During my involvement in UMEC, I have been able to observe the ability this society has for being a great resource to the college. Publishing this newsletter is a perfect example of how UMEC can help spread the word about events/activities and raise issues to the college in order to motivate positive change. I would like to continue these efforts through the UMEC website.

The website can serve to advertise events, record student input, connect student to college news, and encourage inter-society collaboration. Avenues to achieve these goals include:
- Student society calendar
- Provide means for students to give input on University Relations (CAEN, Pierpont, Duderstadt Center, Curriculum) and about all Town Hall discussions
- Link to all society webpages and provide updated society contact information
- UMEC meeting minutes and agendas
- Schedule of UMEC events
- College news page

UMECC would really appreciate student feedback on the website. If you like any of the ideas above or have ideas of your own to implement, please contact umec.exec@umich.edu.

Thank you.
Lauren Greiner
2004 UMEC President

The Duderstadt Center, a North Campus Icon

By Ryan Rindler

Many engineering students see the Duderstadt Center solely as a place where computers and coffee converge. Most of the undergrads (myself included) have never even checked out a single book from one of the many stacks; and this building is supposed to be a library? Well... that’s the thing; the Duderstadt Center is not a library. It was created as a place to collaborate, innovate, and propagate an exchange of ideas. And this is not simply limited to the engineering side of the learning spectrum.

The Center also houses 3D imaging labs, multiple recording studios, electronic music workstations, a virtual reality “cave,” a video studio and more. All of this on top of the coffee stand, art gallery, multimedia workplaces, stacks, board games, group study areas and of course the computers makes the Duderstadt Center a strong hub for learning and collaboration. And being an engineer, you probably walk through it at least twice a day. So next time you have a few minutes to spare on North Campus poke around those rooms you never see on the first floor. Ask an art or music student what they're working on; they will probably be more than happy to show off their current project. And in return, you can tell them about your research... then again, maybe you should save that for more interested ears, or at least your parents’.
Attention Class of 2004!
By Class of 2004 Officers

Graduation is approaching quickly and here is your last chance to leave your mark in the College of Engineering. There are plenty of ways you can still participate!

The senior class officers and graduation committee are collecting items for the class time capsule to be opened at our 25th year reunion. Items we are looking for may be pamphlets/flyers/t-shirts/programs etc. from any events your society may have planned this year, ticket stubs from Michigan athletic events, news headlines of the year and much, much more! To contribute, please email Coe.graduation.2004@umich.edu.

Lights, camera, action! The graduation committee needs snapshots of your time here for the slide show which takes place during graduation. Pictures can be electronic or hard copy (to be returned). We’d love to see your memories of spring break, Rose Bowl, engineering events and anything else you would be willing to contribute.

Pine Tips Part I
By Joshua Bartlett

How many times have you been using Pine and had to go back to delete a word or add a clarification in the middle of a paragraph? Every time you need to it always seems to cause the lines to break really bad and put a single word or two on a line all by themselves in the middle of your paragraph, doesn’t it?

Well, fear no longer having to delete and add a space, Pine has this functionality built in. After you make your modifications just hit ‘^j’ (this means CTRL+j) and your paragraph will be relined correctly and the cursor will be moved to the end of the paragraph so you can continue your editing.

In the next installment I’ll tell you how to prevent officemates from sending out e-mails from your account without even having to log out of Pine.

Charity Bowl-a-Thon
By Marcy Urbance

Phi Sigma Rho, sorority for women in Engineering, is holding a bowl-a-thon at Ypsi-Arbor Lanes on April 17th from 12pm–2pm. The winning team will receive half the proceeds to put toward the charity of their choice and the other half will benefit the American Cancer Society. Food will be provided.

All engineering societies are welcome to sign up teams of 5 or fewer, and each society may have as many teams as they wish. The deadline for signing up is April 5th and there will be a registration fee of $25 to help cover the cost.

To sign up or for further questions please email kchannel@umich.edu.
Undergraduate Student Advisory Board
By Joe Day

The Undergraduate Student Advisory Board was created to help undergraduate students voice academic, campus community, and social concerns of importance to the engineering experience and North Campus as a whole. We work closely with administrators and student societies to identify and implement solutions to critical problems.

Some of the Goals of the USAB:
- To seek feedback from student groups and departmental student advisory committees
- To discuss issues and concerns impacting the undergraduate experience, and develop priorities for short and long term goals
- To partner with others to develop and implement strategies to help improve the undergraduate experience, and communicate progress to the student body
- To increase awareness among students that issues and concerns are being acted upon

USAB is a self-directed board, and we determine and revise how roles and responsibilities will be shared, the meeting schedule and format, and decision-making processes. We are sponsored by the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, and supported by the Office of Student Leadership and Academic Services through Lisa Payton. Members of the USAB are encouraged to find their own replacements when they graduate. We typically meet every two weeks, often with representatives from other organizations.

Recently, we met with the Graduate Student Advisory Committee and representatives from Pierpont Commons to discuss the renovations there, as well as North Campus community issues. We also are collaborating with the Engineering Teaching Academy in order to improve student–faculty relations, and improve the overall quality of instruction in the CoE.

Some of our notable accomplishments include the addition of the MuJo Café to the Media Union and the Undergraduate Info Week, consisting of student–run department presentations for undecided and first-year students. Additionally, we are preparing a Student Bill of Rights, intended to address student concerns for faculty review.

The USAB is here to help the student body at large, so we welcome any questions or comments about our activities. The e-mail is usab@umich.edu, and a website will be finished very shortly.

Help the ECRC Collect Job and Salary Data!

In order to better serve students and employers, the Engineering Career Resource Center compiles salary information on offers and acceptances made to College of Engineering students and graduates. This information is compiled on a yearly basis in the ECRC Annual Report. The four most recent Annual Reports (in .pdf format) can be found here: http://career.engin.umich.edu/Annualreport.html

If you are a graduating senior and have received or accepted a job offer, or plan to continue on to graduate school, please complete the Graduate Information Form:
http://career.engin.umich.edu/Gradsurvey.html

If you have accepted a Co-op position or internship, please fill out the Co-op/Intern Survey:
http://career.engin.umich.edu/coopinternsurvey.html

The more information that is provided to the ECRC, the more complete the information provided to UM Engineers will be. Thank you for your attention and your survey information.
Upcoming ASME Events
By A.J. D'Souza, ASME IVP

ASME will be helping out at the Dicken Elementary School Math and Science Fair on Tuesday, March 30. We will be hosting one or two activities demonstrating a basic scientific principle for the students to participate in. It is sure to be a fun time.

On April 4, ASME/SWE will be holding our annual 5K Charity Fun Run/Walk to benefit the Child and Family Life division at C.S. Mott. For more information and to obtain a registration form, log on to http://www-personal.engin.umich.edu/~zcauchy/fun_run/main.html

ASME will also be holding a luncheon on April 7 with a guest speaker from Kostal. Kostal is a company which develops and manufactures technologically demanding electronic and electro–mechanical products. They supply all of the leading global automobile manufacturers.

If you are interested in any of these activities and would like further information, feel free to email asme.officers@umich.edu.

Engineering Calendar
March 28th – April 10th

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Daylight Saving Time Begins

UMECC Newsletter Submissions
If you would like to submit an article or event for the next newsletter on April 7, 2004, please email umec.newsletter@umich.edu. The Engineering calendar will run from 04/11/04-04/24/04. Submission deadline is April 4, 2004 by 5pm.