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Goals for 2008-2009

Our specific goal this year was to inform our membership about graduate school opportunities. The general goals for this year were to increase the awareness of Pi Tau Sigma on campus, increase membership involvement, and to provide fun, informative activities for the student body. In February 2008, we hosted the Pi Tau Sigma National Convention. This took a considerable amount of effort, and we also needed to maintain active involvement in our more traditional activities.

Activities

Early in the school year, we organized a graduate school information session open to all students in the Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering. The Associate Chair of the Woodruff School of Graduate Studies presented information about graduate school opportunities, application procedures and information about applying for fellowships. Faculty from the various sub-disciplines of mechanical engineering discussed opportunities for graduate study. Lab tours were also offered to undergraduate students so they could see what different professors were researching.

Our chapter participated in the Team Buzz Service Day. Our initiates performed service in various ways from helping in a soup kitchen to helping to beautify our campus. For Engineer's Week we sponsored a paper airplane making contest for middle school children. We also served the Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering by representing Pi Tau Sigma at Parents' Weekend. In addition, our chapter collects extra technical journals from the faculty and places them in lobbies of mechanical engineering buildings so that students and others who are waiting can browse through the technical news. This has been well received and the journals see lots of use.

Our initiates served at the Atlanta Food Bank, a voting registration drive, and Tech Beautification Day.

We held two initiations this year. Our speaker in the fall was Professor David Ku, the Lawrence P. Huang Endowed Chair for Engineering Entrepreneurship at Georgia Tech. In the Spring the speaker was Andrew Parks from the Atlanta Chapter of Engineers Without Borders.

We ran the concession stand at the 6th Annual Georgia Tech Auto Show. This is both a good way to make the name of Pi Tau Sigma better known and to earn money. We also started selling bratwurst sausages for Friday lunches.

In Spring 2009, we hosted the Engineering Academic Challenge open to all undergraduate students at Georgia Tech. We asked faculty and staff members to be judges for the event. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners received cash prizes.

In addition, we continued our participation in intramural sports and homecoming activities. This is a great way to have fun with other members and build our chapter community.

A representative from our chapter sits on WSSAC, the Woodruff School Student Advisory Committee. In addition, the members of our chapter on the Savannah Campus served as an informal student advisory group. Both Atlanta-based and Savannah-based students were especially helpful in preparing for ABET and discussing their education with our Evaluators.

Graduates

Andrew Gibson	Graduate School Georgia Tech
Melissa Hoops	Graduate School Georgia Tech
Michael Kaye	EDT Enzymes, Norway
Ben Lee	Graduate School Georgia Tech
Jeremy Mason	Graduate School University of Southern California
Allie McInteer	Naval Surface Warfare Center
Brad Moulton	Exxon-Mobile
Amanda O'Rourke	Boeing
Tom Pennington	Exxon Mobile
Noah Randolph	BP
Callie Reis	Graduate School Georgia Tech
Fernando Reiter	Graduate School Georgia Tech

Awards & Recognition

James Goldsmith
BP Pi Tau Sigma Scholarship

Marc-Antoine Pare

BP Pi Tau Sigma Scholarship
Nicole Miller
Ed and Faye Griggs Scholarship
Kevin Wright
Pi Tau Sigma Outstanding Sophomore
Hanna Wagner
Pi Tau Sigma Outstanding Junior
Nicole Miller
Pi Tau Sigma Outstanding Senior
Jefferson Gee
R.K. Whitehead Memorial Award
Noah Randolph
R.K. Whitehead Memorial Award
Joel Weber
R.K. Whitehead Memorial Award
Jose Medina
Samuel P. Eschenbach Memorial Award in Mechanical Engineering

Names of New Members

Fall 2008 Pledges

Justin Benson	James Brunone
Spencer Burch	Andrew Cass
Wye-Chi Chok	Christopher Druhot
Sergey Doudy	William Elkins
Andrew Gibson	Maximilian Hertanto
Justin Hingle	Tyler Jackson
Andreas Janko	Matthew Kamp
Michael Kaye	Ryan Kraft
Michael Lennard	Isaac Lockman
Timothy No	Zachary Peters
Alexander Roan	Paul Robinson
Jennifer Ryu	Aaron Anderson-Shaw
Jennifer Thiel-Perry	Hanna Wagner
Daniel West	

Spring 2009 Pledges

Khurram Ali	David Black
Jonathan Buck	Caitlin Chapin
Xue Chen	Bryson Cook
Jeffrey Croxall	Aayush Daftari
Sarah Gorday	David Hickman
Maha Hosain	Se Kang
Victoria Lewis	Russell Martin
Andrea Mayne	Patrick McPherson
Timothy McPherson	Matthew O'Rourke
Neerav Patel	Justin Scruggs
John Semmens	Scott Sherman
Richard Trimm	Trevor Wolf
Jonathan Zullo	

Transfer of Responsibilities

As can be seen from the lists of officers, we have an executive committee with many responsibilities. Typically a person serves in one of the smaller roles before being elected to one of the more important positions so that he/she is familiar with the operation of our chapter and the people involved.

Each officer keeps a record of the responsibilities of their officer and how to accomplish these tasks. This is passed through generations of officers. After the elections, but before the end of the semester, the old and new officers discuss the responsibilities of the office. Also we have posted minutes from previous years that may be consulted.

We paid particular attention to building our chapter's community and passing information along to incoming officers, as when we hosted the national convention in 1998, the chapter took two or three years to recover from that event. We did not want that to happen again after hosting the 2008 National Convention.

Plans for 2008-2009

Again, in 2009/2010 we plan a particular emphasis on academic activities especially providing information about graduate school. We will also continue our traditional service activities and the program we offer our members.

Chapter Officers

Fall 2008 Officers

President	Benjamin Lee
Vice President	Nicole Miller
Treasurer	Matthew Pearse
Secretary	Allie McInteer
Webmaster	Tony Gray
Membership Chair	Noah Randolph
WSSAC Representative	Meredith Hopps
Homecoming Chair	David Gay
Advertising/ Fundraising	Zack Sosebee

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Webmaster	Patrick Chang
Fundraising Chair	Zack Sosebee
Auto Show Chair	Ben Lee Tauhira Hoosainy
Engineers Academic Challenge	Jeremy Mason Hanna Wagner

Chapter Advisor

Dr. Janet K. Allen

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