

The Cornerstone

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Letter From the Historian

Hello Tau Beta Pi actives and electees!

Welcome to Elections! Tonight, we will be voting on the officer core for the next semester. If this is your first time, it would be important to know that this meeting may last for a while. If this isn't, then let's hope that this meeting will flow smoothly and move along more quickly. Since this is a voting meeting, please remember to sign in at tbpmig.org/signin so that we can reach quorum, which is a requirement for voting to ensure that your voice is represented. If you are leaving the meeting, please make sure to sign out as well through the same link.

Also, for those who still want to run, it's not too late! I would highly recommend you try to run for the position you would like. The descriptions for the officer positions are found below. I sincerely recommend being an officer as it is a great chance for you to stay involved with the community and earn leadership credits in the process.

Good luck to everyone who is running, and as always, if you have any questions/concerns, feel free to reach out to any of us officers through Slack or Email.

Forever and always, Go Blue!

- Chayut (Peak) Shinawatra

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Upcoming Events

- Karaoke Night II: 4/8, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
- Raising Cane's Social: 4/8, 9:30 - 11:30 PM
- Moge Tea Walk Social: 4/9, 3:00 - 4:30 PM
- Game Night V: 4/9, 5:30 - 8:00 PM
- Blazin Coop Social II: 4/10, 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- Clash Royale Tournament: 4/10, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- Grad Hike: 4/11, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Officer Descriptions

The following positions are up for election:

President: The President's primary jobs are to supervise the other officers and to plan and conduct all officer, advisory board, and general meetings. The President is the facilitator; experience as a Tau Beta Pi officer is strongly recommended. The President also acts as the representative of the society in correspondence with other organizations (including serving as the official UMEC representative). The President gets to interact with many people on different levels. In addition, the President is instrumental in setting the vision and goals of the chapter.

Vice President: The Vice-President oversees the electee process and acts as second-in-command to the President. The VP gets to know the electees better than anyone else. Knowledge of the electee process and internal workings of TBP is a big plus, and organizational and people skills are a must. The VP gets to meet and work with many new students.

Graduate Student Vice President: The Graduate Student Vice President runs the electee process for graduate students and organizes all graduate socials. This position is typically filled by a graduate student member.

Service Coordinator: The Service Coordinator is in charge of overseeing all service projects done by the Chapter. They must communicate with the many project leaders to ensure the success of the events. The Service Coordinator should have an outstanding interest in community service and great organizational skills.

Activities Officer: The Activities Officer is responsible for the Chapters social events, including intersociety events, and the Initiation Banquet. This position is great for outgoing and creative personalities.

Campus Outreach Officer: The Campus Outreach Officer is in charge of Chapter efforts related to outreach on campus. This consists largely of tutoring, but new outreach programs that utilize our resources are also encouraged. The position requires interest in expanding and improving our academic presence on campus.

Chapter Development Officer: The Chapter Development Officer is responsible for identifying, developing, and implementing new ideas and improvements in almost any area of the Chapter. They help the Executive Committee with turning feedback and ideas into actionable items. The Chapter Development Officer oversees New Initiative meetings which serve as a forum for Chapter members to discuss ideas, suggestions, and concerns. This position requires initiative and creative thinking, and is perfect for someone who has a desire to impact the Chapter. Access to a car is helpful, and familiarity with chapter operations is a big plus.

Membership Officer: The membership chair is the counterpart to the VP for active members. Organizational skills are a must. This officer also is responsible for logistics for chapter general meetings. Access to a car is very valuable (borrow one or own one).

Publicity Officer: The Publicity officer is in charge of making sure everything TBP does is publicized to the appropriate audience.

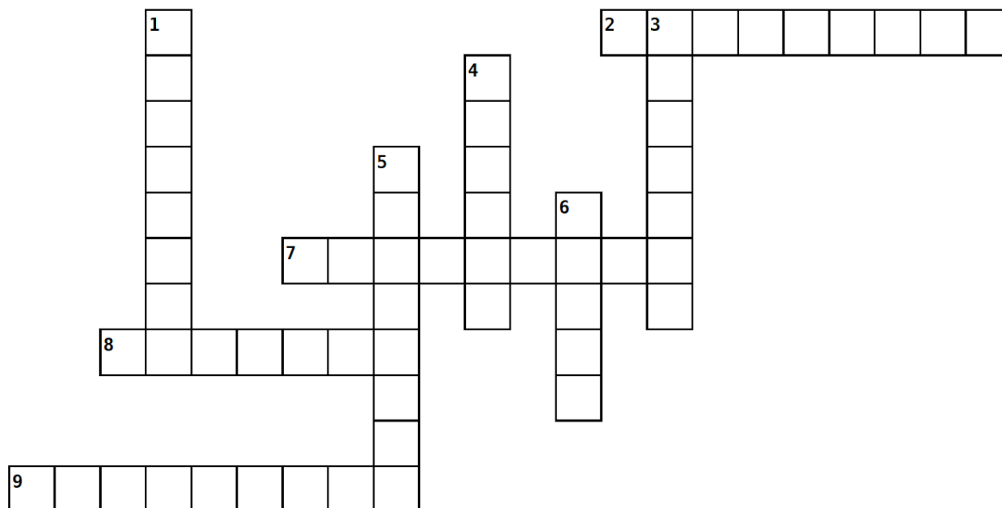
Historian: The Historian is in charge of chapter publications including the Cornerstone, Alumni Newsletter, and website publications. The Historian is in charge of picture taking for the Chapter Survey and maintains chapter records, such as member demographics, as needed.

For more information, see the officer position descriptions on the website under **For Members** → **Elections**.

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The Best Puzzles



Across

- 2. Title we hope to achieve
- 7. Our nickname
- 8. March Madness prediction sheet
- 9. Michigan's game yesterday

Down

- 1. Home of the wolverines
- 3. Our opponent's nickname
- 4. Something you got to beat
- 5. Midgame break
- 6. Where Michigan reached!

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The Back-Page issue:

ISSUE 5: The Shape of the Truth

After examining both the crime scene and the body, I found that the case no longer resembled a tangled mess of suspicions, but a pattern approaching its conclusion. I resumed my inquiries early the next morning.

The Steward received me with the same uneasy politeness as before. This time, I described to him the state in which the tea service had been found. The cup had been left unnaturally clean, too clean for one that had been used in any ordinary way. The saucer, by contrast, showed faint staining where liquid had pooled and dried. The teapot had also been emptied. Upon hearing this, the Steward was visibly disturbed. He insisted that the pot had been full when he brought it, and that it was unlikely Mr. Finchley would have finished the whole of it on his own.

From there, I made my way to *Captain Rotherham*. He received me in his quarters with patience worn thin by the weather, the delay, and the incident. He asked whether the investigation was progressing. I replied that it was, though I required a more exact account of the crew's movements on the night of the storm. At my request, he produced the night duty logs. I read through them carefully. The movements of the crew were entered in orderly sequence. The winter cabin inspections before the storm were also recorded, with Mr. Finchley's cabin assigned to the Chief Engineer. The captain's name remained marked upon the bridge throughout the storm. The record appeared, at least on its face, to support his account. Yet it was exactly the sort of document a captain would possess, and therefore exactly the sort he would have had the easiest means to amend, had he been so inclined.

Mr. Hafford was the next I revisited. I had not forgotten the peculiar firmness with which his hand rested upon the grip of his cane. When I requested to examine it more closely, his expression hardened before he reluctantly yielded. The cane concealed a blade, a carefully maintained cane sword. The blade itself was clean, almost conspicuously so. When I observed as much aloud, Mr. Hafford grew visibly shaken. He replied that a man had every right to keep his personal effects in good order. Pressed further, he insisted he had not entered Finchley's cabin, nor laid a hand upon him. His temper rose much more quickly than before.

Mrs. Caldwell received me in the salon, and I wasted little time on pleasantries. Her mourning attire had struck me as awfully convenient from the first day, and now demanded a firmer accounting. As I pressed her, her composure failed. Through tears and halting speech, she admitted that she and Mr. Finchley had indeed been intimately involved. For some time, he had financially supported not only her but her family as well. Yet relations between them had soured in recent months. Her brother, she said, had died in Stockholm, and she had been traveling to attend his funeral under both grief and financial desperation, while hoping to mend what had been broken between her and Mr. Finchley. It was for that reason that she had lied about the nature of their association. She further admitted that, at the beginning of the storm, she had gone to Mr. Finchley's cabin and found the door shut and the lamps unlit. She had not entered, fearing rebuff.

My final visit was to the engine room. *The Chief Engineer* was there as before, preoccupied with repairs still not wholly complete. He looked irritated by my arrival. It was then that I noticed his belt. Tools were missing among the loops and fastenings where he usually kept them. From a vacant latch hung a narrow pink ribbon, frayed with age. When I asked about it, the engineer touched the ribbon with two fingers and said it had belonged to his partner, who had passed away in a tragic incident. He kept it with him, he said, as a token of remembrance. As for the empty fastening beside it, there had indeed been a utility knife there. He supposed he must have lost it in the confusion of the previous night while working through the storm and the engine failure.

At the end of the day, I gathered my thoughts. The storm had long since passed, and at last, the haze surrounding Finchley's death had begun to clear.

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