

# The Cornerstone

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## Letter From the Historian

Welcome back, Tau Bates! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are excited to see Tau Beta Pi back again. My name is David, and I will be your Historian for the semester. I elected to Tau Beta Pi last semester and I am excited to contribute to the chapter. Some other clubs that I am a part of are MRover and TASA, and some of my hobbies include playing fantasy football, board games, and real football; I would be excited to chat more about these things if any of you are interested.

Moving forward, The Cornerstone will be fully digital and can be found at [tbp.engin.umich.edu/publications/cornerstone](http://tbp.engin.umich.edu/publications/cornerstone) with the exception of The Best Puzzles and First General and Elections. If you would like to give feedback on this decision, please fill out this form: [tbpmig.org/digitalcornerstone](http://tbpmig.org/digitalcornerstone). If you would like to give any other feedback or have anything you would like to contribute to the Cornerstone, such as any fun puzzles or interesting topics, please fill out this form: [tbpmig.org/cornerstonecontribution](http://tbpmig.org/cornerstonecontribution).

To kick off this semester here's a little fun fact: sharks existed before trees. Sharks have been around for over 400 million years, while the first trees appeared about 350 million years ago. I hope everyone has a great semester and I look forward to being your Historian. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at [tbp.historian@umich.edu](mailto:tbp.historian@umich.edu).

Go Blue!

- David Lu

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## Upcoming Events

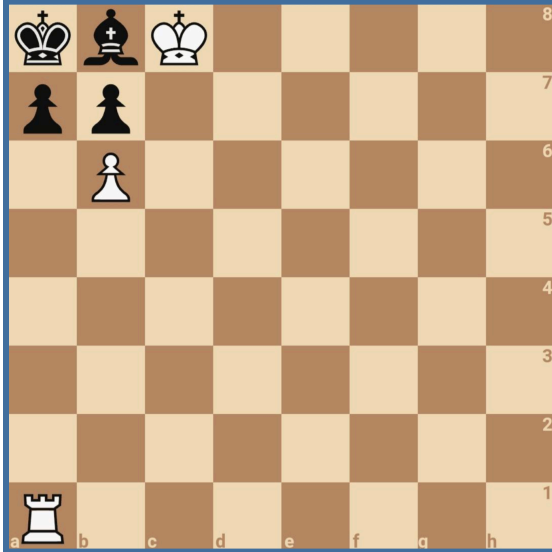
- Game Night I: 8/29, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- First General: 9/2, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- Texas Instruments Info Session: 9/5, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
- Second General: 9/16, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

## One Minute Reads

The largest known animal “society” on Earth is the Argentine Ant Supercolony, stretching over 3,700 miles (6,000 kilometers) from the Atlantic coast of Spain to northern Italy. It is a collection of separate nests, each with multiple queens—a trait unique to the Argentine ant, that function as one unified colony. The Argentine ant, *Linepithema humile*, is an invasive species originating from South America and has forced out or destroyed a vast majority of the native ant species in Europe. Some experts believe that the supercolony spans the globe, as scientists found that Argentine ants from different parts of the world recognized each other and were not aggressive in any way, strongly suggesting that the ants are part of the same colony.

## The Best Puzzles

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