

Cornerstone

**Some
Unknown
Picture**

Welcome Back to U of M!

Michael Lee

Good evening, Tau Beta Pi - ready for another great semester at the University of Michigan? Not only does the football team actually look good this year, but there's all that school and learning and stuff like that too! In fact, I just heard the good news - we're ranked again! Granted, at 25th we just barely sneaked in, but it's a nice change from last season.

Wow, enough of that tangent - I'm sure I've bored you to death already. In fact, I'm willing to bet that you aren't even reading anymore, are you? Hmm, well this is sort of a paradox - if you've read it, then you've won, but you don't know until you've read it. Would it even be possible for you to lose this bet? Yeah, didn't think so - I'll just take that back



and we can move on.

Hmm, what else does the welcome back article need to cover: Tau Beta Pi - check, University of Michigan - check, football - check, hyphenated hyphens --- check, meta checklist of a checklist - check. Wow, why do you guys let me write this stuff? I think next time I'm making Kristina write this piece; it's too much stress, I don't know if you guys all hate me now because I'm rambling, gambling, and just generally not doing it right.

That does remind me though, I should introduce myself and my partner in crime, err...rhyme, and... wasting time? I'm Michael Lee, and the counter point is Kristina Roe. I'm a senior in Computer Science Engineering and she's a junior in Chemical Engineering. Basically, that means, well I don't actually know if it means anything at all. I think it means

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

IM Soccer

Sept. 20

5:30 pm

Contact robgugli for details

Mitchell Field 5

Career Fair

Sept. 21-22

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Everywhere

You've seen it

Write for the Cornerstone

All day

Every day

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we're busy, but if you're an engineer and not busy, I personally believe you're doing it wrong.

Wow, I feel bad for leaving this tiny little paragraph at the end. I guess the point of this article is to welcome you back to school and I hope you feel sufficiently welcome. Brace yourselves for another semester, this year's going to be a doozy! GO BLUE!

Electing: ???

By Kristina Roe

Welcome to First Comity, electees! You've been invited to join Tau Beta Pi and have quite bravely come forth to accept the challenge. By now you probably already know that TBP is a respected engineering honors society, open to all engineering majors. Great right? You may or may not have heard, but TBP is also an honors society that actually does things! Even better. Regardless of your motivation, you are (hopefully) here at First Comity with a burning desire to elect. Although you will certainly learn everything you need to know in order to become a proper TBP member from more official sources than I, this article will hopefully summarize what electing to TBP is all about.



Yo Kristina, I'm real happy for you, and I'ma let you finish, but Jill Schlechtweg had the best explanation of electing of all time!

You are eligible to elect to TBP based on your academics- that's why you were invited. But there are a "few" more things you need to do before you can become an official member of Tau Beta Pi. If you elect this semester and fulfill all requirements, you will be initiated as a TBP member by the end of this semester. Fulfilling all the requirements is called electing, and I'll outline what that entails in the below paragraph. You will also be in a small electee group, led by a TBP active who "knows the ropes" when it comes to the electing process.

You'll need to write essays about character for us, as well as be interviewed by TBP actives. Neither of these are anything to stress about, we are just trying to get to know you all individually, making sure you possess the essentials of being a Tau Bate: honesty and integrity. You will have to take an exam covering TBP history and information about this semester's officers. This is a chance for you to get to know TBP, so don't stress about it! Once all of these items have been completed, you'll need to fulfill your service hours and tutoring. TBP offers a variety of service opportunities and times; volunteering is an integral part of being in TBP.

Electing, cont.

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~~Star Wars A New Hope Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone~~
EPIC TBP Electing, synopsis

Our hero, ~~Luke Skywalker Harry Potter~~ **TBP electee** is an orphaned **college student** living with his ~~uncle and aunt~~ **roommate** on the remote wilderness of ~~Tatooine suburbia~~ **the University of Michigan campus**.

He is rescued from ~~aliens muggles~~ **a life without meaning** by wise, bearded ~~Ben Kenobi Hagrid~~ **Katy Kneiser**, who turns out to be a ~~Jedi Knight Wizard~~ **the President of Tau Beta Pi**.

~~Luke Harry~~ **TBP electee** is also instructed in how to use ~~the Jedi light-saber a magic wand~~ **his character** as he too trains to become a ~~Jedi Wizard~~ **TBP member**.

~~Luke Harry~~ **TBP electee** has many adventures ~~in the galaxy at Hogwarts~~ **at the University of Michigan** and makes new friends such as ~~Han Solo Ron~~ **TBP's small group** and ~~Princess Leia Hermione~~ **other TBP service event volunteers**.

In the course of these adventures he distinguishes himself as a top ~~X-wing pilot Gryffindor seeker~~ **TBP electee** in the battle of the ~~Death Star Quidditch match~~ **best small group** making the direct hit catch that secures ~~the Rebels Gryffindor~~ **his small group** victory.

~~Luke Harry~~ **TBP electee** also sees off the threat of ~~Darth Vader Lord Voldemort~~ **HKN**, who we know murdered his ~~uncle and aunt~~ **parents** **appreciation for anything good in this world**.

In the finale, ~~Luke Harry~~ **TBP electee** and his new friends ~~receive medals of valour win the House Cup~~ **are officially initiated into Tau Beta Pi**.

All of this will be set to an orchestral score composed by John Williams.



I don't need no stinkin' Haiku Corner

MICHAEL LEE

Yes, that is correct,
I just called you all out;
So for the Haiku lover's out there,
That's not what I'm all about.

Sure my rhyme and meter,
May be a bit wacky;
But when it comes right down to it,
At least it's not that tacky.

Well my time is short,
And my patience too,
If haikus are what you want to see,
I leave it up to you!

Peace to the nexus ya'll...



Are you stressed
out already,
TBP?

Even though it's the beginning of the semester, you may be feeling under pressure! Syllabus-galore, scheduling issues and the inability to adjust to a "normal" sleeping schedule may be wrecking havoc in your life right now.

At ease, for we can be glad that we live in A2 and that we don't live in one of the 10 most stressful cities in the U.S., which are as follows from Forbes:



Word of the Day

Word

Noisome

How to say it

NOY-sum

Definition

Noxious; harmful; unwholesome. Offensive to the smell or other senses; disgusting.



Can I have that in a sentence?

The body politic produces **noisome** and unseemly substances, among which are politicians.

-- P. J. O'Rourke, "No Apparent Motive", *The Atlantic*, November 2002

1. Chicago, IL
2. Los Angeles, CA
3. New York, NY
4. Cleveland, OH
5. Providence, RI
6. San Francisco, CA
7. Detroit, MI
8. Boston, MA
9. Washington DC
10. San Jose, CA

tRoell of the Week:

“Halo (All I Play-Oh)”: a parody of “Snow ((Hey Oh))” by Red Hot Chili Peppers documents the highs and lows of being “freakin’ awesome” with your friends and then failing at online Slayer. <http://www.entertainment.com/clips/xqqvzntbjs--Halo-All-I-Play-Oh>

Selected lyrics for your reading pleasure:

*Come to decide other games that I tried
Were not enough to waste my time on
I don't really see why you'd play C O D
And Fallout 3 felt so contrived
Don't understand why you'd play Rock Band
Cause there's just one game that I get high on
Play it all the time, it's gaming redefined
Copied it to my hard drive*

*Halo, this is all I play oh
I got my Halo
This is all I play oh*



ZOMG SUDOKU TIM3!!!1!

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YouTube Video of the Week:

Rolling Puppy



YouTube has united procrastinators for years now, and we feel it is our duty to keep them coming for you, TBP. This week's feature involves an adorable puppy unable to completely roll all the way over. The first few seconds invoke many “Awww”s but you begin to wonder... is that dog still flailing at this very moment?