Pi Tau Sigma Annual Chapter Report

2014-2015

Baylor University Beta Beta

A. Initiation

1. Requirements from Initiates – Potential initiates of the Baylor University Beta Beta chapter of Pi Tau Sigma are selected using the following criteria:
   - Scholarship: upper 25% of Junior mechanical engineering class and upper 33% of Senior mechanical engineering class
   - Good Character: must be shown both in and out of the classroom

   Potential initiates must also exemplify the core values of Baylor University, and must represent Baylor University and the Beta Beta chapter in a positive light at all times.

2. Selection Process – A list of students is compiled that meet the scholastic standard of Pi Tau Sigma. If any of the faculty sponsors or officers has an objection to one of the students on the list, a discussion is held to determine the cause of the objection. The faculty sponsors have the final authority on removing someone from the list of potential initiates. Once the list is finalized, an e-mail is sent to all of the students on the list, and they are invited to come to an interest meeting for the Beta Beta chapter. The interest meeting explains what Pi Tau Sigma is, what it stands for, when initiation will take place, etc.

3. Initiation Ceremony – The date of the initiation ceremony is set by the faculty sponsors and the officers. It is usually held in the evening on a day in the second half of the semester, in a lecture hall within the Rogers Engineering Building. The initiates are introduced to all of Pi Tau Sigma's traditions during the initiation ceremony including the core values and the handshake.

4. Banquet – After each initiation ceremony, dinner is provided for initiates and their guests at a restaurant near campus. Along with the new initiates and their guests, officers as well as current members attend the dinner.

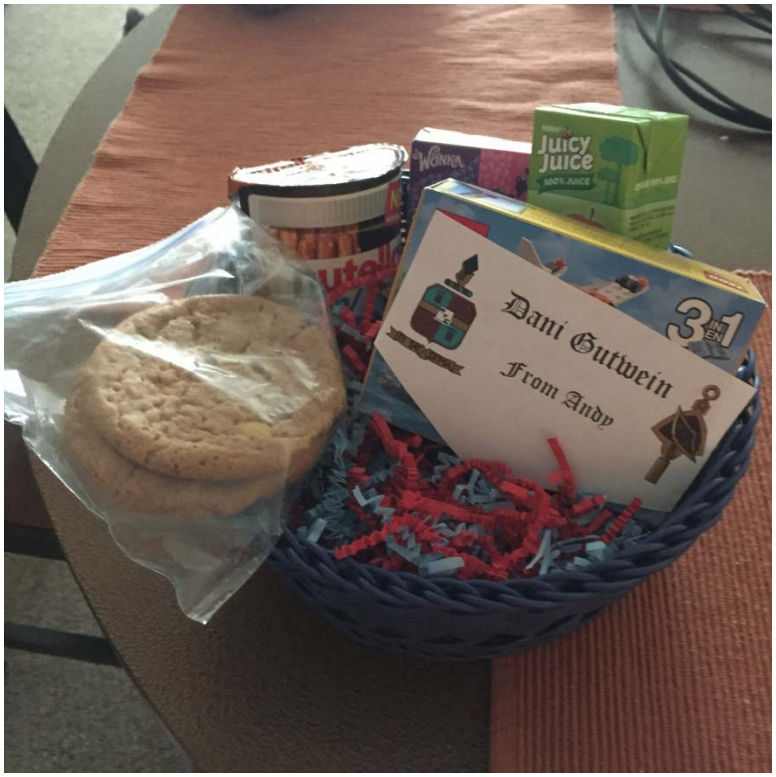
5. Initiations Held During the 2014-2015 School Year –

December 7, 2014	*April 19, 2014*
Shelby Booth	Alex Chen
Joshua Green	Morgan Garner
Dani Gutwein	Caleb Heimsoth
Richard Hansen	Rowland Henshaw
Pamela Ruffner	Ruoxin Liu
Jordan Sakakeeny	Holly Livesay
Marie Smith	Brandon Postun
Tane Tatum	

B. Chapter Activities

During the spring semester, the Beta Beta chapter held several meetings and participated in some social activities to promote camaraderie between the members.

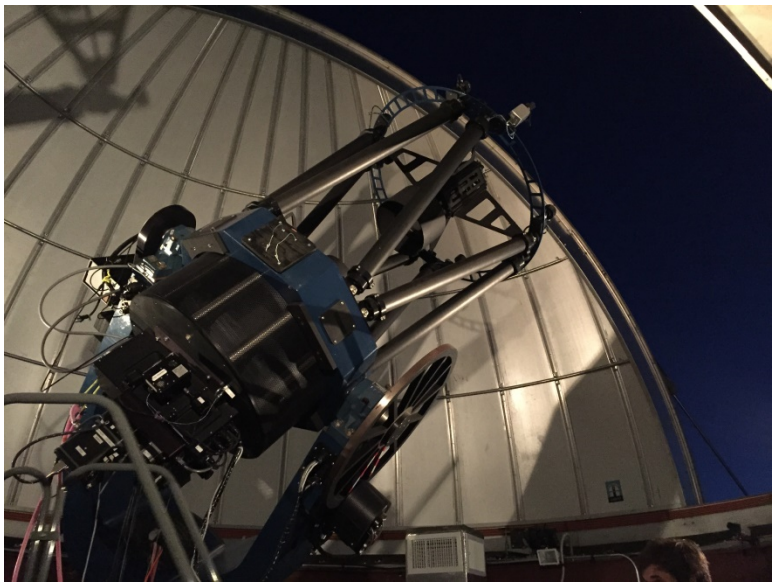
The chapter initiated a mentorship program with the fall initiates which we hope to continue with future incoming classes. Each initiate was paired with a returning member which we feel helped the initiate feel more connected and encouraged involvement in chapter events.



At the beginning of the semester, the new members, officers, and faculty advisor gathered together to polish their Pi Tau Sigma keys.

The chapter also went to the Cameron Park Zoo together.

Later in the semester, the chapter had the opportunity to go to the Jane Meyer Observatory. A Mechanical Engineering faculty member from Baylor does a lot of work there and agreed to educate us about some of the projects going on at the observatory and let us look through some of the telescopes.



During finals week, the members and faculty advisor met up to play tennis and de-stress for a couple hours before returning to studying.

Next year, the Beta Beta chapter hopes to continue to foster the environment of friendship and support that was created this year. We also hope to participate in more external activities to contribute to the engineering school, Baylor, or the local community as a whole.

C. Chapter Roster

Entering 2014-2015 Active Members

Alex Chen
Shelby Booth
Morgan Garner
Joshua Green
Dani Gutwein
Richard Hansen
Caleb Heimsoth
Rowland Henshaw
Courtney Kimutis
Ruoxin Liu
Holly Livesay
Brandon Postun
Pamela Ruffner
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Graduates in December 2014

(none)

Graduates in May 2015

Andrew Hoeckel
Delin Jiang
Christopher Stauffer

Officers Elected for 2015-2016

President: Dani Gutwein
Vice President: Shelby Booth
Secretary: Marie Smith
Treasurer: Tane Tatum
Faculty Advisors: Jonathan Rylander