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Hello Tau Bates,

Welcome back to a new school year with Tau Beta Pi. I hope that you have had an enjoyable and productive Summer and a good start to your semester. Hopefully you all had a successful career fair and are starting to hear back about some job opportunities.

Since it's a new semester we have a new officer corps and I, Jonathan, am the historian for this semester and will be publishing alumni newsletters and the cornerstone this term. Additionally, I am beginning a new project this semester where I will conduct interviews, either oral or written, where I ask several questions of various Tau Bates on their thoughts on the role of engineering generally and themselves specifically in society. Some questions will also address what technical challenges and opportunities you see currently. I am doing this to get a snapshot of the thoughts of young engineers in 2018 and hopefully provide some insight to future generations of Tau Bates about what we were like. If you would be interested in participating in this project, email me at tbp.historian@umich.edu.

Regards,

Jonathan J. Altes, Editor of The Cornerstone

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 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.