W20-407

Dinner will be served.

Space is limited. Please RSVP by March 19 to Jen <jenlaw> or Eli <eliskim>.

Brought to you by the MITSWE Professional Committee.

Successful February General Meeting

About 40 members came together on February 16 for the first General Meeting of this term. Attending members were introduced to the new ExecComm while munching on yummy Bertucci's pizza! Sign-ups for SWE committees also took place. If you are interested in joining a committee, its not too late! Contact an ExecComm officer today and help make SWE even better! The highlight of the evening was a guest talk by Les Gray on selling oneself, which provided members with many useful pointers on conducting a successful job search.

Several new initiatives for this term were announced at the meeting as well. The Professional Chairs Jen Law and Eli Kim will be holding a Faculty Mixer at the end of the month, which will be a great opportunity to interact with your professors one-on-one! Scholarship Chair Huanne Thomas is also looking into refurbishing the SWE Bible Library – donate your old bibles and get cool SWE stuff! Financial Chair Yi Xie is trying to organize a luncheon with other Boston area SWE chapters. Outreach Chairs Shalini Agarwal and Nina Singhal are looking into several activities for this term – keep your eyes open in the coming weeks for Community Service events such as an Easter Egg Roll! Also announced were the new SWE Office Hours – a member of the ExecComm will be available for members with questions or concerns in the SWE Office Monday - Friday, 3-5pm.

SWE National Convention News!

Hi SWE Members!

By now you should have received a National SWE Convention '99 registration book (if not, please let us know). If you haven't thought about attending the convention, here are a few reasons why you should:

- You get to meet a lot of students from other colleges as well as network with professional engineers!
- You get to go to what is probably the biggest career fair you'll ever see! Talk about land o' free stuff and tons of opportunities to talk to company reps!
- Speaking of free stuff, there are a lot of opportunities to get them outside the career fair! Last year, MIT students won a laptop and a PalmPilot.
- 20,000 women engineers take over a city...it doesn't get any better than that! =)
- If you're worried about taking a week off at your summer job, you might want to ask your boss if you can represent your company at the career fair. You might even get paid to do that!
- and much, much more!

And best of all, MIT SWE will fully subsidize your registration and hotel, so you pretty much only have to pay for your airfare. And if you want to, we can also partially subsidize your airfare if you attend two or more SWE events this term and agree to take on a leadership role at the career fair this fall (ask us for specifics).

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jen <jenlaw> or Eli <eliskim>. We look forward to hearing from you!

-Jen and Eli
MIT SWE Professional Chairs

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 2/16/99, 7-9 pm: General Meeting

Mezzanine Lounge, 3rd floor, Student Center

Come to the first meeting of the new term and hear what we have planned this year! We also have a guest speaker, Les Grey, on "How to Sell Yourself".

Wednesday, 2/17/99, 7-9 pm: Networking Dinner

Mezzanine Lounge, 3rd floor, Student Center

Feast with corporate recruiters, and practice your schmoozing skills over a free dinner. :) Please RSVP to Sally Yu <sallyyu@mit.edu> by Monday, 2/15/99.

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