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Letter from the Editor

Hi Tau Bates!

I hope your semester is off to a great start! I’m Allie, and I’ll be the editor of the Cornerstone and the Alumni Newsletter this semester. To compile our January Alumni Newsletter, I’m hoping to spotlight some notable chapter events, alumni accomplishments, or research that’s being done by our members. Don’t hesitate to get in touch if there’s anything you’d like to see included.

Similarly, for future issues of the Cornerstone, please contact me if you have any important information you want shared. Also, if you would like to create a comic, if you see a particularly funny engineering meme, or if you can think of anything else you’d like share with the chapter, please send it my way!

Finally, please pass along any chapter-related pictures that you may take as well.

Reach out to me at tbp.historian@umich.edu.

Best,
Allie Bopp

Riddles:

1. Power enough to smash ships and crush roofs. Yet it still must fear the sun. What is it?

2. What loses its head in the morning and gets it back at night?

*Answers to puzzles on back
Definition of Exemplary Character

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 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 further- more 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.

Riddle answers:

1. Ice
2. A pillow