

# The Cornerstone



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## Letter From the Historian

Well, TBPeople, we did it. We survived the first couple of weeks in the Winter semester of 2021. Classes have entered into their full swings, and the homework assignments and unwatched asynchronous lectures are piling up. Before this letter really begins, remember to send anything you want features (TBP/pet pictures, interesting stories, funny drawings, etc.) to me!

Now let's take a moment to talk about stress. We're all feeling it; we're at an amazing school and surrounded by amazing people, all during a global pandemic. The important part is that we have to not let it consume us. Social isolation makes us feel alone, like we have to take on the world by ourselves. Unfortunately, like most problems, there isn't a cure-all that will make everything that induces stress disappear. That being said, I do think there are ways to mitigate the damage stress can do. The biggest one, in my opinion, is allowing yourself to be open about your problems to those you trust. It's a lot easier to tackle problems when you're not alone, when you're surrounded by those who are willing and excited to help.

Another thing that many people I've spoken to are suffering from is boredom in isolation. To amend this, I recommend checking out some of the activities that are being offered. Not only do they help TBP improve, they help the people within it bond, forging strong friendships (which are needed now more than ever).

Finally, I want to take a few lines to once again thank everyone for their diligence in this tough time we are going through. From getting tested weekly to isolating when necessary to volunteering to get vaccinated, we are slowly beating back this virus. What's important now is to continue on in this diligence. Keep fighting this virus and, hopefully, next semester we can all get to know each other in person, rather than over a Zoom call.

Go Blue!  
Matt

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## Upcoming Events

**New Initiatives I**  
Tue. Feb 02, 6:30 pm

**APO Blood Battle**  
Wed. Feb 03

**Zooniverse w/ HKN**  
Mon. Feb 08, 7:0 pm

**First General**  
Tue. Feb 09, 6:30 pm



(I'm keeping this picture of Coco here )

## Meeting Agenda

### Officer Updates

We learned what the officers have been up to early in the semester.

### Voting

A new activities officer was elected to the position! We're excited to see what they can bring to the chapter in this new semester.

### Interviewing

We prepared ourselves to interview the upcoming electees (get hyped for first general onwards!).

### Post-Meeting Games

Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend the games after the meeting but, having been to previous ones, I'm confident they were a lot of fun.

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## Cornerstone Engagement



## Meeting Takeaways

- ① Apply for **TBP Fellowships or Scholarships**: [tbp.org](http://tbp.org)
- ① Apply for a **Chair Position**: <https://tbpmi.ga/chair-app>
- ① Lead an **Electee Team**: <https://tbpmi.ga/electeeteamlead-app>
- ① Give **Feedback on Electing**: <https://tbpmi.ga/electee-feedback>
- ① Apply for the **Rice Award**: [tbpmi.ga/rice-app](http://tbpmi.ga/rice-app)
- ① Sign up for a **Leaders and Honors** committee
- ① Apply to be a **Career Fair Webmaster**: [tbpmi.ga/wm-app](http://tbpmi.ga/wm-app)
- ① Ensure your **Youth Protection Training and University Background Checks** haven't expired
- ① Sign up for **Tutoring**

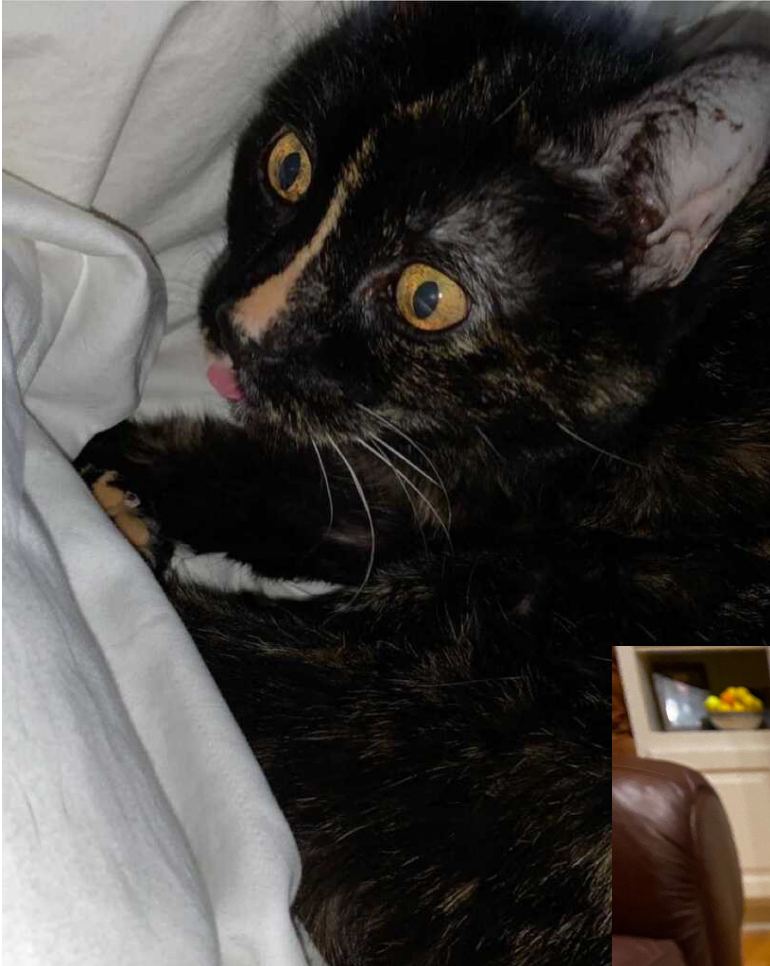
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## Good Interviewing Structure

The following information was sourced from the First Actives meeting slides. Please check back on those for a more comprehensive guide!

1. Sign up for the interview on the website
2. Read the electee questionnaire responses beforehand
3. Meet the electee, introduce yourself!
4. Chit-chat for a bit. Get to know each other better
5. Talk about the electee questionnaire responses
6. Go over the case study
7. Fill out the evaluation form on the website

## Pet Pictures



Meet Cittyyy (pronounced 'kitty'), Erik Radakovich's cat!



Here's another Coco picture. I don't think anything needs to be said about how adorable she is, do I?