

Cornerstone



Consider This Hello

by Jesse Tzeng

This is Second Comity, one of the most important meetings of the semester. We're glad that you could make it out here tonight. As you may have noticed, First Comity was all electees; this is not true with Second Comity. Look around you. Gaze upon the wizened faces in the crowd. Learn their stories, and benefit from them.

Electees, tonight is the night when you will be semi-permanently bonded to a group of your own. Tonight, you will be corralled together with a group of your peers and two actives to form an "electee group." These actives will guide you on your way to Tau Beta Pi success. They will serve as a catalyst for your growth, and they will answer (some of) your questions. They may also ask you to form a posse and to join them in fighting off the bandits that scour North Campus, but you are not obligated to do so in the electing process.

Actives, those youthful faces you see down below are the future of Tau Beta Pi. They can either carry on our legacy or make it crumble into the abyss. Consequently, I suggest you treat them better th--no, just kidding. <Name of electee who is still reading this far>, we would never let anyone do anything bad to you. Don't worry. But back to the actives: help out in any and every way you can. Even if you're not a group leader, show your support by artificially attaching yourself to an electee group. You will be recognized, although how is not clear. Maybe a hug at the end of the semester or something. I don't know.

The Cornerstone must say, though, that we are very glad to see you all making it out here tonight and to see that no one was buried under the snow of Snowpocalypse Episode V: Ann Arbor Strikes Back. But you have listened to me for long enough. Go, young ones, RUN FREE AND EAT!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

ITWP: Playoffs

Feb. 10

7:00 PM

IM Building Pools



Dodgeball Playoffs

Feb. 11

8:00 PM

IM Building Courts



TG I

Feb. 16

6:30-8:30 PM

Buffalo Wild Wings

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Poetry

Career Fair Haikus

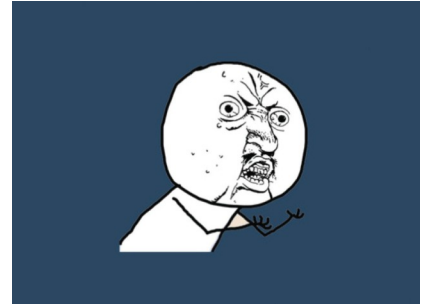
by Jesse Tzeng

Marty from GE,
Y U NO ACCEPT MATSCI?
What a waste of time.

(OK, that's the only one of those)

I want a job please,
Summers of ramen are fine,
But I like real things.

Engineering rules,
Because internships are paid,
Unlike LSA.



Hope job-hunting went well for everyone.

Bad Pun of the Day

by Josh Larson

What do you call the most important part of Apple's new box?

iLid!

What do you call a funny show about inverse co-sines?

Secant Comedy!

Send us your own puns and get points for your electee group! Submit to TBPcornerstone@umich.edu While Josh Larson is a true pun master, we don't want to have to read to these for the rest of the semester...trust me...

Tau Beta Players

by Rich Johnson, in the words of Jesse Tzeng

The playoffs have arrived. Sadly, only those who have already participated in regular season games are allowed to participate in the playoffs. For dodgeball, this means that we have been limited to two girls...but we'll make it.

While you might not be allowed to step on the court for the Bates, you will most certainly be allowed to stand on the sidelines and cheer. Thusly, Rich would like to cordially invite every member of Tau Beta Pi to attend any and all playoff games to boost team morale and to make it happen for the Tau Beta Players.

LET'S DO THIS.

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) about getting your game on.

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Daniel and Daniel: Some Investigative Journalism

by Jesse Tzeng

Daniel Becker and Daniel Kiefer: two men with the same name or something more? Let us review the facts before making our judgment. Both Daniel and Daniel attend the University of Michigan and are studying Aerospace Engineering. Both have brown hair, and both are taller than I am. Daniel and Daniel both use the same naming convention for their unqiqname: “d-” and their last name. Coincidence? Perhaps it could be.

But perhaps it is something more. Both Daniel and Daniel have been sighted by a number of aircraft of both military and civilian variety. One might attribute this to them simply being Aerospace engineers, but that fits with their story a little bit **too** well. No matter how they might try to spin it, they know and we know that other types of people are interested in America's airways too...



Daniel: enjoying himself...or scouting out American troop transportation methods?

As was discussed in past seasons of the Cornerstone, we are already aware that Daniel possesses a superhuman intellect, and that Daniel has both world-class athleticism and charm. What sorts of people possess these skills? Perhaps we should dig deeper into their histories.

Let us examine some other facts: Daniel is fluent in German, and Daniel has spent a substantial amount of his life in New Jersey. Could Daniel be working as a German spy? And could Daniel, who lives in a hotbed of in-country foreign activity, be aiding him? The Cornerstone asks you to question, “who are we trusting on our officer corps?” Don't let Daniel and his charm nor Daniel and his brilliantly twisted logic fool you: there is something more to Daniel and Daniel than they are letting on. Daniel, Daniel, Tau Beta Pi is asking who you are and where your loyalties lie...



Daniel: Sagen Sie ihnen nicht über die Pläne in der Tasche...

Swag Update

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*from Paul Hou**

As some of you may be aware, there was some action taken last semester to acquire Tau Beta Pi-based swag. I would like to update you on the current state of this swag. The two primary items of interest were zipper hoodies and stainless steel water bottles.

Hoodies will cost around \$30-40, but will be subsidized by Tau Beta Pi to some extent. They will have a thermal inner lining which, while costing \$5, increases the value of the hoodie infinitely. Trust me. I would describe it as the essential component, the yin to the hoodie's yang, the gravy to your chicken.

Water bottles, on the other hand, will not be subsidized by Tau Beta Pi, but will cost \$3 each. They will be stainless steel and will be generally awesome.

What we need from you is some help with a logo. Last semester, we had a wildly successful T-shirt design contest. We would like to implement something similar for this semester. Send us what you think should go on our TBP swag, and you will be awarded with a service hour (the officer corps will be judging these logos and awarding hours, so it has to look like you tried). Get your logo on some swag, and you could win a free trip to Disney World. Just kidding. That would be awesome, though. The prize will ultimately be more like a gift certificate to an as-of-yet undetermined location.

Consider this an invitation to compete.
Come and show us your creative side.

Submissions should be sent to :

TBPcornerstone@umich.edu

I look forward to seeing your stuff in
Devina's and Jesse's inboxes.



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Engineer's Playground

QR Codes:

Suggested by Seth Johnson and Elson Liu

You've seen them, but you didn't know what they meant, and if you're an electee you've already read this. Trust me, though, they're around. QR codes are always lurking where you least expect them to...like the Cornerstone...

Essentially, a QR code is a 2-dimensional bar code. Why is this really cool? Well, they look like modern art or the cover of a Radiohead album, for starts (not that that is always a good thing). Mainly, though, QR codes can be read by special bar code readers and, oh yeah, YOUR CAMERA PHONES (note: you generally need an app for this, but you should get said app). QR codes link the world where we are standing to the Grid/webz/information you want, depending on what information is stored in the code. These will very likely be used to store information in future Cornerstones because they are really freakin' sweet; make sure that when you see them you remain calm. Play with these in the mean time.



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)

YouTube Video of the Week

WTF is Duty Calls?



Let me start by saying that I was raised on Medal of Honor, so I've always felt betrayed by Call of Duty games and have boycotted them almost totally. It is hard, however, to avoid the game at this point.

Which is why Duty Calls is awesome. But you may ask, "WTF is Duty Calls?"

There's only one way to find out (I'll give you a hint:: it involves this video).

