PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2011-2012

UAB Phi Tau

A. Initiations

To identify candidates for initiation, UAB Phi Tau's faculty sponsor acquired a listing of candidates that met the specified requirements of PTS. After the candidates had been identified, the faculty advisor and chapter president met to discuss the forward progression of the initiation proceedings. Next, the candidates were notified of their selection and at this time they were also given information regarding our organization. A questions and answers session was scheduled in attempt to answer any questions potential members may have prior to making a commitment. All members of UAB Phi Tau were invited to attend as well as the faculty advisor. The candidates were invited to a mandatory initiation ceremony. The ceremony was conducted in accordance with the Pi Tau Sigma standard rituals that may be found at www.pitausigma.net. Only those candidates who provided a reasonable excuse for not attending the ceremony and those who did attended the ceremony were included into UAB Phi Tau. The ceremony was held on April 24, 2012 and 10 candidates were initiated.

B. Chapter Activities

During this academic year, UAB Phi Tau participated in several university projects. UAB Phi Tau participated in the annual UAB School of Engineering Open House. This is an event where we welcome high school students to visit our numerous engineering schools and gain encouragement for continuing their education beyond high school, specifically in the field of science and engineering. Our involvement pertained of building a high striker carnival game. Students from local high schools were invited to participate during a power point presentation. The physical principles that dictated the movement of the device were explained as well as the common way the actual carnival game works. The mechanical engineering principles that are studied at UAB were highlighted during this demonstration so that the prospective students would better understand what would be expected of a mechanical engineering student at UAB.

To raise funds, UAB Phi Tau held a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale. To decrease the potential of capital loss, pre-orders were taken for one box of one dozen doughnuts. A date was chosen for delivery of the doughnuts and prospective purchasers were given receipts to vouch for their purchase. This was done solely to gain funds to send a representative to our convention.