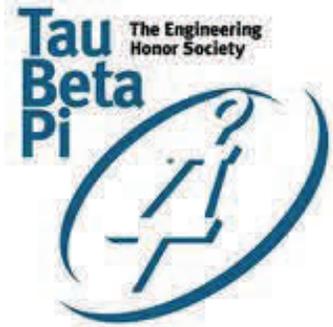


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TAU BETA PI—ELECTIONS FALL 2012 SPECIAL EDITION CORNERSTONE

Da Foo Bar

Nick Ruff

Hey Tau Bates! If you weren't around last meeting you missed a key milestone in the development of Tau Beta Pi's campus engagement: THE FOO BAR! I'm sure you've seen it all boarded up & lonely in the CSE atrium (excuse me, the Bob & Betty Beyster Building).

Well thanks to your fellow engineers and entrepreneurs of TBP, the Foo Bar will no longer be a sad reminder of the dB Café's monopoly in serving hungry engineers cheap food to fuel their brains for the next 112 hours of studying. That's right, we shall be restoring the Foo Bar to its full glory! Last meeting we voted to add a chair position specifically in charge of running a committee of future business pros (or whatever) to handle this extra responsibility. Future electees & actives alike will have the option to contribute to this enterprise.

Whether we can actually make profit or not is still up in the air, it seems, but it may have to be operated at no profit just as a service to us hungry hackers. TBP is a service organization anyway!

So consider running for this position if you are all about selling me sandwiches! This is a phenomenal leadership & business opportunity!

The ABCs of UBD
 An epic haiku masterpiece
 By Dripaul Mahal

A - Actives

Chapter needs people
 To keep everything running
 Those are the actives

B - Bylaws

Our chapter needs rules
 For Elson's memorizing
 Oh, to govern too.

C - Cornerstone

An essential part
 Would life be complete without
 Cornerstone Haiku?

D - Distinguished Actives

Some do a lot more
 These are the dedicated
 Distinguished Actives

E - Electees

An essential part
 Without new blood our chapter
 Would cease to exist

F - Fall semester

Lots of electees
 And career fair, too. Oh my!
 Fall keeps us busy

G - Groups

Compete in good cheer
 Also get to know others
 In electee groups.

H - Honor

Tau Beta Pi is
 An honor society
 Be honorable!

I - Integrity

Doing the right thing
 An important quality
 It's integrity.

J - Jobs

Looking for a job?
 We co-run a Career Fair!
 A good place to go...

When you're a Tau Bate

Companies will seek you out
 At least on campus

K - KnitWits

A misnamed project
 But very fun anyway
 It's /sewing/ mittens!

L - Leadership

The chapter is large
 And does a lot of good work
 Leaders make it run

Anyone can be one

Many opportunities
 To be a leader

M - MindSET

Teaching little kids
 Math, science, engineering
 That's what MindSET is!

N - New Initiatives

Have great ideas?
 Provide your input... go to
 New Initiatives!

O - Officers

People who run things
 Think about becoming one
 We have twenty-one

P - Prestigious Actives

Spend thirty hours
 On TBP things and be
 Prestigious Active

Q - Quorum

Need quorum to act
So in a voting meeting
Please don't leave early

R - Resume CD

Companies love us
How do we help them find us?
Resume CD.

S - Service

Part of TBP:
Helping the community
With service projects

T - TGs

After a hard day
Relax with fellow Tau Bates
With free yummy food

U - Undergraduates

Undergraduates:
Of electees and members,
the majority.

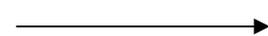
V - Vice President

Tracking electees
Undergraduates at least
The VP does it

W - Website

Website does it all
We're getting a new one soon
I am skeptical

X - XKCD

XKCD is 
Nerdy just like us Tau Bates
Got an X haiku!

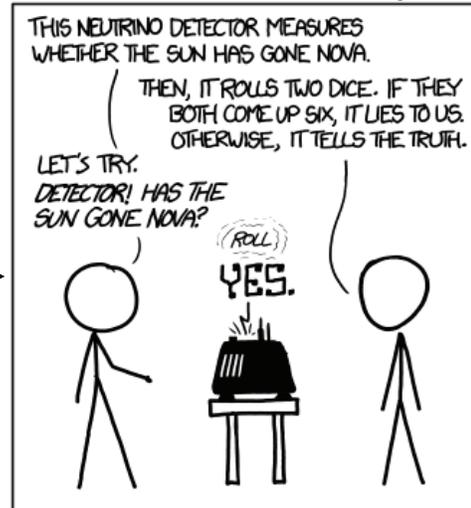
Y - Years

The years will fly by
When you're having fun with friends
in Tau Beta Pi

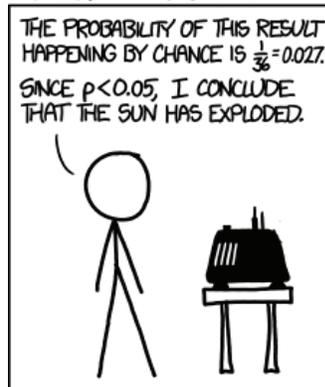
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ziggurats zap zillions
zygote zoo zantac

DID THE SUN JUST EXPLODE?
(IT'S NIGHT, SO WE'RE NOT SURE.)



FREQUENTIST STATISTICIAN:



BAYESIAN STATISTICIAN:



The End!

THE TREASURER'S THOUGHTS

Greetings fellow Tau Bates!

Now that you are all warmed up from last week's presidential elections, it is time to once again flex your democratic muscles by voting for the next batch of TBP officers. At the time of writing this, no one has put their name in for the position of Treasurer yet. This saddens me greatly (I really need to get rid of all the cash stashed under my mattress) so I am going to do some shameless self-promoting.

The Treasurer is one of the few officer positions that spans two terms. The Treasurer is responsible for drafting and balancing the budget every semester as well as being the primary liaison between Student Organization Accounts Service (SOAS or the University's bank) and TBP. He/she will also be in-charge of the day-to-day reimbursement of expenses made by other officers. Now that doesn't sounds too difficult, does it?

I was elected to this position the term I initiated into this chapter (So no excuses there, electees) and I can say with confidence that it has certainly been an enjoyable, interesting and fulfilling year. It was a great learning experience for me. Not only did I develop soft skills such as bookkeeping and organizational skills as well as public relations skills from working with SOAS, I also accumulated a wealth of trivial knowledge and fun facts. For example:

- ◆ The exact speed of light is 299 792 458 m/s
 - ◆ There is nothing Mike Hand cannot break
 - ◆ Trading a paper clip for a human being is generally frowned upon
 - ◆ Stuffing envelopes with invitation letters for 3 hours straight can drive you slightly insane
 - ◆ Chocolate milk is worth its weight in gold
 - ◆ Sit in the front rows during E/A III at your own risk
 - ◆ Nothing makes a Tuesday night better than free food and good company
 - ◆ There is always a Tau Bate in the Bullpen (Even at 2:30am in the morning)
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More importantly, I have forged many a friendships with my fellow officers. Before joining TBP, most of my engineer friends are from EECS and now, I am proud to say that I have friends all over North Campus. Service and social events are also so much more enjoyable when doing them together with my fellow officers. So regardless whether you are an active or an electee, if you are looking to make more friends in TBP, running for an officer position is the fastest way to do so.

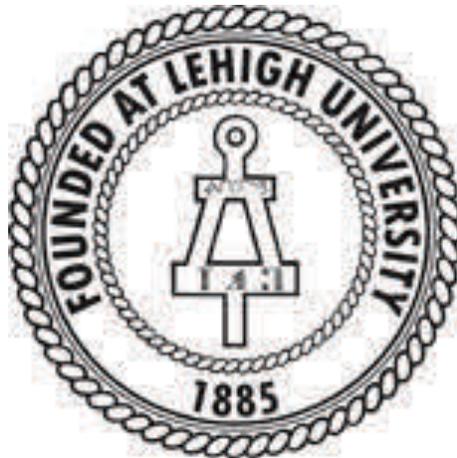
All in all, this is an opportunity for personal and professional development; an opportunity to make great friends; an opportunity to get more involved in this awesome chapter. So what are you waiting for? Stop hesitating and take a leap of faith by nominating yourself for the position of Treasurer! (Don't worry; the stacks of cash will break your fall anyway).

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Khoo

TBP Treasurer

Winter'12 to Fall'12



The Campus Outreach Chair: How One Man (or Woman*) is Single-Handedly Saving America

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's the Campus Outreach Chair!

Faster than a speeding tutoring session, with the ability to flyer incessantly!

This mere mortal, this superhuman among us, spends every waking moment (actually around 5-15 hours per week, in case you're running for this) relentlessly pursuing the advancement of undergraduate knowledge. With a leap and a bound, flashing through classrooms and email inboxes, the Chair publicizes tutoring with pizzazz (via advertisements to students). Younger students, tossed and beaten by a frothing sea of studies, fear no longer! For under the watchful eye of the Chair, help abounds.



Wearing tights: one of the many perks of this officer position

Though the night is cold and stormy (Michigan weather, amirite?), and the officer meetings seemingly never-ending, this lone protector keeps the academic flame brightly burning for all campus to see**! For the beacon of knowledge, assaulted by poor professors and busy student schedules, shines on, bringing hope and prosperity to this great nation (the position is actually more just for students at UM at the moment)!

* I promise I'm not a sexist.

** Warning: actual flame NOT recommended. Superhero capes are surprisingly flammable.

~ *Ben Rothacker*

The Cornerstone is fun

AKA Why you should run for my position

Hey guys... yes I am stepping down from Publicity Chair for next semester. I know, I know, you are super sad. But fear not! Despite how overwhelming my schedule is going to be, I will still have time to be involved in Tau Beta Pi and I look forward to seeing a next batch of great Cornerstones!

While other officers are scurrying & worrying about all kinds of important things from Career Fairs to Inductions, I observe with the eye of a hawk only stopping to give insightful opinions whilst stroking a nonexistent beard. Publicity Chair feels like less responsibility but in reality you carry the face and voice of the MI-Gamma chapter in your hands! Most of my time is put in on Mondays when I assemble the Cornerstone in the Ugli basement computers using Microsoft Publisher. I will give you the .pub templates and stuff, it's really not terribly difficult. The rest of my time is spent conniving, insulting, and bribing other officers to write me articles.

~ *Nick Ruff*

Hello TBP!

Since there is a plethora of officer position descriptions in this week's Cornerstone, I figured why should I not contribute to the madness? Thus, I give to you the description of the Activities Chairman which I am writing in the comfort of my apartment (nestled in the depths of North Campus) while listening to the dulcet tones of Frank Ocean. What a stud.

Being Activities Chairman is one of the best decisions I have made during my time in TBP. I get to arrange a variety of socials, implement new social activities, and help facilitate those arranged by other members. Furthermore, you always get to participate in social events with your fellow Tau Bates (something that has allowed me to get to know a majority of you all—which I of course love!). Planning TG is obviously the most fun and the most rewarding. Plus you learn the inner workings of Bdubs and all the deals they have, so that makes your personal dining experiences outside of TBP slightly more satisfying.

Aside from socials, you are also responsible for catering the meetings throughout the semester. While this certainly has its challenges, you are able to make connections with business owners in Ann Arbor and learn how to effectively plan for things in advance, work with local businesses, and understand catering. The challenges that have arisen have been significant learning experiences and have expanded my skills in logistics and planning large events. Having access to a car is important as you need to purchase supplements for each meeting, i.e. cookies, drinks, cutlery, etc. (however I don't have a car but found a friend willing to lend one to me when I needed it). Finally, the most important part of my job is to plan banquet. I began doing this the first week back of the semester and got it all done shortly after. The people at Campus Inn are so fun to deal with and who doesn't like planning a party! Banquet is also so important for initiates and actives, so it is quite rewarding when your hard work is acknowledged by all those in TBP.

Therefore, now that you are all abreast of the awesomeness which is activities chairman, I suggest you all nominate yourself or someone else (as was the case for me) that you see as qualified!

Stay classy TBP. Peace and blessings.

Isabel Cosnahan

Activities Chairman

THE VICE-PRESIDENCY

Hello to all those brave enough to go to TBP elections,

I am writing this article to inform you of the wonderful TBP officer position that is VP. Some of you may be wondering what the vice president actually does other than yell at us and tell us to do service and meet deadlines. Well here is a list:

- ◆ Create the electee exam
- ◆ Coordinate electee groups (leaders & members)
- ◆ Update information forms with correct dates, requirements, service projects, etc... to be given out to eligible candidates at First Comity
- ◆ Reserve rooms and coordinate interviews (includes scheduling and distributing resumes & essays) to judge electee character. Collect results and present them at Second Actives
- ◆ Come up with/choose which games will be played at Second Comity, E/A I, and E/A II
- ◆ Send out reminder emails to electees about requirements & events
- ◆ Monitor the electees progress throughout the semester (spreadsheet showing hours and stuff) and make recommendations on whether an electee will complete the service requirement at Third Actives
- ◆ Answer ALL electee questions
- ◆ Contact other officers to update hours/service projects on website
- ◆ Be a part of the Advisory board of TBP

I won't lie being the Vice-president can be particularly stressful at times, but good planning and preparation as well as being punctual in response to emails will go a long way.

Personally I have enjoyed my time as VP and being a part of the MIKE & MIKE REVOLUTION. As VP I had the chance to go to the TBP national conference this semester in Lexington, Kentucky and meet many other Tau Bates. Also the friendships that I have made with my fellow officers is irreplaceable. My only regret was that I was unable to interact with more electees at service/social events.

Please consider running for VP and remember that it is all about the running the electee process, so electees if you didn't like it YOU can change it .

Sincerely,

Mike Boyd

TBP Vice-President, Fall 2012

Companies, ALL THE COMPANIES

As Corporate Relations Officer this semester, my responsibility was talking to company representatives. More quantifiably, I was in charge of arranging meeting speakers and scheduling information sessions. Corporate Relations can also set up service projects with company, such as last semester where we had a joint project with GE at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore facility. Other opportunities that Corporate sets up include professional development sessions, which I am in the process of setting up for next semesters.

It's a lot of fun, and I recommend the position a lot. As a Biomed, I found out that a lot of companies actually hire BME undergrads, which is very reassuring.

That's all!

Kristin

As New Initiatives chair, I am responsible for coordinating discussion on action items that are relevant to our chapter. Part of my job includes making sure that I am listening and working with other officers as well as bouncing ideas off of them in order to see what kinds of topics need to be discussed. During the meetings I facilitate them as a moderator in addition to taking minutes on the conversations that come up. Eventually, the topics discussed in New Initiatives meetings are intended to be brought up with the officers and chapter as a whole in order to make improvements and changes. I have really enjoyed being New Initiatives chair this semester and learning the responsibilities of what makes a good officer. If you have any questions about my position or otherwise responsibilities, feel free to email me at gcalco@umich.edu.

Thanks,

Gina

Hey Tau Bates!

Who of you doesn't love service projects? Being Service Chair is a great way to get involved in the many great opportunities our chapter has. I am completing my second non-consecutive term in this position (hint: electees, check your electee exams) and I have loved every minute of it. Also, if you like planning logistics, this is definitely for you.

Lets talk about Book Swap. This event is a perfect example of members of our chapter coming together to pull off a huge service to our college. You get to forge lasting friendships with current and past officers, Book Swap Chairs, Book Swap legends, and new members. And it is very rewarding to see all your planning coming to fruition and help hundreds of students to buy and sell textbooks.

Planning the projects entails recruiting all the wonderful project leaders, getting them their directions, making sure they have past project reports, staying in touch with them, and helping out in any other manner. Helping the leaders to schedule the projects is a very important task. You have to make sure there are not conflicting projects and events. These includes other service projects, MindSET modules, meetings, social events, and large campus events and holidays.

Also, just being an officer is very rewarding. I have enjoyed learning the behind-the-scenes workings of TBP, being able to help TBP grow and evolve, and getting to know my fellow officers better. I would like to encourage anyone who has a passion for service, a knack for logistics and planning, and a desire to be more involved in TBP to run for Service Chair.

~ Maria

Now for some choices words from Mike Hand, your current President:

Serving as president for our chapter of TBP has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my college career. As president, you have a huge say in setting the semester vision for the chapter, as well as the vision looking forward, beyond the semester. The president serves as the face of the organization when working with the college or the wider community.

President is also challenging. It requires coordinating a large officer corps, and ensuring that everything that needs to be taken care of is happening. My advice for anyone interested in running for the position is to use the first few weeks of the term to deliberately set a vision and goals for the officer corps. Starting out with everyone almost on the same page will help with cohesion and productivity throughout the semester

It's a lot of work, and you'll have to make some sacrifices to do a good job, but I can promise you that if you really put yourself into it, it is a very rewarding experience.

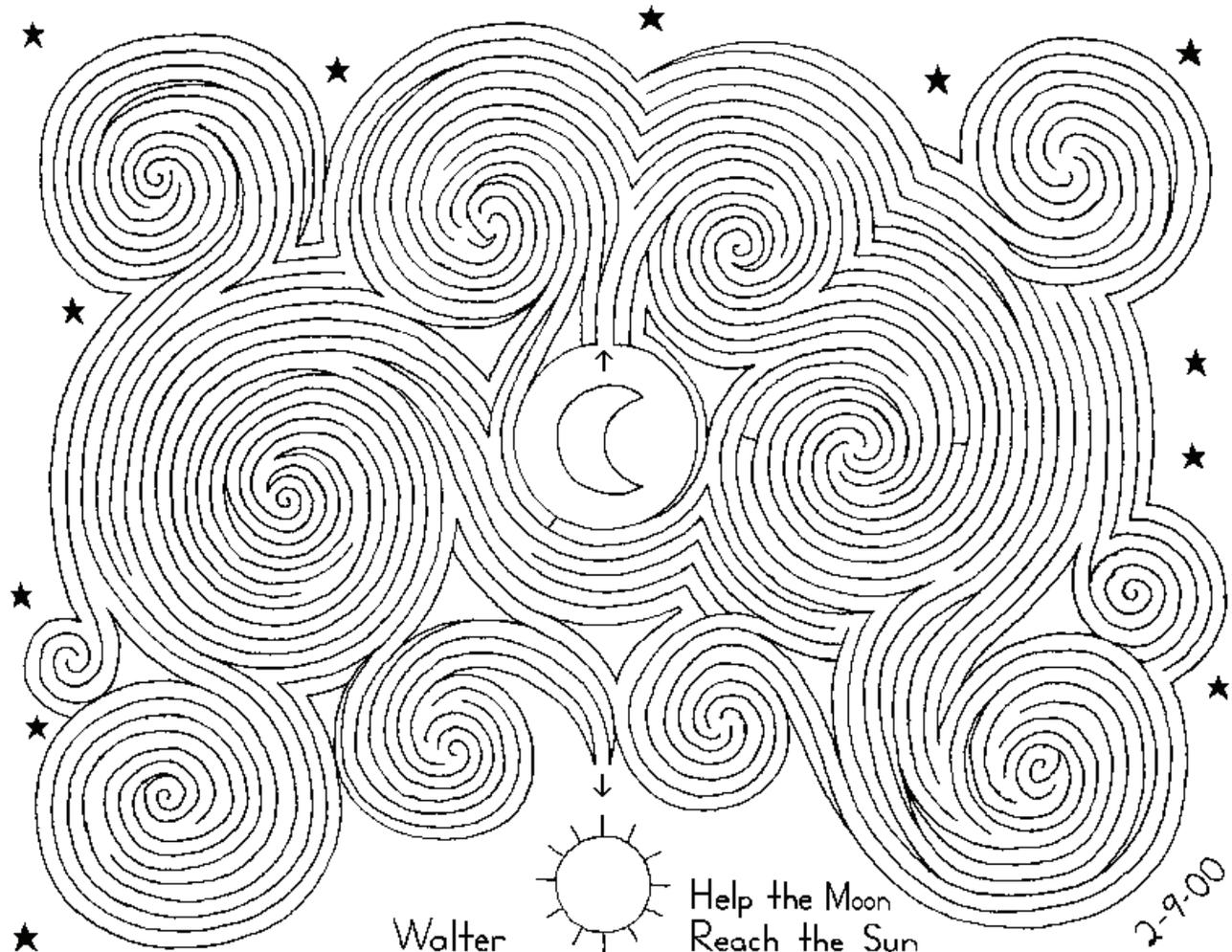


Hey you made it to the end of the Cornerstone!!

Congratulations!!!

Your reward is now to suffer at the hands of these mazes and puzzles!

And then laugh at these comics. That is all. Have a great life.



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