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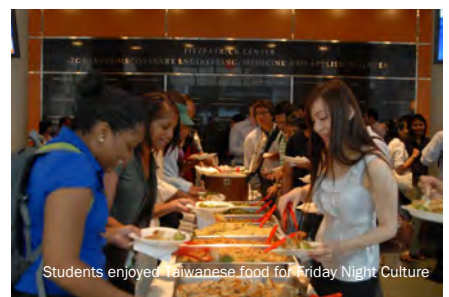
MEMers enjoyed camping out for Duke Basketball tickets

The Communications Committee is pleased to present the first Fall 2010 edition of the *Memorandum*. Special thanks to Beth, Bhavya and Nitya for all their efforts in creating this newsletter. If you have any comments or ideas for future newsletter content, please send them to ss374@duke.edu. We hope you enjoy this issue!

Shruti Senapati
Chair, Communications Committee



The MEM Homecoming Reception was an elegant wine and cheese event



Students enjoyed Taiwanese food for Friday Night Culture

Upcoming MEM Events

TeamMEM Community Service Day
2:00 PM October 17, 2010
Piedmont Wildlife Center

MEM Casino Night
October 22, 2010
Old Pop's Restaurant

MEM Karaoke Night
October 29, 2010
Pratt Plaza



MEM Winter Formal
Save the Date
November 6, 2010

MEM GLOBE-TROTTERS

Where: RTI International
Hampton, VA (contract for NASA Langley Research Center)

What I did: I worked as a commercialization analyst. My responsibilities were to assess the commercial potential of promising NASA technologies to make recommendations on intellectual property decisions and to pursuing licenses

It was awesome because: The best part about working for NASA for a geek like me was that it felt like looking into the future of technology. I got to see some amazing inventions on intellectual property decisions and pursuing licensees

David Chen



Where: Bank of America Merrill Lynch
New York, NY

What I did: I was a part of IT Project Management

It was awesome because: My best memory was visiting our business partners in Boston. I really enjoyed the face to face interaction and the requirements gathering process. And of course my stay at the Four Seasons!

Tonia Osadebe



Where: ArcelorMittal
Luxembourg city, Luxembourg

What I did: Worked on Business Development Plan for Emerging Markets

It was awesome because: I enjoyed work and put in my efforts without worrying about the results

Swati Gupta



Where: Accenture Management Consulting
Gurgaon, India

What I did: Financial Strategy & Market Entry

It was awesome because: Knowing your strengths and weaknesses really well helps you proliferate even in the most intense work environments

Aditya Bakaya



Where: Citibank, Institutional Clients Group, Global Subsidiaries Group
Dhaka, Bangladesh

What I did: I worked with Citi's proprietary Customer Acquisition Due Diligence system. Additionally, I was given the responsibility to talk to multinational clients about their policies and business strategies, in order to evaluate how they align with Citi's risk rating criteria. I was also involved in company research and financial statement analysis, in order to complete Credit Approval packages

It was awesome because: Banking is extremely busy work! My best memories are the site visits to a Pharmaceutical Plant and a Ceramics Plant to evaluate their operations

Towhid Amin



Where: Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ

What I did: I worked in the ASU Decision Theater, a sustainability policy research center. During the summer I mostly worked on implementing software for a solar power research project called AzSMART. My primary responsibilities were dealing with security of our project's website. I also helped maintain and operate the technology facilities employed by the Theater

It was awesome because: My biggest takeaway was learning web development. With no experience to speak of, they put me in charge of creating an online authentication system for the website in PHP, and I was able to complete the task with some guidance. The autonomy and freedom to learn was much appreciated

Paul Gambill



Where: Cook Medical
Winston-Salem, NC

What I did: I was in R&D, specifically the Product Development department. I was developing add-on components for existing endoscopy devices, negotiating outsourcing contracts with manufacturers, and developing novel devices after speaking directly with doctors concerning their needs in the operating room

It was awesome because: Initiative shows everything, and I will never forget creating and leading the team of interns to create a project and, eventually, a fully-functional prototype

AJ Ford



Where: Hunt Oil Company
Lima, Peru

What I did: I was a Commercial Management Intern and worked on gas sales forecast, strategic planning and analyzing production and drilling reports. I was also actively involved in the Commissioning Period and consequently Operational Period of South America's 1st Liquefied Natural Gas Plant in Peru (PERU LNG)

It was awesome because: I worked with an incredibly diverse workforce. I interacted with people from the US, Scotland, Trinidad & Tobago, Indonesia, Spain, etc, all working together in order to accomplish something great and of utmost economic importance to Peru; the creation of the LNG Plant

Carlos Cardenas



DID YOU KNOW?

YOU CAN SEE A LIST OF COMPANIES THAT HIRED MEM STUDENTS LAST SEMESTER BY VIEWING EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR LATEST GRADUATES AT WWW.MEMP.PRATT.DUKE.EDU/CAREER-SERVICES

This summer, several MEMers interned at different organizations around the world, in a variety of industries and roles.

We bring you a snapshot of our global network.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN DURHAM

THERE IS PLENTY TO DO IN THE CITY OF DURHAM TO ESCAPE FROM THE MEM SUITE OR DUKE CAMPUS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE DURHAM CITY WEBSITE. (WWW.DURHAM-NC.COM)

Weekly Events

- ★ **Durham Craft and Farmers Market**
Every Saturday, 8am-12noon, Durham Central Park
- ★ **FREE Wine Tasting**
*Alternating Friday and Saturdays,
5pm-8pm, The Wine Cellar*

Coming Up

- ★ **October 22-24 Duke Family Weekend**
- ★ **October 23 World Cask Ale Festival**
- ★ **October 29 Masquerade Ball**
- ★ **October 30 Halloween Habitat Bike ride**
- ★ **November 5-7 Frills Seekers Holiday Market**
- ★ **November 18 Duke Wind Symphony Concert**
- ★ **November 19 Margaret Cho**

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Halloween



Want to be an **astronaut** for a day? How about an evil **pirate**? An Egyptian **mummy** wrapped in toilet paper? Well luckily, the perfect holiday is coming up! Halloween is an annual holiday observed the world over on **31st October**.

Typically linked to the Celtic festival of Samhain, the day signifies the end of summer; the "lighter half" of the year, and the beginning of the "darker half". People wear costumes and attend **costume parties**, carve **jack-o'-lanterns** out of pumpkins, go **trick or treating**, have **bonfires** and just have a great time with friends!

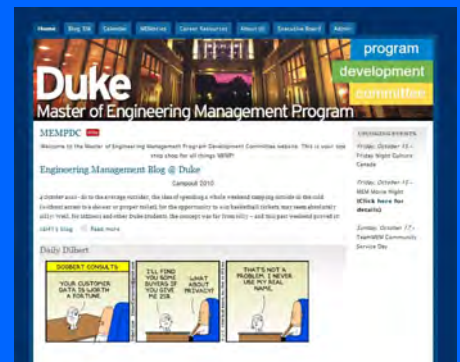


DUKE BASKETBALL: CAMPOUT 2010

1. MEMers enjoyed Campout 2010
2. The severe lack of sleep was compensated by lots of fun, music and dancing!
3. Campout was an excellent time for bonding and team-building
4. The constant checks did keep us on our toes

DUKE MEMPDC WEBSITE

**Out now! Official MEM pictures
from all events this semester
Check them out @
[www.mempdc.pratt.duke.edu/
MEMories](http://www.mempdc.pratt.duke.edu/MEMories)**

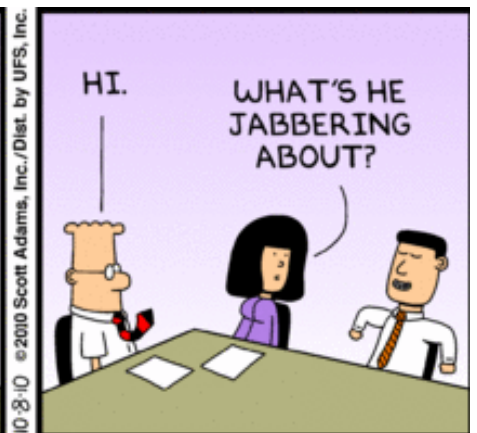
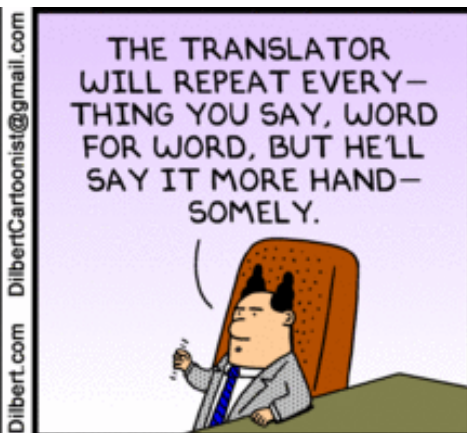
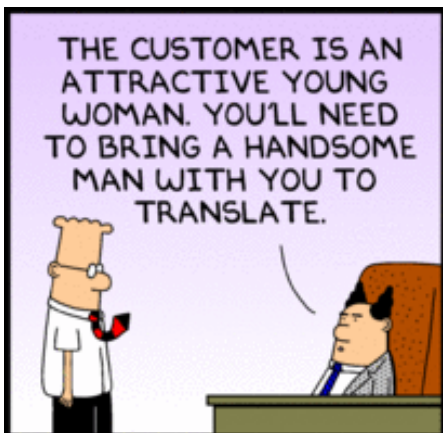




MEMORIES

1. It all started off with a week of MEMP Orientation
2. Homecoming was a huge success
3. GPSC's Thirsty Thursdays at Satisfaction have been very popular with MEMers
4. Hidden MEM talents emerged at the bowling alley

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