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Important Dates:

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

- *MindSET—Saturday, October 25*
- *New Initiatives II—Tuesday, October 28*

A Letter From the Editor

Hello Fellow Tau Bates!

Hopefully everyone had a great Fall Break catching up on work (or on sleep and Netflix)! As exams are upon us, life can get pretty stressful, so I hope you enjoy the Halloween Humor section of this edition of the Cornerstone.

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

Michigan Gamma Won Convention: It's True

What is Tau Beta Pi Convention but tradition? Voting delegates shout at the top of their lungs, "MICHIGAN GAMMA [or other chapter name] SECONDS!" just to get their name in the minutes. People clap once, or give an 'applau' as some might say, for efficiency. Delegates from chapters around the country give each other advice during Inter-Chapter Exchange, or ICE, sessions.

One tradition within Michigan Gamma holds that the MI-G voting delegate serves as chair, vice-chair, or secretary of a committee. MI-G's voting delegate, Kelsey Hockstad, was elected Chair of the 2016 National Convention Site Committee. After Kelsey presented the committee's recommendation to the convention floor, there was very little debate, and San Diego, CA was selected as the convention site for the 2016 Tau Beta Pi Convention by an overwhelming majority.

On the second day of Convention, we were granted the following awards, each of which serve as a qualifier for the R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award: the Secretary's Commendation, for prompt and perfect completion of all required reports; the Membership Award, for success in the mission to "initiate one more member"; and the Project Award, for conducting a wide breadth of impactful projects. This year marked the first time that the Michigan Gamma chapter received the Membership Award since the award was instituted in 2010. The chapter also received its 16th consecutive Project Award for performing 80 credited projects, including organizing and hosting the annual SWE/TBP Career Fair which is the largest collegiate career fair in Michigan and serves to bring over 300 companies to campus. The chapter also initiated a weekly study break called Tuesday Breakfast Parties (TBP) wherein members of the chapter distribute bagels, free of charge, to community members on Tuesday mornings. Further, in honor of March 14th, or Pi Day, the chapter hosted a new event on campus, which included providing free pie from the Achatz Handmade Pie Company as well as building a mural containing the first 49 digits of pi. Michigan Gamma's service events routinely extend beyond our campus including providing academic support to local college and high school students and hosting multiple MindSET educational modules for elementary school classes each year.

On the last night of Convention, the delegates from all chapters gathered at the Awards Banquet, where the major awards are presented. These awards include the R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award, the J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award, and the R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award. For the first time since 1980, we had the honor of bringing home the R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award. Now named in honor of former Executive Director of Tau Beta Pi, Robert Clayton "Red" Matthews, the award was established by the 1956 Convention. Awarded annually to a single chapter, the award recognizes a chapter's exemplification of the ideals of Tau Beta Pi.

In conferring the award, the 2014 Convention Awards Chair, Garrett Joyal from the New Jersey Alpha chapter, noted that:

The awards committee was impressed by this chapter's unique and meaningful community service events, each of which was of exceptional quality. This chapter demonstrated a high value of integrity through several projects involving organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and the Boy Scouts of America. This chapter also excelled in social events, which have established bonds and friendships which will last their members a lifetime. This chapter's performance is the measure by which all other chapters should hold themselves to.



The Michigan Gamma delegation at Tau Beta Pi National Convention in Spokane, WA poses with the R.C. Matthews Award. From left to right, the delegates are: Pritpaul Mahal, Michael Benson, Sylvia Domanico, Cameron McBride, Elson Liu, Kelsey Hockstad, Leo Devota, Scott Cooper, Mike Hand, and Stephanie Miller.

At the close of the Awards Banquet, the final tradition of Tau Beta Pi National Convention is to tie all the napkins in the banquet hall together, forming a giant napkin rope. The knotting process begins just after the convention goes finish dessert. Just before the end of the banquet, a delegate shouts to the convention chair "Point of personal privilege! Does anyone have a napkin?" At this point, the cheering Tau Bates lift the napkin rope high above their heads and celebrate the end of another successful convention. Our chapter may have cheered the loudest.

Michael Benson, Mike Hand, and Kelsey Hockstad

Free Insomnia Cookies!

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 (Sylvia) 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:

<https://tbp.engin.umich.edu/publications/cornerstone/>

Articles, puzzles, comics, art, poetry, prose, etc are all welcome.



Alumni Words and Advice

“For God's sake, take a statistics class. Everything is statistics.”

-Cody Martin

“Congratulations to everyone at Michigan Gamma on the Outstanding Chapter award. I was once a TBP officer when I was studying at U of M, and it's great to hear that the chapter is still going strong and getting better.”

-Albert Chen

Electee Competition Standings

(Also available at: https://tbp.engin.umich.edu/members/electees/electee_groups/)

| Rank | Team | Points |
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| T1 | Dog Eat Dave | 55 |
| T1 | Astro Turkeys | 55 |
| 3 | Insomniacs | 50 |
| 4 | Kangaroo Ninjas | 40 |
| 5 | The Gentlemen's Club | 25 |
| 6 | Feline Riot | 20 |
| 7 | Team 2 | 15 |
| 8 | Team Grad | 0 |

Electees of the Week!

Undergraduate Electees:



Jin Woo Park

Major: Aerospace Engineering

Year: Junior

Extra Curricular Activities: Undergraduate Research Assistance in Soft Materials Research Laboratory (SMRL) with Professor Goulbourne.

Hobbies: Watching movies, taking photographs, playing guitar and drums

Favorite type of Halloween Candy: Dark Chocolate....Cocoa 85% above



Chris Shih

Major: Electrical Engineering

Year: 2nd year

Extra Curricular Activities: Michigan Hybrid Racing, Research, Revolution

Hobbies: Piano, running

Favorite type of Halloween Candy: 3 Musketeers

Graduate Electees:



Srayan Datta

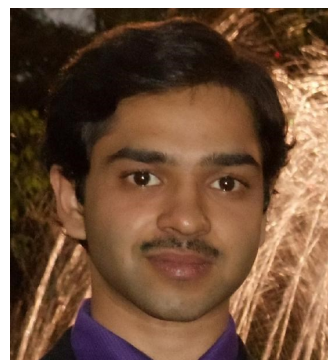
Major: Computer Science and Engineering

Year: 2nd Year PhD

Extra Curricular Activities: Dramatics and elocution

Hobbies: Listening to music, reading short stories

Favorite type of Halloween Candy: Never tried any



Kunal

Major: Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering

Year: 2nd Year Graduate Student

Extra Curricular Activities: Student Manager at NQ, Student Advisory member of NA&ME

Hobbies: Squash, Badminton, mythology, sketching

Favorite type of Halloween Candy: Almond Joy

Halloween Humor

In what room of the house would you never find a ghost?

The living room

Why did the vampire go to the orthodontist?

To improve his bite

Where do baby ghosts go during the day?

Dayscare Centers

What is a Vampire's favorite sport?

Casketball

What did one ghost say to the other ghost?

"Do you believe in people?"

Why do mummies have trouble keeping friends?

They're so wrapped up in themselves.

Why did the Vampire get fired from the Blood Bank?

He was caught drinking on the job.

What do you give a vampire with a cold?

Coffin Drops

Do witches stay home on the weekends?

No. They go away for a spell.

What are a Vampire's favorite snacks?

Adam's apples and nectarines

Jokes Courtesy of:

<http://www.littlethings.com/halloween-jokes/>

Sudoku Puzzles

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Sudoku Solutions

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