

# Alumni Notes

## Tau Beta Pi Celebrates Semester Achievements

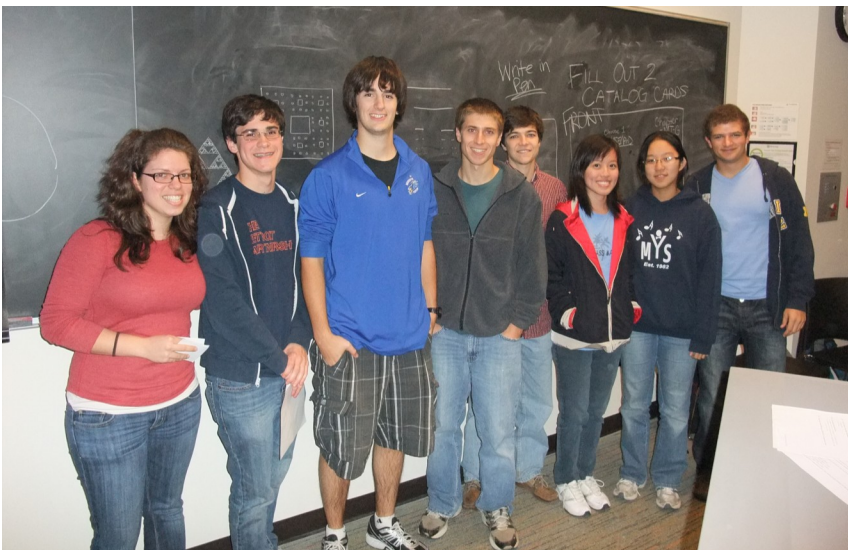
*by Yvan Boucher, Tau Beta Pi Graduate Student Advisor*

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.



*Above:* The fall 2011 electee class along with several of the fall 2011 Officers.



*Above:* Outstanding electee group "Wookies in Space".

*Right:* Outstanding electee Marc Biondo

### **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



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# Congratulations Graduating Tau Bates

*by Yvan A. Boucher*

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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.



*Above: Seth Johnson  
Left: Chloe Funkhouser  
Far Left: Oliver Chen*

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.



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# Tau Beta Curling

by Yvan A. Boucher

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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.



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## Congratulations Initiates and Distinguished Actives

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### Congratulations Fall 2011 Undergrad Initiates!

Arthur Shih	Mykola Kravchenko
Alex Yee	Karla Zoratti
Andrew Yates	Lanxin Liu
Austin Davis	Shannon Liu
Marc Biondo	Mark Wu
Philip Bunge	Michael Erickson
Donald Clark	Michael Boyd
Isabel Cosnahan	Matt Schmidt
James Depaul	Michael Sypniewski
Dominic Cincione	Natalie Eyke
Duncan Miller	Nicholas Montes
Eric Hung	Parth Patel
Erik Hand	Samuel Dettling
Gina McGauley	Sarah Clark
Matt Hartigan	Scott Mansfield
Jesiska Tandy	Shannon Pawloski
Jakob Hoellerbauer	Sarah Shrosbree
Jerry Hsiung	So-Hee Kang
Justin Paupore	Yuzhong Tan
Justine Kunz	Trevor Grigg
Kathleen Chou	Vicki Yu
Jeremy Kapala	William Beyer
Kendall Getts	William Josh Billingham
Matthew Khoo	Yangdi Zhou
Philippe Kirschen	

### Congratulations Fall 2011 Graduate Initiates!

Khalid Ahmed	Bhaskar Chaturvedi
Shyam Dwaraknath	Devki Desai
Tae Hyun Kim	Jihyun Cho
Venkatram Papakayala	Komal Kampasi

### DISTINGUISHED 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