

The Cornerstone

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Letter From the Historian

Hello Tau Beta Pi Actives!

Welcome to the Second Actives meeting, where we will be voting on our future initiates! Congratulations on getting through over a third of the semester already (crazy it's already been 6 weeks). I hope you all have done well on your midterms for those of you who already took some, and good luck to those who have some coming up, myself included.

Below, you will find the Tau Beta Pi Eligibility Code attached along with the usual one-minute reads and puzzles. Please read over the eligibility code before voting on the eligibility of those interviewed.

Furthermore, thank you to those who conducted interviews; you are on your way to potentially earning DA/PA status and the prizes associated with them. Additionally, this is your time to voice any concerns you may have with the people you interviewed.

I hope you all have fun voting today and wish you all luck for the rest of the semester!

- David Lu

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- Officer Updates
- Review of Voting Procedure
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Upcoming Events

- Sequoia Place: 10/2, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Mid-Autumn Festival Social: 10/3, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- Headshots Session: 10/5, 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM
- TBP Lucid Motors Info Session: 10/7. 5:30 PM

The Eligibility Code of The Tau Beta Pi Association

(Adopted by the 1926 Convention)

In order that there may be a more uniform basis for selection of members for Tau Beta Pi, these suggestions are offered. It is expected that a copy of this statement be given to each active member before every election, and it may at times serve as a general expression of our policy in the selection of members.

It is the purpose of the Society to mark in a fitting manner those who have conferred honor upon their alma mater by distinguished scholarship and exemplary character as students, or by their attainments as alumni.

Distinguished scholarship, while the primary requisite for admission, must not be considered the sole criterion.

After the scholastic requirements have been fulfilled, the selection shall be based on integrity, breadth of interest both inside and outside of engineering, adaptability, and unselfish activity.

We consider that true integrity is the sine qua non for membership in Tau Beta Pi, that it transcends in importance scholarship, activity, and every other qualification. Without private and public integrity, we believe that no organization is worthy of existence. Under integrity, we include honor and high standards of truth and justice. Breadth of interest sufficient for eligibility in this Association will enable people to maintain their positions in their community by the exercise of qualities other than engineering ability.

True engineers must be able to adapt themselves ingeniously to all circumstances and conditions, making them conform to the desired purpose.

The rating of people on the degree of unselfish activity manifested, is intended to indicate that Tau Beta Pi believes that none can become worthy engineers without the welfare of associates, organizations, and the community at heart. It is furthermore expected that they display willingness to aid and assist in worthy causes by their actual campus record. However, the fact that people may not have shown unselfish activity to an appreciable degree throughout their courses of study is no infallible indication that they would not if the opportunity offered. The most conspicuous illustrations of this are those students who are self supporting, for which due allowance must be made and due credit given. In fine, it is in this capacity for the unstinted giving of their best, without thought of remuneration, that we believe lies one of the most sensitive tests for determining candidates' rights to bear the name and wear the Bent of Tau Beta Pi.

One Minute Reads

Did you know that in ancient Athens, voting wasn't just a right, it was a duty? Citizens (men only, at the time) could actually be fined for not showing up to vote. Fast forward to today, and voting looks very different depending on where you live. In Australia, for example, voting is still mandatory, and citizens can face small fines if they skip the polls. Meanwhile, in the U.S., voting is voluntary, but turnout can swing entire elections: in 2020, about 66% of eligible Americans voted, the highest in over a century.

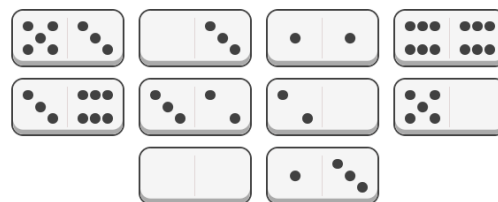
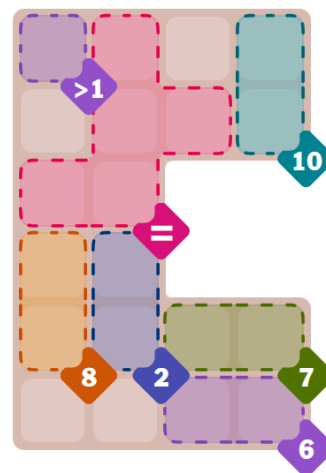
What's fascinating is how each ballot, no matter how small, stacks up. In 1839, a local election in Massachusetts was decided by a single vote. Even bigger stakes have come down to razor-thin margins, like the U.S. presidential election of 2000, where just 537 votes in Florida determined the outcome for over 100 million voters nationwide.

Every vote is both a personal choice and part of a massive collective decision, making democracy one of the few systems where your tiny action can ripple into history. Likewise, your vote today matters; who knows, maybe one of the electees we are voting on today is the next Albert Einstein.

The Best Puzzles

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Fit these dominoes into the given outline. The number of dots in each dashed section must follow the rule given in the corner.