

November 2007

the ME Pipeline

Department of Mechanical Engineering Newsletter

FROM THE CHAIR

More than half of the semester is over. With the Thanksgiving holiday fast approaching the rest of this semester will pass very quickly. This is the time where you should objectively evaluate your situation in every course you are attending. Ask yourself the following questions: are you behind in any class? Are you prepared for mid term exams? Are you on time with papers and lab reports? Once you have answers to these questions, estimate the time you need to overcome any deficiencies. Then, allocate blocks of time (no less than 2 hours) write it down on your calendar and commit yourself to this schedule. Keep in mind that for each one hour class, you are expected to spend three hours of homework/study time at home. Remember, time management is the key to your success.



ELECTIVE COURSES FOR SPRING 2008

The following elective courses will be offered in the 2008 Spring semester as long as a minimum of 12 students are enrolled in each class. In order to ease the scheduling process please sign up ahead of time for the courses that you would like to take so that we can get an estimate on how many students are interested in each class. Sign up sheets will be posted in the ME office.

- Introduction to Sustainable Energy (Dr. Abtahi)
- Plastics and Composites (Dr. Carlsson)
- Design against Uncertainty (Dr. Elishakoff)
- Computational Fluid Mechanics (Dr. Ghenai)
- Manufacturing Methods (Dr. Mazouz)
- Engineering Management (Dr. Mazouz)
- Nano-Technology (Dr. Su)

IN MEMORY OF . . .



Beatriz (Bea) Gonzalez Van Pelt
Mechanical Engineering
Graduate, Summer 2007

Beatriz better known to others as Bea, a graduate of Mechanical Engineering, passed away on October 21, 2007.

Bea, under many challenging circumstances, such as, being a single parent of four and full-time employee of a demanding engineering firm, successfully achieved her long term dream of graduating with a Mechanical Engineering degree.

Despite her many responsibilities and hectic schedule, she always found time to help her fellow students who looked up to her for advice and direction.

Bea left behind great memories here in the ME department, as she was more than just a student to all of us, she was a friend, and she will be missed by all.

Our deepest and most sincere condolences go out to Bea's family. We send you thoughts of peace and courage during this difficult time.

RECOGNITION, SHOUT OUTS and KUDOs

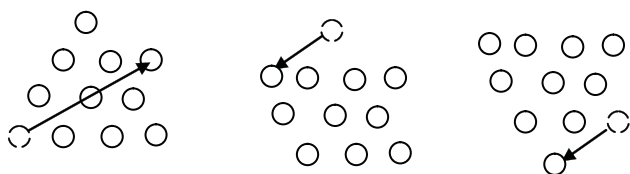


Congratulations to Felipe Ramirez, an ME graduate student, on presenting his first paper at the American Society of Composites Conference held in September 2007 in Seattle, WA.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

The ME department instituted a class attendance policy in the Spring 2007 term. Allowable per term absences are: M/W/F classes four (4) and TH classes three (3); exceed allowable absences equals **ONE LETTER GRADE REDUCTION**. Allowed absences are approved at discretion of instructor.

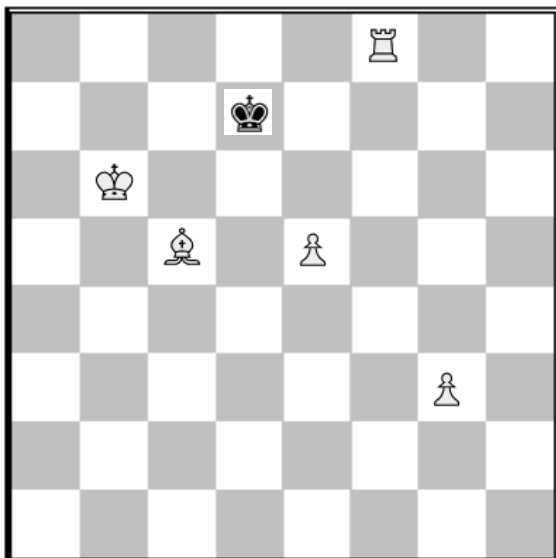
THE OCTOBER PUZZLE SOLUTION



The winner is Ben Oliver. Please contact Trudy to receive your prize (A copy of the Student Edition of Solid Works)

THE NOVEMBER PUZZLE

White check-mates in ONE move.



TUTORING REMINDER – It's FREE

Engineering Student Services Room # 170/Bldg 36

Calculus & Physics

Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Programming

Monday/Wednesday 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Engineering

Monday/Wednesday 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM – Noon

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM – Noon

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

@ Heritage Park Towers

Monday/Wednesday 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

ACADEMIC CALENDAR REMINDERS

11/12 Veteran's Day, no classes

11/13: Last day to submit Doctoral Dissertation

11/14 Spring Registration Begins

11/19: Last day to submit Master's thesis

11/22 – 11/25: Closed for Thanksgiving

12/06 Reading Day, no classes, no exams.

12/07 – 12/13: Final Exams

12/14 Semester Ends!

12/14 Commencement

01/05: Spring Semester begins, start all over again

ME FACULTY OFFICE HOURS

or by appointment

Professor	Day	Ofc. Hours	E-mail
Amir Abtahi	M/W/F	10:00 - 12:00	abtahi@fau.edu
William Bober	M/W/F	10:00 - 12:00	boberw@fau.edu
George Cai	TH	9:00 - 12:00	caig@fau.edu
Leif Carlsson	M/W/F	2:00 - 4:00	carlsson@fau.edu
Isaac Elishakoff	M/F W	10:00 - 12:00 1:00 - 3:00	elishako@fau.edu
Gopal Gaonkar	M W/F	2:00 - 3:50 3:00 - 3:50	gaonkar@fau.edu
Chaouki Ghenai	M/W/F	10:00 - 12:00	cghenai@fau.edu
Kader Mazouz	M/T/W	1:00 - 3:00	mazouz@fau.edu
Oren Masory	TH	10:00 - 12:00	masoryo@fau.edu
Davood Moslemian	M/W/F TH	9:00 - 10:00 11:00 - 12:30	moslemian@fau.edu
Gary Salivar	M/W TH	2:00 - 3:00 1:00 - 2:00	salivar@fau.edu
Joe Su	M/W/F	8:00 - 8:50 2:00 - 2:50	su@fau.edu
C.T. Tsai	M/W/F W/F	10:00 - 11:00 2:30 - 4:00	tsaict@fau.edu