Hello Tau Bates!

Welcome to the new semester! I hope things haven’t been too crazy so far and classes are starting off well. I’m certainly not ready to buckle down into all the work I have staring me down. In fact, I wouldn’t mind a few more weeks of waking up at noon and lounging in my pajamas for the rest of the day—but of course, it ended all too quickly.

The officers have been working diligently to get the semester up and running. I anticipate a fair amount of changes and improvements to the chapter this semester, all of which can be relayed to you in our wonderful Cornerstone.

Of course, I can’t do it alone, so if you feel so inclined and are itching to get your creative side out, write an article. Or find some comics. Or draw some pictures. Anything to get that right side of your brain neurons firing (can you tell I’m a BME major?) I really would like to get the word out that engineers can be as creative as our LSA counterparts. I am even considering adding columns that are continually run for those of you who would like to be in charge of your own.

This issue is a little shorter than I would have liked. (Trust me I could definitely write the whole thing myself but I’m not sure that the Cornerstone would really serve its purpose in that case...or that anyone would be willing to read it) If you need ideas, shoot me an email at: (gcalco@umich.edu).

I promise don’t bite. (Well, maybe you shouldn’t consult anyone from my freshman year engineering 100 group, though…)

Anyways, I hope you all are as excited as I am for TBP and all the new and exciting community service hours and social events that are/will be planned. I apologize in advance for the amount of exclamation marks I know that I will be using in this issue and, possibly, throughout my run of the Cornerstone.

Best of luck as we get things started! Here’s to hoping this is the start of a great new year!

Sincerely,

(one of) your Publicity Chairs,

Gina Calco
Why Should I be a Group Leader??

By Isabel Cosnahan

If you saw the announcement that group leaders were needed, you probably sat there for at least 30 seconds and thought “Hmm...maybe I should do that this semester?” And indeed, twas a good thought! You should sign up to be a group leader! Being a group leader was one of the most fun and entertaining things I have done as a member of Tau Beta Pi. It provides you with a good way to earn a leadership credit (hint hint those of you who want those plush DA cords and stoles draped around your neck so that you might attempt to be as attractive as Mike Hand). It also provides a great source of help to the vice president (Ryan Chen can rap, play the tuba, look fly at Mr. Engineer but hey, he needs a little bit of assistance ya feel?). Finally, you can also get to know the electees and other group leaders in group activities and HAVE FUN! It is a small time commitment that gives you so much more! So come on, don’t ya wanna Fanta and be a group leader?

Some of the Perks of Being a Group Leader! (In photo form)

- Fun times painting the rock!
- TBP Dessert Making!
- Trade Up!
A Little Comic Relief

Provided by Joshua Kempfer

...and myself (via the internets)

http://xkcd.com/
TBP Wordsearch

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