THE COOPER PIONEER IS BACK!

We're back and better than ever!

BY THE COOPER PIONEER

The Cooper Pioneer is back and better than ever! You have the honor of holding the first ever “mini-issue” of the Pioneer. This year, the editorial team is taking a new approach to getting news out to the Cooper community with short, but very informative and satisfying, publications every two weeks along with interspersed editions of our original publications. Over the next few months, we plan on providing you with up-to-date coverage on Cooper’s financial situation, including a future (scheduled for November 10th) interview with President Jamshed Bharucha.

The Pioneer aims to connect the three schools by allowing them to voice opinions and concerns about the school and its future. With the union of the three schools, an entirely new chapter of Cooper can be born. Of course, while we’re serious about bringing you the news, we wouldn’t be the Cooper Pioneer if we didn’t have some fun as well. Look for our coverage of New York City Comic Con in an upcoming issue. Additionally, we will hold contests to motivate more interactions between the community and the Pioneer (check out the caption contest in this mini-issue). We also encourage clubs and teams (including sports teams) to be involved with publications by submitting stories and information about club events.

But we cannot do this without you. Send us questions, voice your concerns. Your input is needed for the community to get the most out of this paper, and what better reason is there to contribute than to do it for yourself? This newspaper is for you, the Cooper community, so take charge of it. Make yourself aware and act. We welcome all submissions (within reason), including those from staff and faculty. E-mail cooperpioneer@gmail.com with comments/questions/concerns/suggestions.

CU INAUGURATES NEW PRESIDENT

BY JASMINE AHUJA (EE ‘13)

On Tuesday October 18th, Cooper Union reached a significant milestone with the inauguration of its 12th president Jamshed Bharucha. The inauguration ceremony took place in the Great Hall, but to accommodate the large anticipated attendance, the ceremony was projected on a screen that could be viewed from the Grand Staircase of the New Academic Building. Speakers such as Frances Ferguson (President Emeritus of Vassar College), James Wright (President Emeritus of Dartmouth College), and Lawrence Bacow (President Emeritus of Tufts University) described how Bharucha had fulfilled the roles of professor and administrator at their respective universities, and also spoke of the power of education. Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament of India, was unable to attend the ceremony because of parliamentary obligations, but spoke via video conference. He congratulated President Bharucha and talked about the importance of students receiving an international education, through which they learn to work with people from all cultures and all nations.

Board of Trustees Chairman Mark Epstein formally declared Jamshed Bharucha the president of the Cooper Union, and bestowed him with a medal. In his acceptance speech, Bharucha expressed the greatness of Cooper’s tradition, saying “I cannot have asked for a more inspiring founder, I cannot have wished for a more lofty purpose, and I cannot have dreamed of a more exciting mission than to project Peter Cooper’s expansive vision into the second decade of this century.” Bharucha had certainly done much research on Cooper Union and Peter Cooper, and told a story about how Peter Cooper worked with Samuel Morris and Cyrus Field to connect North America and Europe with a telegraph cable. When an expensive cable snapped and sank in the waters near Ireland, Samuel Morris and Cyrus Field were unwilling to continue, but Peter Cooper persevered. A year later, the cable was retrieved. According to Bharucha, “this is the spirit of determination and innovation that we must reclaim today, as a nation and as an institution.”

Bharucha has a long repertoire of talents and achievements. He is already very involved at Cooper today, as a nation and as an institution. “I appreciate all the students, faculty, and staff for their support.”

PROF AHMAD IS BACK TOO!

BY CHRISTOPHER HONG (EE ’13)

Professor Hamid Ahmad. Photo courtesy of Calvin Ball.

Professor Hamid Ahmad is an electrical engineering professor who teaches Circuits I, Solid State Materials (now Electronics I), Junior Electrical Engineering Lab, and Control Systems. He taught at Cooper Union for over 20 years. Professor Ahmad is a very dedicated professor who knows everyone he teaches.

Professor Ahmad was given the opportunity to return and teach. Professor Ahmad accepted and he is now back in Cooper Union. If you would like to talk to him, he is usually in his office, room 615.

“It’s nice to be back. I’m happy to be back and see the familiar faces at Cooper,” Professor Ahmad said. “I’m looking forward to meeting the new faces and get to know them next semester in Electronics I.” I appreciate all the students, faculty, and staff for their support.”

WELCOME BACK PROFESSOR AHMAD

Professor Hamid Ahmad. Photo courtesy of Calvin Ball.

Welcome back, Professor Ahmad!

STUDENT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Art Student Council Meeting
When: Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 9PM
Where: 6th Floor Foundation Building
Who: All schools are welcome to attend to discuss the financial situation of the Cooper Union. Dean of the Art School, Saskia Bos, will be present.

Engineering Student Council Meeting
When: Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 5PM
Where: LL101, New Academic Building

The Pioneer
COMIC CONTEST RESULTS

Some of you may have noticed a poster about the first of many contests that the Pioneer is holding. It was a comic contest where participants submit original work in order to compete for cash prizes of up to $50.

The first prize winner of $50 is Leelah Holmes with her comic below:

The second prize winner of $25 is Ramon Sandoval with his comic below:

The third prize winner of $10 is Uyen Nguyen with her comic below:

CAPTION CONTEST

Think the above picture is hilarious? Think the picture would be even funnier with your own words underneath it? Then this Caption Contest is for you! To enter, e-mail cooperpioneer@gmail.com with your witty banter and a subject line of Caption Contest. A gift card of $10 will be awarded to the top three entries, and the winners will have their words in a future issue of the Pioneer. Runners-up will have their captions published in the next issue as well. Good luck, and we’re looking forward to your submissions!

Limit one entry/caption per entrant. Please keep the caption within reason and appropriate to the readers. No purchase or payment of any kind is necessary to enter or win. Writers for the Cooper Pioneer may enter, but writing for us does not increase the chances of winning. Writers who enter will not be the judges of this contest for the integrity of this contest. Faculty and staff may enter as well. This contest is void where prohibited (i.e. outside of Cooper). Contest begins at 12:01 A.M. Eastern Time (“ET”) on 10/31/2011 and ends at 12 P.M. Eastern Time (“ET”) on 11/14/2011. All submissi...