Letter From the Editor

Hello TBP!

I hope you all had some time to relax during Spring Break! We are passing the halfway point in this semester, and this means that elections, initiation and finals are quickly approaching! Electees, be sure to stay on top of your requirements (I recommend using the online tool to keep track of this!)

As you all know, March is filled with great holidays including St. Patrick’s Day, Pi Day, and the first day of Spring! Since we have so many reasons to celebrate, why not give back to the community by signing up for one of TBP’s many service events, including Cub Scouts Day and the Relay for Life Bake Sale! I’m sure the service team, as well as the many people you will be helping, will be very appreciative of your volunteering.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that you can earn free Insomnia Cookies by writing for the Cornerstone! As finals approach, stressful times are not far ahead, and what could be better to relieve stress than a creative outlet followed by sugar? It’s pretty great! You can submit articles via email to tbp.historian@umich.edu.

Happy Spring!
Pranav Khambete
Historian
Fourth General Agenda

tinyurl.com/tbpmig4gw16

Activity: Trade Up!

Announcements:

Events Team
Service Team
Chapter Team
Executive Team

Upcoming Events

All meetings are at 6:30pm and are in 1013 DOW unless otherwise noted on the calendar.

- Tau Beta Pi Day! Mar. 14
- Tuesday Breakfast Party on Monday Mar. 21
- Tuesday Breakfast Party Mar. 29
- IM Volleyball Mar. 14, 21, 28

Electee Reminders

Undergraduate & Graduate Electees:

- All Requirements due Apr. 5
- $90 Dues due Apr. 5
- Initiation will be on Apr. 16!

Service Events need Volunteers!

- Sign up for Relay for Life Bake Sale (Mar. 11), Cub Scouts Day (Mar. 13), Food Gatherers (Mar. 16)

- The Service Team needs your help!
Undergraduate Electees of the Week:

Ben Burgess
Major: Electrical Engineering
TBP Acronym: To Be Provided
Favorite Kind of Bagel: Asiago Cheese
Why he's awesome:
Ben has already attended 5 social events including Planet Rock, Ice Skating and Intersociety Bowling!

Perry Lee
Major: Computer Science Engineering
Favorite Kind of Bagel: Cinnamon Raisin
TBP Acronym: TBP's Better than Pie
Why he's awesome:
Perry completed 11 service hours at MHacks, and has signed up for Pi Day! Way to go Perry!

Graduate Electee of the Week:

Yawei Chen
Major: Mechanical Engineering
TBP acronym: To Be Punctual
Why he's awesome:
Yawei was the only grad electee to enjoy the TBP Grad Ice Skating Social before break.
St. Patrick’s Day Traditions!

Saint Patrick’s Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick, is a cultural and religious celebration held on March 17th, the death date of Saint Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. While many of us are familiar with the college-variety traditions surrounding this holiday, here are some ways St. Patty’s is celebrated in Ireland and across the world!

IRISH MUSIC

Music is often associated with St. Patrick’s Day—and Irish culture in general. From ancient days of the Celts, music has always been an important part of Irish life. The Celts had an oral culture, where religion, legend and history were passed from one generation to the next by way of stories and songs. After being conquered by the English, and forbidden to speak their own language, the Irish, like other oppressed peoples, turned to music to help them remember important events and hold on to their heritage and history. As it often stirred emotion and helped to galvanize people, music was outlawed by the English. During her reign, Queen Elizabeth I even decreed that all artists and pipers were to be arrested and hanged on the spot.

Today, traditional Irish bands like The Chieftains, the Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem are gaining worldwide popularity. Their music is produced with instruments that have been used for centuries, including the fiddle, the uilleann pipes (a sort of elaborate bagpipe), the tin whistle (a sort of flute that is actually made of nickel-silver, brass or aluminum) and the bodhran (an ancient type of framedrum that was traditionally used in warfare rather than music).

THE SNAKE

It has long been recounted that, during his mission in Ireland, St. Patrick once stood on a hilltop (which is now called Croagh Patrick), and with only a wooden staff by his side, banished all the snakes from Ireland.

In fact, the island nation was never home to any snakes. The “banishing of the snakes” was really a metaphor for the eradication of pagan ideology from Ireland and the triumph of Christianity. Within 200 years of Patrick’s arrival, Ireland was completely Christianized.
CORNED BEEF

Each year, thousands of Irish Americans gather with their loved ones on St. Patrick’s Day to share a “traditional” meal of corned beef and cabbage.

Though cabbage has long been an Irish food, corned beef only began to be associated with St. Patrick’s Day at the turn of the century.

Irish immigrants living on New York City’s Lower East Side substituted corned beef for their traditional dish of Irish bacon to save money. They learned about the cheaper alternative from their Jewish neighbors.

THE LEPRECHAUN

The original Irish name for these figures of folklore is “lobairecin,” meaning “small-bodied fellow.”

Belief in leprechauns probably stems from Celtic belief in fairies, tiny men and women who could use their magical powers to serve good or evil. In Celtic folktales, leprechauns were cranky souls, responsible for mending the shoes of the other fairies. Though only minor figures in Celtic folklore, leprechauns were known for their trickery, which they often used to protect their much-fabled treasure.

Information courtesy of the History Channel.

These are just some things to keep in mind during the next week as people all over the world celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. Remember that this holiday isn’t only about consuming green foods and beverages and wearing green clothes!
Sudoku, Comics & More!

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Sudoku Solutions

Note: If you attempt to use these solutions without actually trying to finish the puzzle, I will find you.

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