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Poker Night

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Poker Night turned into an interesting evening of mental and athletic exertion. The attending members and candidates split up into two tables: one group playing for chips and the other playing for pushups. Candidates Cory and Natalie joined the chips table, while the pushup table was highly populated with buff officers, including Pokai, Paul Le, James, Dwayne, and Angela - the only girl doing pushups for the night. Highlights included: Dwayne encouraging Angela to finish her set of 40 pushups and Pokai racking up a loss of 300 pushups, and paying them off by doing backflips and forward flips for 50 pushups apiece. Poker and pushups... a curious, yet fitting combination.



Poker night – apparently push-ups for challenges?

Career Fair

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Tau Beta Pi's industrial relations committee hosted the club's first ever career fair. The turnout was excellent at 300+ students. The companies attending included the likes of CCCSD, Cutera, Lockheed Martin, Tetratex, UTStarcom, Varian, and Viostat. The companies were offering full-time positions and internships for all engineering majors. Thanks to all the members and candidates who turned out for the fair, and kudos to Indrel!

E-Day

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On October 22, all engineering clubs, including TBP, turned out for the annual E-Day, a day for fun engineering activities. In the morning, clubs tabled in front of

McLaughlin Hall, giving out information to interested passersby. In the afternoon, the clubs moved to Memorial Glade, where the wacky engineering events began. The TBP table provided ingredients and instructions for making an interesting substance called Gak. After mixing equal parts water, glue,

and borax, the end result is a slightly hard, slightly soft, slightly foamy, very, very flexible piece of white material. A game of Frisbee ensued until the Gak Frisbee got a crack in it and the game was abandoned. TBP also had materials for building bridges out of dry, uncooked noodles and marshmallows. Together with fun, food and an engrossing pie-eating contest, E-Day is the event for Cal engineers.

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Advising

Heena Patel

Tau Beta Pi hosted its annual Tele-bears and college of engineering advising sessions on three separate nights, in which TBP members and candidates provided advice on courses, professors, and all things engineering to undergrads of all engineering majors. An estimated 40 confused and curious engineers were enlightened at the advising sessions. In particular, the civil engineering table was packed! When not advising, TBPers took advantage of a good chance to hang out together, eat good food, and have a fun time.

Of course, there were plenty of challenge opportunities. Most memorably, a crowd of TBPers gathered to cheer as candidate William ran around Evans carrying candidate Paul (who had tossed his shirt off) on his back. In addition to displays of human strength, there were cartwheels and other fun challenges. At one particular advising session – Nov. 2 – there was also plenty of election talk as TBPers crowded around available laptops

to watch the close election unfold. The advising sessions were a good chance to mingle, socialize, and provide advice to our fellow engineers. Look out for the upcoming research symposium, also hosted by advising. The seminar will take place on November 17 at 6 pm in Sibley Auditorium.



The CE table is packed at TBP Advising.



Climbing the rock...

Rock Climbing

Karen Yang

Look out below! A couple weekends ago, officers and candidates (and even a member!) got a chance to test their skills at rock climbing. Using the facilities at Berkeley Ironworks, candidates climbed up and down various paths, sometimes only hanging on with one hand.

In order to guarantee the safety of the climbers, some of the officers took a belaying class enabling them to assist other members with ropes while climbing up some of the harder routes. Although most of the participants had never climbed before, it wasn't long before Eric Lew and Alex Chen started working their way up the wall following the green and yellow markers and moving up in difficulty. Having done this before, Tuthien Le eased his way up the favorite Halloween route with any hesitation. Donovan Sung stood back and watched for a bit, but stepped up to the more difficult 5.7 route when the opportunity came.

Whether it was their first time or tenth time, candidates and members spent a great Friday night rock climbing. So, the

question remains... who wants to go back?!

Dodge Ball

Mike Schou & Sanjay Dastoor

This Halloween, Tau Beta Pi showed what it was made of at the KGD Dodgeball tournament held at the RSF.... which is apparently not much. According to activities officer Sanjay, this event resulted in a "total massacre". From our end, a total of eight candidates and two officers signed up. They were broken into two teams: the Tau Bates and the Tau Pis. However, Neither team made it past their first round, so both went straight to the losers bracket. The Tau Pis lucked out in that their next scheduled opponents didn't show, and they automatically advanced to the Losers Finals! Yay.

But more shamefully, The Tau Bates were pitted against a team dressed entirely as bumblebees...and lost! Although, Mike Schou would like to point at that at a point when they were down 4 guys to 1, he single-handedly brought back most of his team mates, only to lose the match anyway. Still, despite our losses, most who attended had a great time.

Anyway, when all is said and done, the real winners that day were the football players who came and formed their own team. Fortunately, neither the Tau Bates nor the Tau Pis had to confront this fearsome group. A match against these players can only be described as a "barrage of bullets... giant dodgeball-sized bullets". Whenever a team took on the football players, a hole on the other team's side would quickly open, through which dodgeballs would rain into the bleachers... one of these grazing Sanjay's eye. Ouch.

WE NEED YOUR STORIES!

Need an extra challenge point? Contact TBP publicity. We are always on the look out for news.



Candidates Andrew and Michael hanging out at the TBP bowling event

Bowling

Eileen Chu

TBP members and candidates went for a fun night of extreme bowling at Alameda Bowl. TBPers tore up the lanes with their fine bowling skills while beat music played in the background and bright disco lights lit up the alley. Candidates Mike and Patrick and officer Kevin

bowled exceptionally well, with scores well over 100. Others, however, just didn't have the bowling finesse (*cough* officer Eddie *cough*). After everyone was spent with bowling, it seemed a good time for challenges, which brings us to DDR (Dance Dance Revolution). Almost all participated; officer Paul Le was particularly terrible, most were okay, but candidate Andrew was the

shining star of the dance. In all, bowling night turned dance night was a fun-filled success.

Grad School Seminar

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The grad school seminar put on by TBP Advising was a smashing success. Plenty of engineering juniors and seniors came to hear what the panel of speakers had to say. The panel consisted to two professors and two graduate students who were asked questions and talked about applying to grad school, getting references, why they went to grad school, their thoughts about grad school versus working in industry, and etc.

The event lasted only about an hour and a half, and the room (HP Auditorium) was quickly swamped by midterm test-takers right after. But while it lasted, it gave good insight to those who attended about exactly what grad school is like and why and how to apply.

Big Social

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It was a cold and dark evening as TBP members, candidates, and old fogies gathered for the last big social of the semester. Despite the gray weather, the evening started out in high spirits after Cal football squeaked out a winner in a tight game (go bears!!!). Members and candidates met at HMC to split up into rides to Ocean beach. Then began a grueling drive as

exhilarated football fans and cars driving back from the game filled the streets of Berkeley. College Ave and University were packed, as was the freeway. Though there were delays due to traffic, all cars finally arrived safely at the beach. C O L D !!! W I N D !!! B R R R R R !!! To warm up, members started a lively game of jump rope in the parking lot until they

were almost run over by officer James, who (joyously!!!!) brought food. Mmmm, pizza.

While TBPers descended on the food, a group of officers built up the fire on the beach. Soon all were gathered cozily around a lovely fire fueled by dropped pizza and cardboard Costco boxes. For a while, there was just talking and munching around on chips and soda, while people struggled to get warmth from the fire and not get burned in the attempt.

Then came the call, "Tug of war!" After it was decided that it would probably be better not to hold a tug of war over the fire, a long, hairy, spiky rope was produced and laid out on the beach. Officers lined up on one end, while candidates lined up on the other. A minutes-long tug ensued as the rope was jerked back, then forward, then back over the center. Finally, the officers, who were vastly outnumbered by candidates, emerged

victorious, and all came back to the fire breathless and with burned hands.

But the rope was not dead yet. Five officers and candidates teamed up in a tug of war against buff candidate William. William, though putting up a big fight, was slowly sliding toward the other side. Suddenly several fellow candidates joined in to help

William; of course, this meant that officers had to join the other side. Then, shockingly, officer Pokai jumped in and helped William! Traitor! The tug of war finally ended with no visible winner. But as VP Nathan said, "We're all winners!" Great, now break out the smores! There was a bit of problem with a lack of any



Some Tau Bates gather around the flame at Ocean beach for Big Social 2

skewers on which to toast the marshmallows. No problem, being engineers, we improvised! With coat hangers! Officer Karen stripped the plastic off of countless coat hangers, and TBPers were soon standing close into the fire enjoying hot, gooey marshmallows with yummy chocolate and graham crackers.

Talk around the fire ranged from different countries people had visited to various ways to play with fire. While a large group stayed close to the fire, a few small groups broke away to trace letters, shapes, and, of course, a large bent in the sand. The evening dwindled to a close as cars began leaving and the fire died down. The last big social of the semester was one of coziness and yummy smores.