Pi Tau Sigma Annual Chapter Report

2014-2015

Missouri KC Phi Eta

A. Initiations

Initiates are chosen based on their current cumulative GPA. Junior initiates are selected if their GPA is within the top 25% of their class in the fall semester or top 33% of their class in the spring semester. Senior initiates are selected if their GPA is in the top 35% of their class. Initiates are required to pay $60 for their initiation.

Once the initiates have accepted our invitation and paid their dues, they are given a large brass key and a smaller key chain. They are required to bring the brass key to the initiation.

At the initiation, initiates are called, one at a time, into a darkly lit room. In this room current members of the Phi Eta chapter of Pi Tau Sigma ask the initiates questions regarding relevant engineering classes. This allows the initiates to demonstrate their worthiness to be called an engineer. Some example questions can be seen here:

Why are manholes round?

Mass is to Force as Inertia is to _____.

Define Entropy.

State Ohm's law.

After the initiates are questioned, they are asked to leave their key in the room and step into the hall. Another member stays outside with them and sorts them as he sees fit. Those initiates that seemed cocky or overly sure of themselves are called back into the room and asked more difficult questions, until they are unable to answer several questions. They are once again sent out of the room. After all initiates have been questioned, the current members come out and welcome all the initiates into Pi Tau Sigma. Following the initiation, food is provided and all present sit down to eat.

There was only one initiation held this year, as no initiates in the spring semester responded to our invitation.

Fall 2014: 9 students were initiated on Thursday, December 4th.

Spring 2015: No initiation was held as there was no one to initiate.

B. Chapter Activities

The Phi Eta chapter of Pi Tau Sigma did not participate in any activities this academic year. This was due to the fact that the members of Pi Tau Sigma were so involved with other groups and associations that they did not have time to participate in anything on Pi Tau Sigma's behalf.

C. Other

There is nothing else to report.