

# The Cornerstone



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Important Dates:	

All meetings start at 6:30pm in 1013 DOW (unless otherwise noted)

- 3rd Actives— Tuesday, Nov. 11
- Elections—Tuesday, Nov. 18
- New Initiatives— Tuesday, Nov. 25
- Initiation— Saturday, Dec. 6, 4:00-5:00pm

### A Letter From the Editor

Hello Fellow Tau Bates!

Hopefully everyone had a great Halloween, and let the countdown to Thanksgiving Break begin!! Please take a look at Team Kangaroo Ninjas' featured article. Writing an article as a team is a great way to get some extra points for the electee team competition and put yourselves one step closer to winning the trophy and bragging rights.

As always, I would love your input. If you have any thing you want to share in the Cornerstone (articles/puzzles/cartoons/memes), please submit them to me. Similarly, if you have any feedback for me or ideas you would like to see implemented into the Cornerstone, I am all ears, so please come talk to me! Added bonus: I am giving away free insomnia cookies if you write for the Cornerstone .

Please feel free to stop by my office hours in the bullpen on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. I'd love to get to meet you all and brainstorm ideas for making the Cornerstone that much better.

Sincerely, Stephanie Miller

# **Electees of the Week!**

# **Undergraduate Electees:**



Ari Porter
Major: Aerospace Engineering
Year: Senior
Extra Curricular Activities: Work in Professor's lab designing and building CubeSats
Hobbies: Golf, Cooking, Traveling
What type of pie best describes your personality? Kentucky Derby Pie



### Alec Georgoff

Major: Biomedical Engineering (Biomechanical Concentration)
Year: Sophomore
Extracurricular Activities: Member of Best Buddies and STEM Society
Hobbies: Running, Reading, Bingeing on Netflix
What type of pie best describes your personality? Key Lime

### **Graduate Electees:**



# Jeffrey Wu

Major: Electrical Engineering
Year: 5th Year PhD
Extra Curricular Activities: Engineering Graduate Symposium (EGS 2014) Session Chair .
Hobbies: Badminton, Rock Climbing, Skiing
What type of pie best describes your personality? Pumpkin Pie



# Tae LeeMajor: Mechanical EngineeringYear: Master'sExtra Curricular Activities: TennisHobbies: Pro Evolution Soccer (PS)What type of pie best describes your personality? Pecan Pie

# **Electee Competition Standings**

(Also available at: https://tbp.engin.umich.edu/members/electees/electee\_groups/)

Rank	Team	Points
1	Astro Turkeys	85
2	The Gentlemen's Club	70
Т3	Kangaroo Ninjas	55
Т3	Dog Eat Dave	55
5	Insomniacs	50
6	Team 2	35
7	Feline Riot	20
8	Team Grad	0

# **Officer Position Descriptions**

With elections coming soon (Nov. 18), some of you might be interested in running for a position. A good start to running for a position is understanding what each officer does. We also encourage you to talk to the current officers about the position you're interested in. Below you will find a list of officer positions and descriptions by current officers. Official descriptions are available in the bylaws. *Note that some of these responsibilities and positions may be changing*.

### **President**

### Kelsey Hockstad

The President is responsible for overall chapter operations. This includes setting agendas for and running the general, officer, and advisory board meetings. It also includes ensuring that all of the officers are fulfilling their duties and have access to the resources they need. The President also serves as the face of TBP to the College, which involves attending University of Michigan Engineering Council meetings, working with the Office of Student Affairs, and giving speeches at events such as the Leaders and Honors Brunch. Finally, it is critical for the President to engage in strategic planning and brainstorm new ways to move the chapter toward its vision of greater involvement and expanded presence on campus.

### **Vice President**

### Sylvia Domanico

The main role of the Vice President is to oversee the electees during their electing process. This involves sending, receiving, and responding to numerous emails a day; keeping track of the electees to make sure they are completing their requirements; and generally being the go-to-person for any-

# **Officer Position Descriptions (cont'd)**

thing involving the electee process. The Vice President is also in charge of overseeing the Team Leaders committee. This position involves a lot of organization, detail, and time management. The majority of the time commitment occurs during First and Second Gen, and peaks around interviews. After that you just have to run electee games and make sure your electees are staying on top of their requirements. It does take up a lot of time and effort, especially during the beginning of the semester, but it has been a very rewarding experience. It is an opportunity to contribute a lot to Tau Beta Pi and personally get to know the new members.

### **Treasurer**

### Jason Cassell

The main role of the Treasurer is to keep track of the finances for the chapter. This involves setting the budget at the beginning of each semester and keeping track of daily expenses for the chapter. The Treasurer must go to SOAS 1-2 times per week to process reimbursements for the chapter. Furthermore, the Treasurer must also register with CSG before the fall semester. Additionally, the Treasurer is also responsible for collecting all of the electees dues. This officer position lasts two semesters and when the second semester is completed the treasurer will complete the tax return for the chapter.

### **Graduate Student Vice President**

### Michael Benson

The main role of the Graduate Student Vice President is to oversee the graduate electees during their electing process. This involves sending, receiving, and responding to numerous emails a day; keeping track of the electees to make sure they are completing their requirements; and generally being the go-to-person for anything involving the electee process. It does take up a lot of time and effort, especially during the beginning of the semester, but it has been a very rewarding experience. It is an opportunity to contribute a lot to Tau Beta Pi and personally get to know the new members. In addition, the Graduate Student Vice President is responsible for organizing a number of graduate student events to help build the graduate student community within our chapter.

### **External Vice Presidents (apply online)**

### Alyssa Woo, Cameron McBride

The External Vice Presidents are responsible for coordinating interviews for the College of Engineering Leaders and Honors Awards to be presented at Honors Brunch. Additionally, you would serve as two of the directors for the annual SWE/TBP Career Fair along with your counterparts from the Society of Women Engineers.

### **Service Coordinator**

### Scott Cooper

The Service Coordinator is responsible for finding project leaders to plan service events and help them through the planning process when necessary. You are also responsible for working with other organizations who contact TBP looking for volunteers at various community service events. The Service Coordinator is additionally tasked with selecting the Book Swap Chairs and helping run the Book Swap at the beginning of the semester.

# **Officer Descriptions (cont'd)**

### **Operations Officer**

### Adam Stewart

The Operation Officer is responsible for coordinating weekly Tuesday Breakfast Parties. You will be setting up and organizing volunteers to provide free bagels and coffee to students, staff and faculty every Tuesday.

### K-12 Outreach Officer (apply online)

### Sara Rusignuolo, Eric Colomb

K-12 Outreach officers organize MindSET modules, communicate with schools, coordinate volunteers, purchase supplies, and organize rides. We are also working to start new K-12 Projects and incorporate a K-12 Outreach Committee.

### **Campus Outreach Officer**

### Joshua Kempfer

The main responsibility of the campus outreach officer is to coordinate TBP's free one-on-one tutoring service. This position involves checking your email as often as possible. A new responsibility for campus outreach is coordinating the Hot Chocolate Effect. You set up and organize volunteers to promote TBP while providing free hot chocolate to students who are getting out of their Engr 101 exams. The officer also looks for new tutoring opportunities and tries to implement any that are feasible.

### **Activities Officer**

### Michael MacFarlane

The Activities Officer is in charge of organizing social events, running the IM Sports teams, and coordinating the end of semester banquet. A car makes this position easier, but is not required. Social events include TG's, IM Sports,Game Nights, Intersociety Events, etc.

### **Chapter Development Officer**

### Ki-Joo Sung

The Chapter Development Officer is responsible for pursuing new opportunities and investigating new ideas to improve the chapter and positively impact the community. This also involves running New Initiatives meetings, where members of the chapter discuss ways we can improve Michigan Gamma. Recent topics of discussion include brainstorming new K-12 Outreach initiatives and ways to improve interchapter relations.

### **Historian**

### Stephanie Miller

Historian is in charge of compiling and publishing The Cornerstone for meetings. In addition, the Historian also publishes the Alumni Newsletter for each month and distributes it to TBP alumni. This position is great for someone with a slightly creative side and who loves to write and edit. It is also a great way to become introduced to the officer corps.

# **Officer Descriptions (cont'd)**

### **Publicity Officer**

### Aaron Kaufman

The Publicity Officer is required to send out the weekly announcements. Other responsibilities include managing the Facebook and twitter pages, and designing posters and flyers for TBP events.

### **Membership Officer**

### Kevin Collao

The membership officer is responsible for creating the meeting sign in, managing TBP's various email lists, and ordering Distinguished/Prestigious Active's gifts, as well as graduation stoles and cords. A new responsibility of the membership officer will be to order food for the meetings

### **Advisors**

### Kyle Lady

I have opinions. Usually I share them.

### Mike Hand

I maintain the chapter bylaws, help with continuity, help chair voting meetings (and chair elections), and do other fun stuff. I like talking, so there's that too.

### **From Previous Experience**

Mike Hand

### **Being President:**

President, as one might imagine, is a lot of work (though some of that should have been lessened by the recent restructuring). Work for the president falls often into one of two categories: making sure what's supposed to happen happens and finding new things to make happen. Though both of these are your responsibility, you really only can do one of them at a time, and so it's important to develop systems to help you with the former (email scheduling, working ahead during dead-time, etc.). If you have a motivated group of officers (especially the Team Leads) you should be able to avoid having to spend a ton of time putting out fires in the officer corps, but it still happens. You should expect to spend a lot of time and brain-space on being president, as the rest of the officers will take their cue from you, and you have the ability to make a really strong positive impact. include TG's, Movie Nights, Game Nights, etc.

This article was brought to you by the F14 Officer Corps pictured below (with a few officers from W14)



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# 35 Ways to Survive the Winter

"The Kangaroo Ninjas have just finished slaving over this Pulitzer worthy article, and before we send it to the New York Times and the Washington Post to gauge their interest, we thought we'd see if the Cornerstone would be interested in featuring it seeing as it is a publication of the highest repute (the Stanley Cup of news-letters, if you will)." -Maureen Daum

- 1. Buy a long northface down coat, starbucks latte, and Ugg boots
- 2. Dont wait for the bus outside (or always go to Markley)
- 3. Make friends with someone who has a car
- 4. Cut through buildings on your way to class
- 5. Wear spikes on shoes or iceskates
- 6. Buy cat litter for car
- 7. Stock up on scarves, hand warmers, hats and gloves
- 8. Don't be afraid to wear layers
- 9. When in doubt, wear more layers
- 10. Add Bailey's to coffee (and every other beverage)
- 11. Invest in a fracket and froves and frearmuffs
- 12. Gain 5 pounds for warmth purposes
- 13. Hibernate for five months
- 14. Obtain a co-op in a warm state for winter semester
- 15. Become a regular at the corner bar
- 16. Buy a spaceheater... or several
- 17. Fuzzy socks
- 18. Grow out hair and facial hair

- 19. Handwarmers everywhere
- 20. Invest in a good thermos
- 21. Wear non itchy sweaters
- 22. Wear grandpa sweaters
- 23. Skip all your classes and barricade yourself in your house
- 24. Never turn down a hot beverage
- 25. Electric blanket
- 26. Don't be cheap about your heating bill
- 27. Mittens
- 28. Urban's fuzzy gloves
- 29. Beard hat
- 30. Wear tights if you can pull them off
- 31. Don't be embarrassed if you slip and fall (pull your friend down with you so you have company)
- 32. Waterproof your boots
- 33. Have a good landlord or get a good shovel
- 34. Always walk with your hood on
- 35. Buy and wear ski goggles

### Kangaroo Ninjas Authors:

Joshua Becker, Manaswee Malugari Megan Bushlow, Indie Rice Mitchell Johnson, Nick Thiros

> Team Leaders: Maureen Daum, Rolf Bates

# **Calendar of Service Projects**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 8:15-11am Tuesday Breakfast Party	5	6 6-7pm Ca- reer Fair Roundtable	7	8 8:30am-12pm MindSET 2 9am-3pm North Campus Service Day 9am-4pm Girls En- coded
9	10	11 8:15-11am Tuesday Breakfast Party 11:45-6:30 Blood Battle Blood Drive	12 6:45- 8:30pm Sequoia Place IV	13	14	15 8:30am-4pm Habitat for Human- ity 8:30am-12pm MindSET 3 11:45am-3:15pm Emergency Food Bank
16 11:30am- 4:30pm Hands on Mu- seum III	17	18 8:15-11am Tuesday Breakfast Party	19	20	21 12:40- 3:45pm Food Gath- ers	22
23	24	25 8:15-11am Tuesday Breakfast Party 6:30-7:30pm New Initia- tives III	26	27	28	29
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As initiation draws closer, it is time to start wrapping up your service hours. Here is a calendar of the current service projects for the month of November. Be sure to keep checking the website because the calendar is always changing. In addition, some events have multiple shifts. I only listed the events not the shifts.

# Free Insomnia Cookie!

Need a break from studying? Want to get your creative juices flowing? Craving Insomnia?

Wait.... INSOMNIA?

HOW DO I GET FREE INSOMNIA?

Submit an article of at least half a page in length to me (Stephanie) by midnight the night before a General Body meeting!

Ps: If you need ideas on what to write about, check out all the old Cornerstones here: <u>https://tbp.engin.umich.edu/publications/cornerstone/</u> Articles, puzzles, comics, art, poetry, prose, etc are all welcome.

# **TBPeople Are Funny Too**

For this week's Cornerstone, I would like to give a shout out to all the wonderful Tau Bates you made my Saturday afternoon quite hilarious as I was compiling (real) data for TBP (family) feud (get pumped for the electee game!!). For those who don't know, each semester one of the last electee games is TBP feud, where a majority of the questions come from sign-in questions from meetings. While many people find sign-ins a very quick and tedious task, others are writing responses that are just too good not to share. (They're all anonymous). Some of you should seriously consider writing for the Cornerstone. Here are some of my favorites:

# A lot of Tau Bates thought sign-ins were an appropriate time to go on a (well deserved) rant about football:

Who is your least favorite barnyard animal? Dave Brandon, Ohio state people

Free response: #FireBrandon

When in doubt: #Fire Brandon #FireHoke



# **TBPeople Are Funny Too (cont'd)**

Tau Bates know exactly when engineers go to bed: What time do Michigan engineers go to bed? When Brady Hoke beats Michigan state Pi A.M. At deadline o'clock. Tomorrow comes after you sleep, and tomorrow never comes. After the LSA kids are done with their 3rd nap.

### Tau Bates think outside the box when it comes to "Free Response":

Requiring a free response is not free!!!

Freedom doesn't come free!!!!! Murica

Thanks! I couldn't pay for one.

### Name a natural disaster that matches your personality:

Miley Cyrus on a wrecking ball.

### Nerdy jokes on jokes:

There are 10 types of people who understand binary. Those who do and those who don't.

Three engineers and three mathematicians are on a train going to a conference. The mathematicians each bought a ticket. The engineers have one between them. As the conductor starts through the train car, the engineers all rush off and jump into the small lavatory.

The conductor knocks on the door of the lavatory and says "Ticket, please." At which point the engineers slide the one ticket through a ventilation slot and the conductor punches it. The mathematicians think this looks like a good trick and decide to try it on the train ride back home.

As the mathematicians board the train they have one ticket between them. The engineers have no ticket!

After a while, one of the engineers says, "Here comes the conductor!" So all three mathematicians jump up and run into the lavatory with their one ticket.

One of the engineers goes to the lavatory door and says "Ticket, please."

# **TBPeople Are Funny Too (cont'd)**

### Kevin Callao's Fan club:

### Favorite superhero?

Kevin Callao

### Free response:

Hi Kevin

Kevinisthebest

Kevin is the best :)

motion to rename Kevin: Kevin "The Best" Collao

Kevin 'you're doing good' Collao

### And some beautiful Free Response artwork:

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Sylvia Domanico

# Sudoku Puzzles

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# Sudoku Solutions

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