

# Cornerstone



## You Return

by Jesse Tzeng

Tau Beta Pi. It's been so long since we've seen you. How were the holidays? Finals went well? Good, good. For old actives, welcome back to another First Actives meeting. For new actives, welcome to your first First Actives meeting. Everyone, shake hands with the people on your left and right. Good; now we're all friends.

And so we begin another semester in the greatest engineering honors fraternity that the world has ever seen. Now that you have rejoined us, how are you going to contribute this semester? You might consider pursuing distinguished active status—it's not that hard! Nick Clay, Shirley Xu, and Oliver Chen will be important resources for you, should you accept this quest, and there will be at least 2 levels of experience at the end of it. Other than that, you might consider joining the Robel Alliance (aka Rob Beta Pi...you see what I did there?), although I have no idea what they will do. That's what happens when you negotiate with rebels.

Tau Beta Pi is offering you another semester filled with service, social, and leadership opportunities, but it is up to you to pursue them. I recommend you do, because it will be a very rewarding experience. Or at least, a moderately rewarding experience. Hopefully.

## A Fresh Start

by Devina Sanjaya

Hi TBP! Are you excited to come back??? How was your first week of class? I hope you figured out your schedule and get into all classes that you want. I am excited about this semester. This is my first semester as TBP officer, and I am looking forward to meeting the new electees and actives.

This semester, there will be a lot of events that you can join. We started with our first game of inner tube water polo last Thursday, which we won by a score of (0-0). We won by default. It would be good if more girls could show up to play, though, because we can't count on winning by default every game; we were almost forced to forfeit the game for lack of girls. Upcoming sport events are listed, also. Besides sports, we have a ton of opportunities for community services and social events. We are now busy with Book Swap. Please join us on Tuesday. We are desperate for volunteers. Also, Career Fair is coming! Be ready with your resume and send it to Dan Kiefer by Wednesday. Plus, if you are interested in being a webmaster, please contact Mike Hand or Patty McCormick. Career Fair is looking for one.

So, have fun at our First Actives meeting!

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### Co-Rec ITWP

Jan. 20

7:47 PM

IMSB Pool #1



### TG I

Feb. 16

6:30-8:30 PM

Buffalo Wild Wings



### Co-Rec Dodgeball

Jan. 23

8:45 PM

IMSB Court #2

Introducing...

## THE WINTER 2011 OFFICER CORPS

### Officers

President - Michelle Noronha (noronham)

Vice President - Nick Clay (nclay)

External VP - Mike Hand (mikehand) and Patty McCormick (pmmccorm)

Treasurer - Kevin Shallcross (kevinhs)

Secretary - Michele Mastria (mastria)

K-12 Outreach Chair - Sarang Supekar (supekar)

Service Chair - Shirley Xu (shirlxu)

Activities Chair - Dan Becker (debecker)

Corporate Relations - Dan Kiefer (dkiefer)

Campus Outreach - Kelly Morga (kmorga)

Website Chair - Oliver Chen (olchen)

New Initiatives - Nick Cobane (njcob)

Graduate Coordinator - Seth Johnson (sethrj)

Intersociety Chair - Rich Johnson (rwjohnso)

Publicity Chairs - Devina Sanjaya, the Almighty,  
(dsanjaya) and Jesse Tzeng, Prince of the Vikings  
(jctzeng)



*President Michelle Noronha. OMG SHE'S  
MULTPLYING*

### Advisors

Rob Warren (robwar)

Elson Liu (eyliu)

Pritpaul Mahal (pritspaul)

Chloe Funkhouser (chloem)

Anne Campbell (anneall)

Andy Boucher (yanders)

Gary Herrin

Paul Kominsky



*Jesse Tzeng, Prince of the Vikings.*

### *A Message From the Officers:*

Shocking though it may be, we like knowing you, and we really like to see you guys come to our office hours. "When are these office hours?" you ask? Check the website and the Google calendar. They will be listed there. Who knows? You may even be inspired to become one. One of us. One of us. One of us. Additionally, officer meetings are open to all actives, if you are ever interested in seeing the inner workings of Tau Beta Pi. We wouldn't mind seeing you there either.

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# Engineer's Diary

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## Poetry

### Distinguished Activity

You are here because you are the leaders and the best,  
Here because you distinguished yourself from the rest,  
Here because we like you (of that, be sure),  
Here because we think you can do more.

Beyond simply being in Tau Beta Pi,  
I have a new goal for your eye,  
Distinguished active status is what you should seek,  
A level beyond that will make you unique.

It doesn't take much to get there right now,  
Just ask Bryan Toth and Elson Liu how,\*  
Talk to the officers and set your sights,  
I want to see you off your goal-pursuing might.

-Jesse Tzeng

\*Bryan Toth and Elson Liu are both 10,000-term DA's, rounded to the nearest 10,000.



10,000-term DA Elson Liu. Fear him.

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## Bad Pun of the Day

by Jesse Tzeng, at the request of Josh Larson

Why do corn farmers always know when there are  
people trespassing on their fields?

*They have ears!*

What did the fish do when people started eating caviar?

*They had a roe!*

Send us your own puns and get points for your electee group! Submit to [TBPcornerstone@umich.edu](mailto:TBPcornerstone@umich.edu)  
Guys, I really don't want to write any more puns. I'm teetering on the brink of madness. Please send us some so I can be free.

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## Tau Beta Players

by Rich Johnson (in the words of Jesse Tzeng)

### Results

**Inner Tube Water Polo (ITWP):** Win by default. A clutch performance by president Michelle Noronha saved us from having to forfeit, like our opponents.

### Upcoming Events

**ITWP:** Despite the clutch-ness of our president, girls should probably come. It is recommended that you wear a shirt. Bruises happen.

**Dodgeball:** Every bit as awesome as it sounds.

Not into eternal glory through literary creation? You can still find your name in the Cornerstone by participating in Tau Beta Sports! Talk to Rich Johnson ([rwjohnso@umich.edu](mailto:rwjohnso@umich.edu)) about getting your game on.

## Sudoku of the Week:

I understand that Google Goggles now solves Sudoku puzzles, which may prove very useful in the very likely event that I am unable to solve this puzzle myself...I might not have a solution for this puzzle.

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	1					9
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9	7		4			
					8	4
6		8		1	2	

### FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

The Cornerstone is an institution built to allow TBP to write as it sees fit. If you have something you want read, please send it our way. Should we use it, we'll not only give you the pleasure of being recognized as a literary genius among your peers, but also a service hour or two! (TBPcornerstone@umich.edu)

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## YouTube Video of the Week

### *How an Engineer Folds a T-Shirt*



Packing is a pain, especially when you don't know how to fold shirts. I know I'm not alone when I say that I spend hours grappling with how to maximize my packing fraction with properly folded upper-body wear. I mostly know this because I've seen [Kevin Shallcross](#) do this many times himself, but also because this video exists. There are even plans listed in the video so that you too can save time while packing and do it right.