PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2009-2010

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A. Initiations

We select the top fourth of the junior class and top third of the senior class to send out invitations to join our chapter. We have an initial informational meeting that gives an overview of our requirements, activities, and member benefits. Before new members can be initiated they must have three professors and fellow initiates sign stating their good character, two hours of community service, attending one social event, polish a bent, and turn in membership fee. Our community chair sets up an optional community service to aid the initiates and also to give the current members an opportunity to participate. There are two social events scheduled. Also, the person with the best polished bent gets their initiation fee waved. After, all the requirements are met the initiates participate in an induction ceremony. The ceremony includes a blindfolded tour of the Mechanical Engineering building followed by a candle lit ceremony where the ASME code of ethics and the PTS ideals are read by the president. The VP explains the coat of arms and the significance of the colors. They pledge to uphold the ideals of the engineering profession as fostered by PTS. They then sign the initiation book and then they are invited to a celebratory dinner with the current officers and members.

B. Chapter Activities

During the past year, we continued to sell the Mechanical Engineering t-shirts to students and faculty. We sold the shirts out of the department office with the help of the department secretary. This proved effective as the shirts were more accessible to the students and were kept in a secure location.

The Community Service Chair, Matthew Perrella, was successful in organizing a community service project for the new initiates. They were given contact information and event dates for local community organizations such as the Lee County Food Bank, Lee County Humane Society, and The Boykin Center which is a daycare facility for the elderly and the young.

The chapter's webpage was successfully updated over the past year. It has a new look along with all current information.

Our Social Chair, Jennifer Coles, planned more events this year that proved to be successful. We went bowling several times, see picture at end of report. Our faculty student events included a baseball tailgate and a night at the pool hall. We also had an end of the year party by going kayaking down the Coosa River.

For both fall and spring final weeks we provided donuts and coffee for the ME students and faculty. Everyone seemed to enjoy this benefit!

We were involved in E-Day provided by Tau Beta Pi. Chris Warren was our E-Day representative and he got members involved by giving tours and holding the solar car exhibit. E-

Day is Auburn University's recruiting day for future engineering students. High school students from all over the state attend this event.
Three of our officers, Jennifer Coles, Jacob Mitchell, and Caleb West attended the 2010 National Convention in Lubbock, TX. See picture below.

These are a few of the 2009-2010 officers at one of the bowling social events.