



Q: What is the IEEE?

A: Founded in 1884, the IEEE (Eye-triple-E) is a non-profit, technical professional association consisting of 37 Societies and more than 380,000 individual members in 150 countries. The IEEE is the largest professional organization in the world. The full name is the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc., although the organization is most popularly known and referred to by the letters I-E-E-E. Each of the 10 global Regions of the IEEE is decomposed into Sections, and student members within a Section are further organized into Student Branches. There are currently 1,160 student branches and 321 student branch chapters worldwide. More information can be found at <http://www.ieee.org>.

Q: Tell me about the IEEE at DePaul University.

A: Concerning the 37 Societies of the IEEE, student members of the IEEE Student Branch at DePaul University are primarily interested in the Computer Society and the Communications Society (ComSoc). With nearly 100,000 members, the Computer Society is the world's leading organization of computer professionals, dedicated to advancing the theory, practice, and application of computer and information processing technology. ComSoc is a community comprised of a diverse group of industry professionals with a common interest in advancing all communications technologies.

The mission of the IEEE at DePaul University is threefold:

- To provide valuable technical, and related non-technical, information on a variety of topics.
- To provide opportunities for students to build relationships.
- To build a bridge between DePaul University students and the business community.

IEEE at DePaul University consists of:

- 52 student members
- 3 student officers, elected in 11/2002, consisting of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary
- 1 Student Branch Counselor

Recent events:

- 4/25/2003 – “Small Tech Business Entrepreneurship” –
3 business owners discussed their experiences owning businesses in the technology industry

Some comments received from speakers:

“Sharing our learning experiences with the next generation...was rewarding.”

“I enjoyed the networking opportunity after the [event].”

“...a very supportive environment at DePaul. Keep up the good work.”

Some comments received from attendees:

“Everything was well run and the speakers were excellent.”

- 11/4/2002 – “Career Development: A Proactive Approach”
- 5/10/2002 – “Firewalls and Network Security”
- 5/18&25/2001 – “Data Warehousing and Data Mining Seminars”

Current projects:

- IEEE website – a work in progress; 3 students have recently volunteered –
<http://clinton.cs.depaul.edu/ieee>
- IEEE newsletter – in idea generation phase – our goal is to begin delivering a quarterly or bimonthly email containing information on topics of interest to members
- IEEE Fall 2003 events – in idea generation phase – our goal is to host at least one non-technical event and one technical event – let us know if your firm is interested in participating!

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