PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
2010-2011
Purdue Beta

A. Initiations

For our specific chapter, all undergraduates entering their 4th semester (2nd semester within ME department) with a GPA ≥ 3.6 are invited to join. Each consecutive semester the GPA requirement drops 0.1 till it is 3.3. From this group of students, those interested go through a pledge process approximately 8 weeks long. During this pledge-ship the new members will interview several active members, plan and execute a service project, learn important facts about Pi Tau Sigma and our chapter, learn names of the active members, create the questions for the ME Trivia Challenge and participate in social events with active members. At the end of the semester when the pledge process is complete there is an initiation ceremony that involves all of the officers. This ceremony instills the key foundations upon which Pi Tau Sigma is founded and goes into more detail about traditions and facts about the fraternity. Two initiations were held over the past year; both of these were at the end of the semester, the first in late November and the other in late April. Thirteen new members were initiated in November and eleven were initiated in the past April.

B. Chapter Activities

Beta chapter held many activities to serve the mechanical engineering department, students, and our community this past year. Within the mechanical engineering department, we are the liaison between students and faculties. We helped the department conduct the Solberg Teaching Award survey for outstanding professors. Two ME Forums were held by us to increase the communication between students and the department. On the forum students and faculties opened the floor and generated several excellent ideas for improving the department and the curriculum.

Services to our fellow students are another focus of our chapter. Our chapter coordinated the social events with ASME for all engineering students, including social nights and picnics. In addition, we held an ME Trivia Challenge at the social, allowing students and faculty to face off in a friendly competitive atmosphere. Internal events such as Bowling Night are enjoyed by our chapter members. Besides events, our chapter maintains a long term informal lounge in the mechanical engineering department to sell snacks and drinks to the students. Another service of convenience we provide is test preparation. We sell practice exams of engineering courses to help students studying for exams. Our members are also active tutors in the department; one of our member held a record of tutoring 10 hours in one week.

Our members are enthusiastic and active in serving the local community. Each semester we held a carnival at the local Boys & Girls club and brought fun to for elementary and middle school students. Early in the winter our members went on a whole day trip to help seniors in the community prepare firewood. This spring our pledges did a service project to help seniors repairing roofs. Our interactions with the community do not stop here. In April a few members of us taught the 4th grade children at our local elementary school an engineering class. On the class they learnt how to make stereo speakers with paper plates and several of them were deeply appealed by underlying engineering principles.

Within our chapter, the VP of Actives runs a biweekly meeting with our active chapter members. On the alternate weeks there is a meeting run by the President of the chapter with the elected officers to ensure things are running smoothly. Our chapter was also fortunate enough to send four officers to the National Convention in February this year at Chicago. We came back with an Outstanding Service Award. By communicating with the other chapters we gathered a few ideas for improving our chapter functionality. Finally, at the end of each semester there is a banquet at a local restaurant to honor the graduates that semester.

C. Other

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VP Pledges: Kyle O'Keefe
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VP Sales: Andrew Lincoln
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