

The Cornerstone

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Letter from the Editor

Howdy y'all!

I'm Josh, your Historian for the semester. The Historian is in charge of a few things, one of the most important being this publication: *The Cornerstone*. It's the premiere publication of TBP Michigan Gamma and contains contain a variety of fun information, including upcoming events, student-written articles, pictures of service events, memes, puzzles, and aggressively sarcastic articles written by yours truly. I hope you enjoy this issue, and please address all unconditional praise or scathing criticism to tbp.historian@umich.edu. (I also accept pictures of puppies)

– Josh Polzin

Upcoming Events:

**Buffalo Wild Wings
TG #1**
Sept 12, 7-9 PM

SWE/TBP Career Fair
Sept 16/17, 10 AM –
4 PM

IM Sand Volleyball
Weekly

Why You Should Join TBP: A Short Persuasive Essay

Do you enjoy companionship and camaraderie? Do you enjoy helping people and giving back to the community? Do you value scholarship and honor? And most importantly, do you prefer your food to be *free and cooked by someone else*? If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, then you might have a place in Tau Beta Pi (not a frat™). Here in the Tau Beta Palace we love all of these things and more. So come on in and join us – In Tau Beta Pi, it's always Pi-day.

On a more serious note, I truly have enjoyed my time in TBP. I came in as an electee in Fall 2017 and became External Vice President the following semester, and therefore the director of the 2018 SWE/TBP Career Fair (the big Fall one, see our lovely chairs on the right). Being a director connected me with a lot of really talented people both in TBP and other orgs, many of whom became some of my closest friends on campus. Joining TBP was probably the best decision I've made since I started at UM.

- Josh Polzin



Definition of Exemplary Character

In order that there may be a more uniform basis for selection of members for Tau Beta Pi, these suggestions are offered. It is expected that a copy of this statement be given each active member before every election, and it may at times serve as a general expression of our policy in the selection of members.

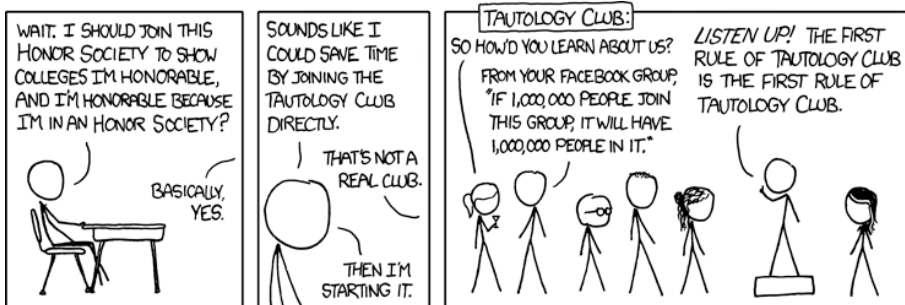
It is the purpose of the Society to mark in a fitting manner those who have conferred honor upon their alma mater by distinguished scholarship and exemplary character as students, or by their attainments as alumni.

Distinguished scholarship, while the primary requisite for admission, must not be considered the sole criterion.

After the scholastic requirements have been fulfilled, the selection shall be based on integrity, breadth of interest both inside and outside of engineering, adaptability, and unselfish activity. We consider that true integrity is the sine qua non for membership in Tau Beta Pi, that it transcends in importance scholarship, activity, and every other qualification. Without private and public integrity, we believe that no organization is worthy of existence. Under integrity, we include honor and high standards of truth and justice.

Breadth of interest sufficient for eligibility in this Association will enable people to maintain their positions in their community by the exercise of qualities other than engineering ability. True engineers must be able to adapt themselves ingeniously to all circumstances and conditions, making them conform to the desired purpose.

The rating of people on the degree of unselfish activity manifested, is intended to indicate that Tau Beta Pi believes that none can become worthy engineers without the welfare of associates, organizations, and the community at heart. It is further- more expected that they display willingness to aid and assist in worthy causes by their actual campus record. However, the fact that people may not have shown unselfish activity to an appreciable degree throughout their courses of study is no infallible indication that they would not if the opportunity offered. The most conspicuous illustrations of this are those students who are self supporting, for which due allowance must be made and due credit given. In fine, it is in this capacity for the unstinted giving of their best, without thought of remuneration, that we believe lies one of the most sensitive tests for determining candidates' rights to bear the name and wear the Bent of Tau Beta Pi.



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We are not the Tautology Club – it takes some real work and character to join TBP – but we’re here to help you through it!
 Source: XKCD comics