PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2010-2011

University of Dayton Delta Nu

A. Initiations

The University of Dayton Delta Nu Chapter has two inductions per school year. Each induction is held in the engineering building, Kettering Labs. The candidates are chosen according to the following guidelines: they must have a grade point average in the top 25% for their class if they are juniors and if they are seniors they must have a grade point average in the top 35% of their class. Another qualification is that the students must have outstanding character. The initiates are required to attend the induction ceremony, participate in all of the chapter's activities, and also pay the dues to become a Pi Tau Sigma member. The induction ceremony is held in a dark room, with only a candle as the light. The ceremony proceeds as outlined in the Pi Tau Sigma Handbook. After the proper things have been said the inductees say the pledge and then sign the Delta Nu Chapter membership book. After the induction is completed, the members proceed to our university sponsor's house where we have a celebratory meal, complete with dessert. The first induction of this school year was held on December 2, 2010, in which 10 students were inducted. The second induction of this school year was held on April 19, 2011 in which 14 students were inducted.

B. Chapter Activities

This year, the Delta Nu chapter was involved in two service activities. The first was a large campus wide activity for the nationally recognized, Engineering Week in March. This activity was created to bring awareness to what engineering is and provide a positive outlet for students during the week. Each engineering organization for engineering on campus, Society of Women Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Tau Beta Pi, etc. was involved in this project. Each of these organization's presidents were involved in a meeting outlining what each group should do. It was determined that each organization should take care of one activity central to his or her group. The large activity was determined to be a can drive, in which the students could then build with the cans after being collected. Pi Tau Sigma was in charge of organizing the rules and regulations of the build, as well as getting judges to determine which can-build was the best. The rules were determined by the Pi Tau Sigma officers and the judges were contacted for his or her expertise, including artists, civil engineers, ethics professors, etc. Additionally, the Delta Nu Chapter was involved in freshmen mentoring this school year. Freshmen engineering students are required to attend, study hall at the end of most week days. Pi Tau Sigma members attended each study hall and helped the freshmen to schedule their classes for the up-coming semester. The freshmen could ask for questions as to the scheduling process, what teachers to take, and what classes are good to take. Additionally an outstanding group member was chosen to attend the annual Pi Tau Sigma conference. He had a great time and really enjoyed all of the

information provided to him. He returned with a full report of what is happening within the organization. The Delta Nu Chapter, overall, had a very successful year.

C. Other

In the upcoming year, Pi Tau Sigma Delta Nu chapter intends to become a stronger cornerstone in the University of Dayton's mechanical engineering program. Pi Tau Sigma Delta Nu chapter will become a group which professors can count on for help. Additionally, for Engineering Week, the Delta Nu Chapter hopes to become an integral part of this week long activity. Next year, hopes are that the Delta Nu Chapter can organize a fun activity on campus to help students blow off some steam in the middle of the week, as well as culminating efforts with other engineering organizations to have a huge end of the week fun activity, in which the entire campus can get involved.