The semester came to an end with the Tau Beta Pi Initiation and Banquet held on Dec. 3rd, 2011. The festivities started with initiating 57 new members. For the first time in several semesters, all electees were able to attend the initiation ceremony and none were required to attend initiation at a different institution.

Following the initiation, everyone moved to Campus Inn for the banquet. We were honored with a lively speech by Barracuda Networks CEO and Founder Dean Drako. His speech was followed by the awards ceremony. This semester’s awards winners are listed below. A list of all of those who elected, as well as a list of those who achieved Distinctive Active, are listed on the last page of the newsletter. The banquet ended with the traditional yell competition. In an upset, the newly elected defeated the previously elected—the previously elected attributed the loss to a deficit in numbers as they were significantly outnumbered due to the large fall electee class.

**Tau Beta Pi Semester Awards:**
- Outstanding active: Chris McMullen
- Outstanding officer: Michele Mastria
- Outstanding electee: Marc Biondo
- Outstanding sports: Mike Hand
- Outstanding electee group: Wookies in Space
With the end of the semester comes graduation, and we wanted to take a second to congratulate and thank the Tau Bates who have been heavily involved in Michigan Gamma over the past few years who are about to move on to the next stage in their careers.

Seth Johnson:

A former Graduate Student Coordinator and current Graduate Student Advisor defended his thesis on “Anisotropic Diffusion Approximations for Time-dependent Particle Transport”. He is moving to Knoxville, TN, to take a position at ORNL as an R&D Staff Member in Monte Carlo Methods and Development.

Chloe Funkhouser:

A former Graduate Student Coordinator and Graduate Student Advisor defended her dissertation titled “Phase-Field Simulations of Multicomponent Lipid Membranes Coupling Composition with Deformation” in the BME department on April 20, 2011. She is currently working as a postdoctoral fellow at Northwestern University, where she studies elastic membranes such as the nuclear lamina in a computational materials science and engineering research group.

Graduating Officers:

Oliver Chen—Graduate Student Coordinator. He is graduating with a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering. He is looking forward to getting paid at an unknown job sometime in the future. One of his goals for the following semester is to get DA status for yet another term.

Michael J. Hand III - External Vice President. He will be starting a Masters in Control Systems Engineering at the University of Michigan. He will also be serving as the Corporate Relations Officer for Mi-Gamma.

Rich Johnson - former Intersociety Chair. Next fall he'll be pursuing a PhD in Materials Science and Engineering at a university to be determined.

Josh Larson - Activities Chair. He will be working on Computational Linguistics in Chicago. Josh will also be acting as a chapter advisor for Mi-Gamma.

Patty McCormick - External Vice President. She will be spending 6 months in Granada, Spain after finishing her Materials Science and Engineering degree. After returning in July, she will be working as a Technology Analyst for Accenture.
A group of 17 Tau Bates escaped from studying for their end of semester exams to head to Windsor, Ontario for a few hours of curling. What has become a yearly tradition, some newcomers joined several ‘seasoned’ curlers for some slip-sliding fun.

Congratulations Initiates and Distinguished Actives

**Congratulations Fall 2011 Undergrad Initiates!**

Arthur Shih  
Alex Yee  
Andrew Yates  
Austin Davis  
Marc Biondo  
Philip Bunge  
Donald Clark  
Isabel Cosnahan  
James Depaul  
Dominic Cincione  
Duncan Miller  
Eric Hung  
Erik Hand  
Gina McGauley  
Matt Hartigan  
Jesiska Tandy  
Jakob Hoellerbauer  
Jerry Hsiung  
Justin Paupore  
Justine Kunz  
Kathleen Chou  
Jeremy Kapala  
Kendall Getts  
Matthew Khoo  
Philippe Kirschen

Mykola Kravchenko  
Karla Zoratti  
Lanxin Liu  
Shannon Liu  
Mark Wu  
Michael Erickson  
Michael Boyd  
Matt Schmidt  
Michael Sypniewski  
Nicholas Montes  
Parth Patel  
Samuel Dettling  
Sarah Clark  
Scott Mansfield  
Shannon Pawloski  
Sarah Shrosbree  
So-Hee Kang  
Yuzhong Tan  
Trevor Grigg  
Vicki Yu  
William Beyer  
William Josh Billingham  
Yangdi Zhou

**Distinguishing Actives, Fall 2011**

**Thirteenth Term**

Pritpaul Mahal

**Eleventh Term**

Elson Liu

**Tenth Term**

Yvan Boucher

**Sixth Term**

Oliver Chen

**Fifth Term**

Daniel Becker, Robert Andrew Mattingly, Yizeng Li

**Fourth Term**

Don Li, Jennifer Dolan, Michele Mastria, Mike Hand, Patty McCormick

**Third Term**

Dan Kiefer, Jesse Tzeng, Josh Larson, Kevin Shallcross, Nathan McKay, Nathan Rowley, Sarang Supekar

**Second Term**

Ben Rothacker, Devina Sanjaya, Ethan Wampler, Jon Gold, Kristin Graf, Kristi Wegener, Kevin Joseph, Kevin Lin, Maina Mitra, Nick Cobane, Ryan Chen, Mark Sprague

**First Term**

Ari Chivukula, Jason Lee, Carlos Pons Siepermann, Carrie Tamarelli, Christopher McMullen, David Martel, Hannah Denomme, Emily Carpenter, Emily Zumbrunnen, Jenn Jocz, Eeshan Khanpara, Marissa Lafata, Nicholas Clift, Rachael Harrington, Nathan Van Nortwick