

The Cornerstone

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Current and Future Tau Bates,

Welcome Back! I hope everyone has found the first few weeks of the semester enjoyable, or at least survive-able. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Pranav, and I will be this semester's Historian! This means I am responsible for our chapter's newsletter, the Cornerstone, as well as our Alumni Newsletter.

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To the potential electees, welcome to Tau Beta Pi! You may only know of us as the College of Engineering Honor Society, or as the people who give out bagels on Tuesdays and hot chocolate after your 101 exams, but I am sure you will find that TBP is not only that, but much more. I elected TBP last semester and continually find myself participating in TBP activities, not just for the food (well partly because of the food) but because I enjoy the sense of community in TBP and the fulfillment of giving back to those around us.

I look forward to getting to know many of you, and invite you to reach out, whether you have question about TBP, the Cornerstone, or anything else!

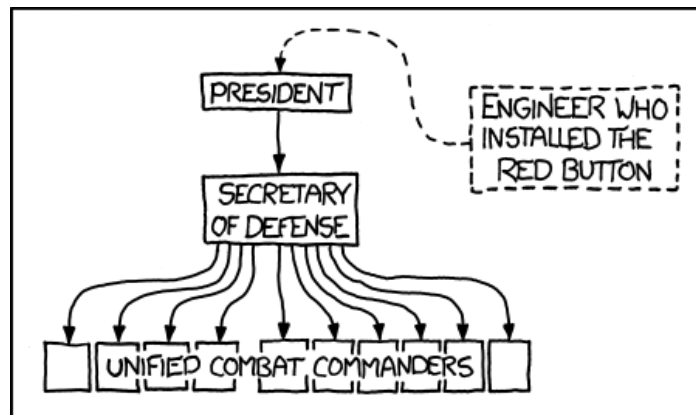
Upcoming Events:

TBP/HKN Euchre Tournament (1/21)

Life Sciences Orchestra Winter Concert (1/24)

TG at Buffalo Wild Wings (1/28)

Sincerely,
Pranav Khambete



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From the Desk of the President - Why TBP?

I remember a few years back sitting in this room hearing about this group of people in this whole Tau Beta Pi thing. So why did I join? Well to answer that let's split the question into two questions: "Why did I start joining?" and "Why did I continue joining?"

Why did I start joining?

So why did I come to anything after this meeting? The easy answer is the distinction that came with it. There are a lot of tangible benefits that come with membership. Just being able to put TBP on my resume was worth something; the additional networking opportunities with company recruiters were even better. There were also a number of opportunities for leadership experience. The people seemed pretty nice. And I can't lie; the free food was a pretty convincing offer.

Why did I continue joining?

One of the first things I got involved in while joining was the Career Fair. I loved it. Helping to put on such a large event that was tangibly beneficial to the college was a great experience. I volunteered so much during the Fair that I was over half done with my service hour requirements before September was out. The next year I got involved as a director for the Career Fair. In addition to just loving the event, I found that the people I was interacting with were really great to be around. Those were really the two most enticing things I found while joining: the opportunity to find my niche, and the opportunity to interact with driven people from across engineering.

My niche turned out to be working with Career Fair and companies; yours can be whatever you're passionate about. With a group as diverse in its activities as TBP, you can find a niche that works for you. And if we don't currently offer what you're looking for, you can get it started yourself. Career Fair, Book Swap, MindSET; programs like these all started somewhere. Maybe you'll have the next big thing.

Throughout my time in TBP, I've gotten to know a number of people from majors across engineering that I would never have had the opportunity to get to know otherwise. These people have been involved in interesting projects, groups, and internships. I've learned a lot from interacting with them, and have made some great friends in the process.

Overall, I've thoroughly enjoyed my time in TBP, and I've gotten a lot out of it. If you decide to join, I know you'll find something worthwhile in your membership.

Sincerely,

Jon McCormick

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