Second Comity
By Michael Lee

Hello and welcome back to this weeks Tau Beta Pi. In the front left, weighing in at over 1800 pounds - the TBP Officers! This \(0.9 \pm 2\) ton juggernaut is composed of enough people and enough energy to make sure you get everything you want from TBP. They work to keep you active, to keep you (somewhat) happy, and most importantly, to keep you fed. But, I di-gress.

In, every other part of the room - the Electees and Group Leaders! This semester looks to be a good one, with lots of events and projects planned. Now, what are these "groups" and "leaders" and things? Well, the people in your electee group are people just like you: other fellow electees that you will work with, play with, and otherwise bond with. And the group leaders, well they're just a bit crazy. They liked TBP enough to come back to mentor a new class of electees; they're dedicated enough to get their group together for social events; they're awesome enough to do this without getting paid!

Now, how will this battle turn out? Will the officers prevail? Will the electees all initiate? Which group will win the competition? Why do these goals seem so aligned? What am I even asking at this point? I don't know the answer to all of these questions, but come back next meeting (E/A I - Feb 16) and find out more!

Source: www.dribbble.com/

(Disclaimer: These may or may not be statements of truth.)

UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Mindset Meeting 2**
- Feb. 3
- 6pm
- 1006 Dow

**IM Swim and Dive**
- Feb. 4
- 8pm
- Canham Natatorium

**Electee Interviews**
- Feb. 11, 12, 15
Valentines day is around the bend,
And you know that mean no end
Of reminders and emails and roses for you
And perhaps someone else to make two.

But the greatest, bestest valentine of all,
Is the one that answers this pleading call
For writing a poem or two or three,
Now that would be a wonderful gift for me.

Please submit poems to
TBPcornerstone@umich.edu

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Word of the Day

**Word**
Evince

**How to say it**
ih-VIN(T)S

**Definition**
To show in a clear manner, to make evident

**Can I have that in a sentence?**
The study showed that girls were better prepared for class, had better attendance records, and evinced more positive academic behavior overall.

- Christina Hoff Sommers,
The War Against Boys

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Happy Valentine’s Day, TBP!

Seems really early, but our next issue isn’t until February 16th! We’ve been slacking on our pick-up lines front, so here’s a little love...

> Our love is like dividing by zero…. you cannot define it

Roses are #FF0000, violets are #0000FF
All my base are belong to you.

> You must be an asymptote, because I just find myself getting closer and closer to you.

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What would you do with 150 ferrets?

By Kristina Roe

Strike that… what would anyone want with 150 ferrets? While I still don’t know the answer to that question, we may have a lead. Two suspects are currently in custody for having robbed a truck of fourteen boxes of ferrets. The ferrets were being imported from the U.S. to Mexico when they were stolen. A high speed chase took place near Mexico City, ending in the capture of two of the three robbers. The ferrets were unharmed… yay!

Do I feel a Mac-fan rebuttal coming on?
A Michigan Engineer does a piano cover of the song "Whatcha Say" by Jason Derulo ft. Imogen Heap… yeah, that really catchy song. His performance is impressive, seeing as he is mostly self taught at the piano. He also clearly explains how he created the background beats using FL studio’s synthesized instruments like snare, hand claps and strings, which is interesting.

A better version than Jason Derulo’s, imho.