President’s Word
By Quaelan Brooks
Hi Everyone,

I hope everybody’s semester went well and I trust that we all enjoyed our holidays. My name is Quaelan and I am the President of the Curtin Engineers Club and have been involved with the club for the past three years.

The CEC aims to help students from any engineering discipline prepare themselves for finding vacation and graduate work along with working with our engineering clubs to build your skills to ensure you are as work ready as possible. We offer a range of services like the Grad/Vac handbook, resume and interview workshops and mock assessment centre to build your soft skills giving you the best chance in the present (hostile) market.

Coming up this semester we have the release of our Grad/Vac handbook, a resume workshop, a mock assessment centre, the famous Ignite Ball and two sun downers. Not to mention a few joint events with other engineering clubs like: ACES, SPE and WiECD. The other clubs are also running plenty of presentations and workshops so look out for those.

So on that note, good luck with your studies and I hope to see you around.

-Quaelan

Editor’s Word
By Timothy Hargreaves
It’s been far too long since we’ve made our regular COGnitive news articles, so it’s about time we of the CEC updated our members with everything happening. Last semester we had two Beers on the Lawn, which were a great success; another controversial CEC vs. CCC cricket game; a literal Super Pub Crawl; and a successful first time ever CEC Games Night.

We hope you’ve come along to at least one event to make the most out of your membership, but even if you haven’t, the second semester is looking like it’s going to be packed, so there’s plenty of time left. First up next semester is Beers on the Lawn III on the 2nd Friday back. Also in weeks 2/3, we will be running some Practice Assessment Centre’s, followed by a networking night, then either Laser Skirmish or Paintball during the tuition break. After all this, it’s time for the biggest event on our calendar, the Ignite Ball (see the second page for more information).

We all hope you stay safe and all the best for the coming Semester.
Time is certainly of the essence for Curtin Motorsport Team and other teams involved in Formula SAE/Formula Student all around the world, and certainly gives us a taste on what we may expect as future professionals. The team has put our heads down and worked hard for the last few months and it is a pleasing experience working with other student engineers developing concepts and designs, and seeing it produced in CAD and real life. The design phase is now over, completed in mid-May. This means that the majority of design work has been finalised and is now time for the manufacture and purchasing of parts. This will continue to keep us busy for the next couple of weeks and months. Having the majority of design finished in mid-May corresponds with our goals for 2014 for having a mid-year completion of the car. By doing this, it will give us roughly 2 months to fully manufacture our car so that we can undergo thorough testing and validation. In addition it will also allow us to make an early start on developing concepts for 2015.

Lastly, it was recognised last year that driver training can have a great impact on our performance and results at the end of the year. For this reason, a driver training program is being developed this year so that drivers are more skilled and experienced with FSAE type tracks and FSAE type cars as well as the physical demand on a driver. The program will go on until the end of the year whereby actual driving will occur frequently, and non-driving training as often as needed.

By: Nicholas Yao
Technical Director

The annual Ignite Ball is the highlight of our calendar, and is easily our biggest event every year, so this time we’re working on bringing you the best ball ever!

We’ve made some changes, and along with our usual partner in crime the Curtin Commerce Club, we’re giving a warm welcome to the Curtin Student Law Society who will also be a part of our ball from now on!

So without further ado we are so proud to present our theme for 2014:

Brazilian Carnivale!

And this year we’re going to have everything! Class-act samba dancers, an insanely cool themed cocktail area, a delicious three-course buffet dinner, the usual open bar with spirits, and free bus services to Northbridge and the Casino after the ball!

While our goal for every ball to deliver with a bigger budget, a bigger capacity, and a bigger bang for your buck, this year we’re positive that we’re giving you the best ignite ball experience possible.

You can look forward to see tickets on sale from the CEC, the CCC and the CSLS soon, so SAVE THE DATE 20TH OF SEPTEMBER FOR THE IGNITE BALL!

By Duncan Phillips

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Revised Event Calendar

Semester 1
26th February - ODay
21st March - Beers on the Lawn I
4th April - Pub Crawl
9th April - CEC vs. CCC Cricket
30th April - Clubs Day
23rd May - Beers on the Lawn II
28th May - Resume Writing Workshop
6th June - CEC Games Night

Semester 2
6th August - Guild Day
22nd August - Beers on the Lawn III
TBC - Networking Forum
TBC - Assessment Centres
TBC - Paintball Skirmish
20th September - IGNITE! Ball
25th October - Beers on the Lawn IV

Look out for further details on other events.