PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2013-2014

North Texas Beta Eta

A. Initiations

On February 22, 2014, the first three officers of Pi Tau Sigma were inducted at the national conference and received their chapter charter for North Texas Beta Eta. The positions taken up for these officers were President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

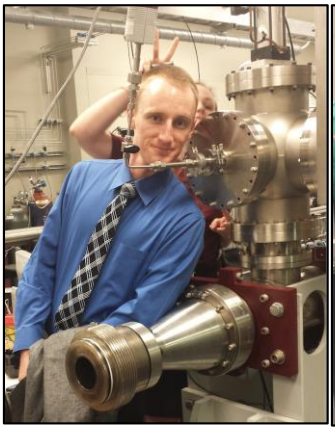
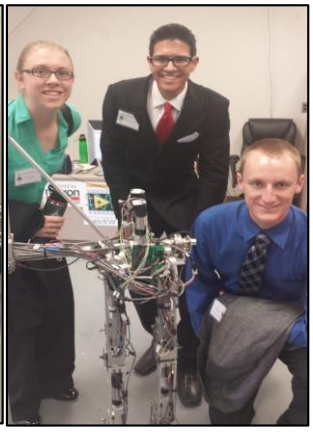
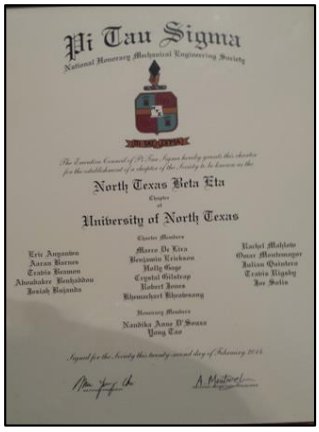
On May 1st, North Texas Beta Eta hosted its first spring initiation ceremony as a chapter. First the candidates were led into a room with dimmed lights with their heads down and eyes closed and right hand on the Treasurers (Holly Gage) shoulder as she walked them inside to face the President and Vice President front and center. As the Pi Tau Sigma Rituals were read off by the President and Vice President, a PowerPoint presentation highlighting each aspect of the crest and key were displayed in addition to both pictures of the crest and key were located in front of the initiates. After the rituals were read, everybody finished the ceremony by singing the "Thermo Song." The bronze casting key that the officers fabricated for our Universities Honor Garden was also unveiled. The total number of initiates for that ceremony were seven individuals; one graduate student and six undergraduate juniors and seniors. For the 2014 year, the total number of initiates were ten students.

North Texas Beta Eta Initiation Requirements:

1. The candidates were required to have a minimum of 20 Mechanical Engineering credit hours towards their degree
2. Attained junior status by completing Thermodynamics II
3. The Cutoff Grade Point Average was 3.7 as determined by our Faculty Advisor to satisfy the requirements for juniors and seniors
4. Both of the undergraduate & graduate students' eligibility was also evaluated based on good standing with the department and reviewed by officers along with Faculty Advisor
5. Pay National Pi Tau Sigma initiation fee of $30 (Next year, our chapter will include a local chapter initiation fee of $30)

B. Chapter Activities

I. Three members attended the 2013-2014 National Convention at Texas A&M University, where they were inducted and their chapter chartered. They had an incredible time. They returned to UNT with many great ideas and suggestions garnered from the experiences of their fellow Pi Tau Sigma members.

II. Members came together to create a bronze Pi Tau Sigma key to be mounted atop a granite obelisk monument in the University of North Texas Discovery Park Honor Garden – A place where all of the College of Engineering Honor Societies have a monument erected. The bronze key was created via casting, with the assistance of faculty. The shape was created with foam, waxed, and then bronze casted in separate pieces. Next patina paint was applied in the black areas to enhance the aesthetics of the key. The cement foundation was laid on June 17th, 2014 and the obelisk will arrive within a few short weeks. Below is the image of the Bronze key and the plans of the granite obelisk monument that will arrive soon. Once it arrives, our chapter will invite the Deans and professors from the college of engineering and will unveil the monument along with the 2014 fall initiation ceremony.

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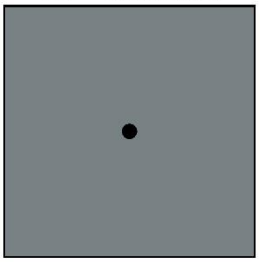
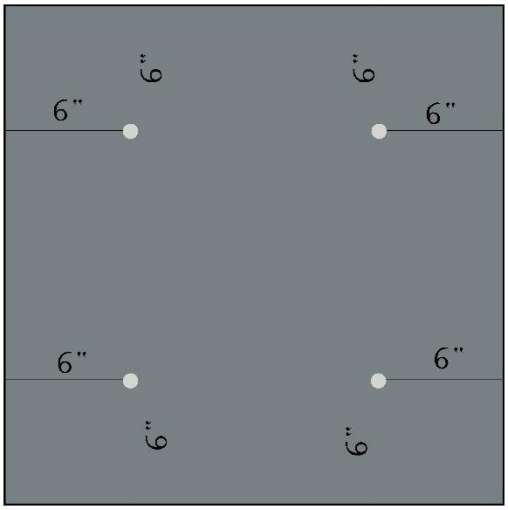
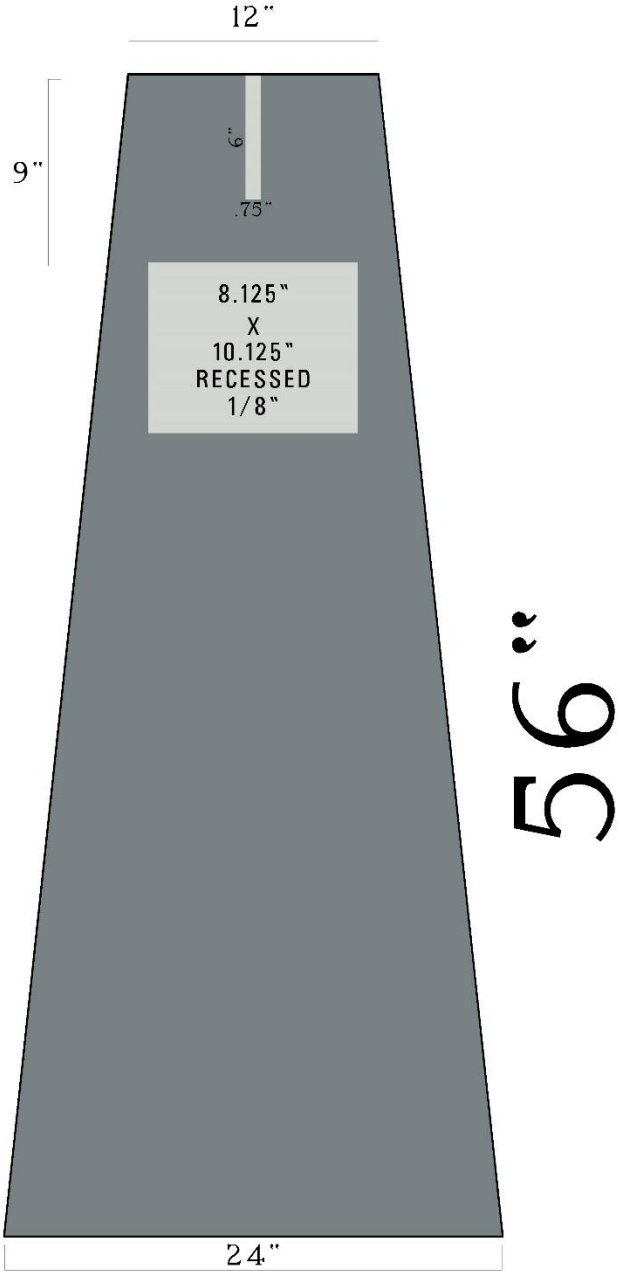
12" SQUARE





4 - 3/4" DOWEL HOLES
3" IN DEPTH
BOTTOM VIEW
24" SQUARE



STEELED GRAY GRANITE
56" TALL X 24" WIDE TAPERING TO 12"
OBLISK WITH FLAT TOP

III. The officers of our chapter drafted a constitution to outline all of the expectations for future officers and establish standard operating procedures. Meeting dates, chain of command, and explicit duties of officers are also outlined in our constitution.

C. Other

A website for North Texas Beta Eta is in development and is expected to be complete before the fall 2014 semester. Our chapter is preparing to have four speakers during the next academic year; invitations are currently being sent out.

Nothing else to report.