We all screamed for . . .

I want to thank everyone who came to our ice cream social last week, especially those folks who helped chisel the ice cream into bowls. I think we might have done better if we’d had a flamethrower like our friend to the left. Talk about frozen solid! Special thanks to Ian Mauzy, our trumpeter and computer science major, who did a great job of getting everybody’s attention. Also a big thanks to Pedro Alvarez, Behnaam Aazhang, Wade Adams, Gary Marfin, Keith Cooper, Linda Torczon, Pam Traylor, Carolie Allgood, Bart Sinclair, Janice Bordeaux, Kathryn O’Brien, Christine Gardner, David Niño, Matthias Heinkenschloss, Martha Colangelo and Ann Lugg for their efforts in getting the frozen stuff into bowls for everyone. Collectively they broke eleven (11!) scoops on the brink-cream. Perhaps there’s a future OEDK project related to improving ice cream scoops?!

Here are a few photos from the event.

Grad students, I know you’re excited about your research and now you have the chance to tell everyone about it in RCEL’s Research Screech. You have 90 seconds and one powerpoint to share your work with other graduate students. Think of it as pitching it to a lot of potential collaborators! And you can win cash! Contest is OCTOBER 4th. Be there!

Get more info and register here: http://rcel.rice.edu/screech.

We got some great news late last week. Electrical engineering senior Vivas Kumar, who is also external vice president of the Rice chapter of Engineers Without Borders, has been selected to be THE student on the EWB-USA board of directors, beginning January 2013! This is a great honor for Vivas and excellent exposure for Rice. There are 15,000 members of EWB-USA in 300 chapters—200 of those are student chapters—working on 400 projects in 40 countries around the world. Congratulations, Vivas. I know you will represent Rice well!

BIOE Undergrads: Come dine with me!
I’ll be hosting BIOE undergrads for lunch on Wednesday, September 12 at noon in Duncan Hall 1049. You have until next Monday to go to https://engrice.wufoo.com/forms/dining-with-the-dean-bioe-undergrads/ and sign up. I hope to see lots of you there!

Speaking of BIOE, congratulations to Kurt Kasper, Bioengineering Faculty Fellow, who has been selected as the 2012 recipient of the Young Alumni Award of The Alumni Association of Case Western Reserve University. The award is given to a Case graduate who ”has demonstrated excellence in his or her professional field and/or has demonstrated service to his or her community, the public, or humanity, embodying the values, spirit, and pride of Case Western Reserve.”

New SSPB grad program in the works!
While a new graduate program in Systems and Synthetic Physical Biology is pending approval by the Faculty Senate, its founders are looking ahead to PSSB’s 2013 launch and holding a logo contest for the program. You can win $200 if you come up with the best logo. The guidelines for the competition are here: May the best design win!

Attention all students!

MIDNIGHT SNACKS...
FYI, for midnight snacks, there’s The Hoot, which is a completely student-run business that sells food at late-night (10 pm - 2 am) Sunday - Friday. They have two installations, one on the North side of campus, and one at the South. Both UG and Grad students are welcome http://thehoot.businesscatalyst.com/index.html

Fellowships/Scholarships...
This time of year we start getting notices of all kinds of opportunities for students and we post them online. If you’re looking for a fellowship or scholarship, you should be checking these pages regularly for new postings.
Undergrads should look at http://engineering.rice.edu/undergradopps/
Grad students should visit http://engineering.rice.edu/Content.aspx?id=1378.

The American Society for Engineering Education is publishing an online newsletter especially for students to, in their words, “stay informed, connect and succeed.” This is an influential and well-connected group and whatever they put out will have value. The Accelerator will include “the latest news affecting student life, engineering, and higher education; information on contests, grants and scholarships, and internships; tips on career planning; and interesting examples of student research.”
You can sign up here: http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin/ea?v=001vpPtPyi4VqxF5MgZ0ZztPzCzJMucc-4WfZdmUM25NbfxU-FSaDDIHa7IYUKkUbjMFvsKSbS5FZ9zls21d8DB2x67-CP3yp. (Maybe somebody can help them get a shorter url!)

THE NUMBERS THIS FALL:
115 Tenure Track Faculty
8 Professors in the Practice
1175 Undergrad Majors
743 Graduate Students
We actually don’t know how many post docs – so departments, send us your coordinates!

Here are the events scheduled for this week:

THURSDAY
CS
Back to School Luncheon
12 p.m. in 3092 Duncan Hall
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18388

CHBE
Chris Rao, University of Illinois
“Design and Diversity in Bacterial Signaling Networks”
2:30 p.m. in 210 Herzstein Hall
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18674

BIOE
Arvind P. Pathak, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
“Visualizing Tumor Vasculature: Clinical and Preclinical Applications”
4 p.m. in 280 BRC
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18503

FRIDAY
CEVE Seminar: How to Recognize and Avoid Plagiarism
3:45 p.m. in Ryon Engineering Bldg
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18585

Gulf Coast Consortia
Rebecca Richards-Kortum, Rice University
“From Cell Phones to Cell Biology: High-Tech, Low-Cost Solutions to Global Health”
4 p.m. in BRC auditorium
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18275

Upcoming Events
Dining with the Dean for Undergraduates
Sept. 12: BIOE
RSVP by Monday, Sept. 10
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18381

Oct. 3: ChBE
RSVP by Monday, Oct. 1
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18382

Oct. 24: CEE
RSVP by Monday, Oct. 22

**Nov. 20: CAAM**
RSVP by Friday, Nov. 16

**Sept. 18**
**New Professors Lecture**
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18392

**Oct. 4**
Research SCREECH
http://rcel.rice.edu/screech

**Oct. 10-14**
Rice University Centennial Celebration
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18398

**October 10**
Research Screech winners lunch with Dean Thomas

**Oct. 12**
REA Outstanding Alumni Presentations
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18325
School of Engineering Centennial Reception
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18328

Have a great week!
Go Owls!

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