PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
2009-2010
Purdue Beta

A. Initiations

For our specific chapter, all undergraduates entering their 4th semester (2nd semester within ME department) with a GPA $\geq$ 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, and create the questions for the ME Trivia Challenge.

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.

Names of New Members

Fall 2009 Pledges		***Spring 2010 Pledges***	
Andres Roman	Ben Korty	Lijun Cao	Yudong Cao
Brian Jun	Daniel Brocker	Yong Lin	Yang Liu
Daniel Fuesz	Devarshi Patel	Ruchen Liu	Matthew Stienstra
Fady Megalli	Josh Potter	Nadim Chakroun	Robert Hoye III
Keith Jones	Kyle Brindley	Hsien-Yu Shih	Stephen Lehnert
Mary Mismas	Michael Bruns	Hanyu Zhang	Mingxuan Zhang
Pete Leenheers	You Wu	Joey Carr	
Tori Huang	Paul Yoon		

B. Chapter Activities

Our chapter coordinated many activities to serve the mechanical engineering department, students, and our community this past year. We coordinate department activities such as professor and course evaluations, the Solberg Award for outstanding professors, and the Magoon Award for teaching assistants. Our ME Forum is a chance for students to comment about classes and the curriculum as well as to suggest improvements and for faculty to ask for student feedback about pending changes.

Services to mechanical engineering students are another focus of our chapter. Our chapter coordinated the ME social and picnic with ASME. In addition, we held an ME Trivia Challenge at the social, allowing students and faculty to face off in a friendly competitive atmosphere. Within the Mechanical Engineering building, we maintain an informal lounge to give students a place to work on homework, meet, and get something to eat. In the past year we have expanded our menu to include healthier foods. Test files of engineering courses are sold to students to help in studying for exams. We also award a scholarship to an outstanding sophomore every year. Our

members are also asked to provide a list of courses for which they can tutor other ME students. This list is provided to the ME Academic Advisors so they can provide to students as needed.

In the community, our elementary outreach chair organizes a few days to go to area elementary schools to showcase engineering. This year the event was to teach the students about simple circuits by creating homemade door alarms. Each semester, the pledges organize a service project where they spend a day helping a community organization. Also there is a service project for the active members of the chapter, this year the service project was a carnival-like event hosted at the local Boys & Girls club as an after-school activity for elementary and middle school students. This event was held one afternoon in both the fall and spring semesters and provided activities such as arts and crafts, inflatable playgrounds, games, and prizes for the students. On top of both of these activities, some of our members continue to tutor high school students in their math and science courses.

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 three officers to the National Convention in February this year at Texas Tech. Finally, at the end of each semester there is a banquet to honor the graduates that semester.

C. Other

- ***Awards & Recognition***
  Purdue Beta - PTS Outstanding Service Award (2nd Runner-up)

Graduates
Ben Bradley – Unknown
Stephen Caskey – Grad School – Purdue
Stephen Leuck – GE
Robert Janesheski – Unknown
Deepak Pillai – Grad School
Jerad Cole – Shell
Samik Ghoshal – Grad School
Vincent Tandiono – Unknown
Philip Hicks – Unknown
Kyle Bazur – Shell
Bernabe Davila – Ministry
Jason Lewis – Unkown
Stephen Parkhill – Rockwell Automation
Harsha Yejju – Unknown
Siddarth Tekriwal – Unknown
Elaine Li – Unknown
David Poglitsch – Unkown
Stephen Musick – Unknown
Fred Landavazo IV – Grad School – Stanford
Joe Davies – Air Products
Demi Hutchinson – GE Healthcare

Chapter Officers
President: Drew Henderson
Treasurer: Kevin Leslie
Secretary: Josh Potter
VP Actives: Yuvraj Singh
VP Pledges: Joey Carr
VP Ind. Relations: You Wu
VP Sales: Mike Liberio

Chapter Advisor
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