From the Editor’s Desk…

As the first issue of the newsletter, I’d like to tell you what this newsletter is going to be about, and that’s YOU. Yes YOU, this newsletter is yours. We’d all like to know what you’re up to. Are you doing a research paper? Are you involved in another engineering student group that’s doing something really cool? Do you think your department is better than all the rest? Do you want to write about it? Tell us all about it? Please do. Join the editing staff of the SWE Newsletter “Dispatches from the Student Commons” and be the buzz. Email me with your ideas and if you’d like to help write about them. Enjoy this issue, and have a great fall.

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New Programs

Members of the Month

Starting this month, SWE will be selecting one member from each class to profile about engineering, their hobbies, and lots of other fun things. Check out the bulletin board and future newsletters for the aspirations and ideas of your classmates and friends.

Reading Week Study with SWE

During Reading Week on Tuesday and Thursday, SWE will host study hours from 8pm-12am for members and friends. So, bring your EDC group, and your EA practice test, and we can help each other out. The study hours will held in the faculty lounge on the 4th floor. Hope to see you all there!
Our Fantastic Freshman Class

“The current freshman class seems very enthusiastic to get involved and bond with the upper classmen. I have already received numerous responses from freshman wanting to be involved in the regional conference.” –Kulsum Akbar, SWE Internal Vice President.

Freshman women, the SWE Freshman Scholarships are coming up at the beginning of next quarter. They’re a great way to pay for your books, so keep an eye out for the applications, and good luck!

What Are We Doing in Tech Express at 3am?
1. Planning our day over a cup of Café Pronto.
2. Taking advantage of the romantic lighting.
3. Group Project.
5. Eating cold tofu burgers from the rotating vending machine.
7. “Cartwheels?” to get the blood back to our heads…
8. Our Fluids Homework.
9. “If I told you I could study in tech express, I would be lying.”

National Conference - The Art of Engineering

Helen Wong, Ariel Knowles, Dianne Esber, Rebecca Pickens, Elizabeth Huang, Sarah Moore, and Jessica Weninger represented Northwestern SWE at the 2002 SWE National Conference, “The Art of Engineering,” in Detroit, Michigan. They had a great time meeting professionals, attending seminars, meeting other girls in their region, and doing some NU-SWE bonding. They were disappointed to find out that there was no pool in the hotel, despite the large number of fountains.

Talking with other students they learned a lot about what it takes to win student awards, and will pass that information on to the next exec board so we can get all our great programs recognized. They also got great ideas about general membership involvement and getting more involved with Chicago professionals.

They received an invitation to the Regional Conference in Ann-Arbor Michigan this winter, and are very excited to pass that invitation on to everyone in SWE. The regional conference will only be $25, and it should be a great time! Please consider coming, and contact Kulsum Akbar at k-akbar@northwestern.edu for registration information.

What to read on the El
Both of Helen Fielding’s Bridget Jones books are perfect transportation reading. Besides the complete nonsense of a plot that is the second book, the only problem is that you may stop speaking in full sentences.

Bloody book review. Completely bloody irrelevant to engineering. SWE Sophomore Ariel Knowles sums it up by saying, “Bridget Jones is my idol.” And there you have it. Write a free-lance article on your laptop in your flat on late-breaking news while eating take-out, and do it for the SWE Newsletter. And try to do it in full sentences.

What to read for Class
In this category, I solicited suggestions, but received only two. The picks are:

If you have any questions about this newsletter or helping out with the next one, email me, r-pickens@northwestern.edu.

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Put your National Membership Forms under the SWE office door, L291, in tech. You can download the forms from the website.