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Letter From the Editor

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Important Dates:

All meetings start at 6:30pm in 1013 DOW (unless otherwise noted)

- *Second Comity—Tuesday, January 29*
- *Electees/Actives I—Tuesday, February 19*
- *Banquet—Sunday, April 14, 6pm Campus Inn*

Welcome to Tau Beta Pi!

This is the Cornerstone. It is a collection of articles, information, comics, and more! The Cornerstone is a fun way for members, new and old, to express themselves. Anyone can write! In this issue of the Cornerstone we'll dive into the question "Why Tau Beta Pi?" What made our members join and what has motivated them to stay active.

My own answer to this question begins only a year ago today. As I sat in the audience, eagerly awaiting the presentation of what purpose Tau Beta Pi serves, I couldn't help but wonder if this organization was for me. The more that I learned about our service events, what we do for the College of Engineering, and what we do for the greater outside community, the more that I wanted to be a part of TBP. I was excited to volunteer and represent the excellence in engineering that TBP stands for.

Of course, my job as publicity chair is not to convince you of this on my own. My job is to show you why my fellow actives and officers share these positive views of Tau Beta Pi and why you should consider joining.

Sincerely,

(one of) your Publicity Chairs,

Gina Calco

Why Tau Beta Pi?

Kristin Graf
President, MI-Gamma

To be completely honest, I went to the introductory TBP meeting because my dad and brother had been in the society and told me that I should join. As I sat where you are now, I thought that having to do all these service hours would be a hassle, but also probably fun. Until I joined TBP, I didn't have many friends in majors other than my own (BME) and getting to meet so many different people was a lot of fun. I also really enjoyed the breadth of service projects and socials that TBP offers; there is something for everyone.

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Why Tau Beta Pi? From the President (cont.)

Since initiating, I co-ran the Bookswap (W11), was Vice President (W12), Corporate Relations Chair (F12), and am currently President. I have gotten so much out of this society in these last 3 years and have experienced the opportunity to grow as a leader that TBP offers.

I may have joined out of peer pressure, but I stayed because of the sense of community I felt as a member.

- Kristen Graf, President W13

Finding Community in TBP

By Susie Chung,

My gut reaction is, “It looks good on a resume.” But I’m the kind of person where, if it doesn’t hold any personal value, I just won’t try. And if you don’t at least try, meeting the electee requirements may be a potential complication for you. So what’s the personal value in joining what appears to be a disciplined, largely impersonal organization? Well, here’s mine – there’s only two!

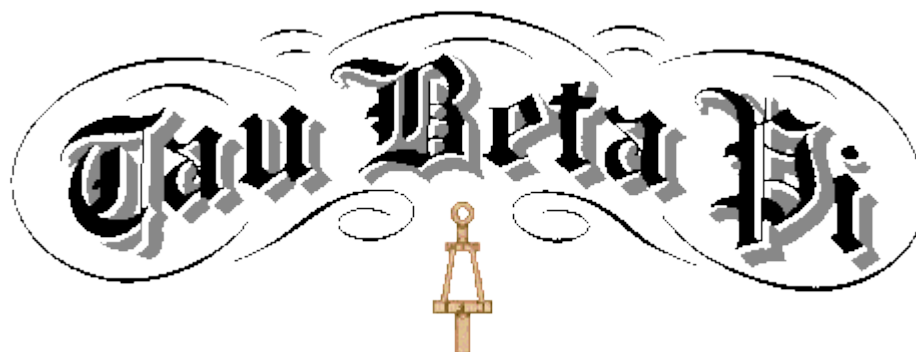
First, I’m driven. Tau Beta Pi’s requirements scream challenges at me, and of course, because I’m an over-achieving workaholic, I can’t help but say “Challenge accepted.” I love how I can impact the community at large by attending volunteer

events, like mentoring little kids at MindSET, clearing out invasive species, or something as simple as handing out water bottles at the Career Fair. And it all racks up into pride-points and some fun gifts. Who doesn’t love that?

Second, I have really grown attached to those I’ve met in Tau Beta Pi. If I hadn’t joined, I would never have met people like Kevin Joseph, Mathew Khoo, or Kristin Graf. Not saying my best friends are in Tau Beta Pi – I’m heavily involved with the Michigan Marching Band and with New Life Church, and honestly, most of my friend base comes from those two organizations. But Tau Beta Pi’s people

are so vastly different from these groups that they’re worth the extra time I need to put into TBP. They’re extremely intelligent, wonderfully geeky, and just social enough where awkward pauses are tolerable.

Honestly, it’s as simple as that – I like to better my community, and I like the people here. Sometimes the best things in life don’t involve shell-shocking revelations or extreme surprises. Sometimes the best things in life are just the little things.



Highlights of Tau Beta Pi

By Arthur Shih



MindSET Outreach Program



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CAREER FAIR



BOOK SWAP



PAINTING THE ROCK

More on How Tau Beta Pi Can be Right For You!

Kyle Lady, Grad Student Coordinator

“ I was involved in HKN during undergrad but wasn't initially convinced by TBP. I was friends with the president one semester, and she and I talked about TBP often and why I should (or shouldn't) join. The point that convinced me was the caliber of the people you can meet in TBP. Most of the members, and even many of the officers, are also involved in other extracurricular activities, and doing awesome things with them. This semester, a couple of our officers are also presidents of other student organizations, even. Being really involved in just one organization had resulted in my social/professional group being limited to just that group. The opportunity to expand my friends and contacts to include more awesome people was what sold me on TBP. ”

Joshua Kempfer, Publicity Chair (my second half)

“ I joined Tau Beta Pi as a way to get involved with a large group of people at school. I chose this group because I did not want to be involved in a group that just does its own thing and is cut off from the campus. Most groups on campus just work on some specific project and don't interact with the University of Michigan as a whole. Tau Beta Pi is one of the best campus involvement groups and it always works to help students succeed. I have been impressed by Tau Beta Pi since I entered the University of Michigan. Tau Beta Pi provides students with cheap textbooks at the book swap, gives students the chance to begin their career during career fairs, and provides learning experiences about engineering for high school students. Tau Beta Pi is involved in engineering at the University of Michigan on a large scale and this allows Tau Beta Pi to improve the lives of students because of our work. This is why I joined Tau Beta Pi. ”

Jacob Texel, New Initiatives Chair

“ I joined TBP because it provides a great way to give back to the community with similar-minded engineering students. However, there is more to the organization than that. TBP also provides a massive network of professional engineers and alumni across the nation as well as a variety of ways to get good free food. ”

Nonsense Horoscopes of the Day

By Jacob Texel

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is the day you take control of your life and set a new course for destiny. With a strong will and perseverance, you are fully capable of enforcing your will on those around you and bringing about the [INSERT READER IDEAOLOGY]ist utopia you've always dreamed of. Until then however, you may want to stay away from Libra.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You may have to go undercover to infiltrate a street racing gang. Remember, stupid and/or dangerous stunts are totally justified in the name of looking cool. Beware Scorpio.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You will find yourself contemplating Panda express tomorrow. Don't do it, you still have so much to live for!

Cancer (June 21- July 22): As snow falls and cold sweeps over campus, you will soon come to realize that proper Winter is coming. Try not to lose your head.

Leo (July 23- August 22): Now is the time to embrace new opportunities and explore possibilities. Just as an experiment, I have in my possession 100 acres of prime swampland in Arizona that are just begging to be purchased and developed on by a talented go-getter like you.

Virgo (August 23- September 22): Being born under the virgin sign, you may not get as much "relationship activity" as your peers. However, after minutes of research and months of marketing, there is now a solution for you: pheromones!***

Libra (September 23- October 22): You have what it takes to get what you want. Don't settle for anything less, and refuse to give in to anyone who tries to make you feel guilty about following your own path. Remember that the voices in your head will only stop talking if you do what they say, and that I am not responsible if you wind up in court with an Aries.

Scorpio (October 23- November 21): Today you will meet a Taurus claiming to be undercover law enforcement. Don't believe his lies. He is the one. Kill him.

Sagittarius (November 22- December 21): A new person will soon come into your life. Accept them, and you will learn that friendship is indeed magic.

Capricorn (December 22- January 19): Now is the time to relearn geography, because there may come a day when someone asks you where Djibouti is located on the map. You don't want to look stupid, am I right?

Aquarius (January 20- February 18): Today is the day to say no to everything. Except joining TBP, you should say yes to that, but everything else should be met with flat refusal. Failure to do so may result in wasting thousands of dollars with a Leo.

Pisces (February 19- March 20): As a Pisces, you are ruled over by Neptune apparently. That means you are emotional, imaginative, impressionable, creative, secretive, receptive, indecisive, inhibited, sympathetic, humanitarian, selfless, idealistic, vague, weak-willed, easily led. Basically, you are a sheep with an art degree. Don't try to argue with me, astrology is a completely real and not at all arbitrary science backed up by stuff and other similar things.

***Nonsense Horoscopes Daily is only responsible for positive side-effects of using pheromones.

Sudoku Puzzles

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Sudoku Puzzles (solutions)

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