Notre Dame Sigma Beta

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Goals for 2007-2008

The main goal this year was to increase the chapter's level of activity and involvement both on-campus and at the national level of Pi Tau Sigma.

Activities

During this past year, the Notre Dame chapter of Pi Tau Sigma was involved in several new activities. One main activity for the fall was organizing a concession stand at the Notre Dame-Boston college game. Holding this concession stand required a good deal of planning to coordinate purchasing the food, securing equipment, and scheduling workers and food service training. The club benefitted from the funds raised which has enabled us to do more activities and will be used to fund future events.

Also, for the first time, we hosted inductions in both the fall and spring semesters. This is part of our continued effort to achieve "good standing" status with Pi Tau Sigma nationals.

For the second year, the chapter hosted a forum for freshman engineering students. At Notre Dame, all freshmen enter the First Year of Studies, and at the end of that year, they must decide whether they want to continue to pursue engineering and which engineering discipline to study. Our forum sought to provide an unbiased view of engineering to the freshman to enable them to make a better informed decision. The panel consisted of five current seniors and recent graduates, some had stayed with engineering and others had chosen other majors or careers.

The chapter will also be co-hosting the annual end of the year picnic with the Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering. This involves chapter members preparing the food and planning the event, which will be open to the entire department. It is a chance for students and faculty to get together, converse and relax before finals and the end of the school year.

Graduates

Ryan Bove – Mine Safety Appliances
James Buffi – Pursuing a Ph.D. In Biomedical Engineering at Northwestern University
Andrew Crutchfield – Undecided
Adam Currie -- Pursuing Master's in ME at McGill University in Montreal
James Gates – Morris Material Handling, Milwaukee
Phillip Hicks – U.S. Army, Second Lieutenant, Medical Platoon Leader, Germany
Kevin Kastenholz – Sargent & Lundy, LLC in Chicago
Joseph King – ExxonMobil, Cost Engineer in Houston, Texas
Caitlin Kopf – GE Aviation Direct Hire
John Larson – The Ohio State University, pursuing Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering
Camille Legault – GE Aviation, Operations Management Leadership Program
Robert Melly – GE, Cincinnati, OH
Jude Miller – GE Aviation, Edison Engineering Development Program
Paul Nistler – GE Transportation, Edison Engineering Development Program
Patrick Noble – GE Energy, Edison Engineering Development Program
Kyle O'Reilly – Accenture, Chicago, IL
Timothy Peterson – Boeing, Philadelphia, PA
David Rupp – Unknown
Patrick Tennant – Sargent & Lundy in Chicago
Frederick Thwaites – GETransportation, Edison Engineering Development Program
Alexander Vossler – GE
John Williams – GE Aviation, Cincinnati, OH
John Wloch – Pursuing BA in English at the University of Notre Dame

Awards & Recognition

This year, Frederick Thwaites received the the first annual Pi Tau Sigma Award. This award is based on the outstanding academic performance and demonstrated professional potential of some member of the society. Selection was made by a small group of faculty.

Names of New Members

Fall 2007 Pledges

Ryan Bove	Adam Currie
Kevin Kastenholz	Joseph King
Caitlin Kopf	Kyle Kron
Camille Legault	Jonathan Parry
Michael Petrongolo	David Rupp
David Seibel	Paul Schlueter
Patrick Tennant	Andrés Valenzuela
Alexander Vossler	Matthew Walters
Joseph Wells	John Wloch

Spring 2008 Pledges

Travis Allen	Lorenzo Barrera Jaime
Richard Helffrich	Michael Ouimet
Timothy Peterson	Daniel Rave
Nicholas Springer	Claire VerHulst
Nathaniel Yanchak	

Transfer of Responsibilities

The officers last year prepared an officers manual outlining the chapters goals, previous activities, and best practices. The current officers have updated the report based on this year's activities and lessons learned. This will assist next year's officers in effectively coordinating the club's activities and pursuing new opportunities. The new officers are also being included in planning the end of the year activities, specifically the mechanical engineering picnic.

Plans for 2008-2009

For the upcoming year, the chapter will continue to attempt to establish good standing at the national level. With the funding issue resolved from having a concession stand this past year and plans for another concession stand, the chapter plans to send members to the national conference.

The chapter also plans to increase involvement in campus activities. We plan to host continue hosting the freshman engineering forum and engineering picnic, and then add more service activities such as blood drives and tutoring.

Chapter Officers

President	Jimmy Buffi
Vice President	Bryan Delaney
Treasurer	Patrick Noble
Secretary	John Larson
JEC Liaison	Frederick Thwaites
Publicity Officer	Andrew Crutchfield

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