PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2010-2011

KETTERING UNIVERSITY DELTA CHI

A. Initiations

Kettering University's selection process to join Pi Tau Sigma begins by looking into students scholastic records. Students must be within the top 35% of the mechanical engineering department to be considered for initiation. The student must also participate in a mandatory community service event prior to initiation. On top of this, potential initiates must complete and get signatures of the advisors, board, and members of Pi Tau Sigma to introduce themselves to the current members and also that the current members can get to know the potential initiates. Once the initiate has been inducted, an annual fee of $80 is collected, and to remain in good standing the individual must attend meetings and community service activities.

Kettering University's first initiation occurred on September 19th, 2010 and was looked over by Dr. Raghu Echampati and conducted by Denise Gantt. The ceremony was conducted in room 1-819 in Kettering University's Academic Building. Twenty-six members were initiated in the Summer 2010 initiation. The second initiation was held on June 1, 2011in 1-819 as well. The ceremony was overseen by Dr. Arnaldo Mazzei and conducted by Kristin Warren. Four members were initiated in the Spring 2011 initiation. A total of 30 members were initiated into Kettering University Delta Chi chapter in 2010-2011. At the conclusion of the initiation ceremonies, initiates dispersed and regrouped for a dinner together at a nice restaurant.

B. Chapter Activities

Kettering University's Pi Tau Sigma held eight community service activities in the 2010-2011 year. The first mandatory community service activity took place at the CRIM festival of races on August 28th, 2010. The group worked at a water station at the event, as well as cheering on participants of the CRIM.

The second mandatory community service event prior to initiation for those not able to attend the CRIM event was held at the Flint Children's Museum on September 11th, 2010. The Delta Chi chapter assisted with cleaning the facility in preparation for the museum's re-opening.

The third community service occurred at the Northend Soup Kitchen on November 6th, 2010. Pi Tau Sigma joined with KAGLE organization and NSBE to help serve food to the homeless.

The fourth community service was mandatory and was at Kith Haven on December 4th, 2010. Pi Tau Sigma visited a retirement home where they talked and played games with the seniors.

The fifth community service event was held at My Brother's Keeper on February 19th, 2011. My Brother's Keeper is a safe place for battered men in the Flint area. At the community service event, the chapter assisted by painting in the facility.

The sixth community service event occurred at the Eastern Michigan Food Bank on March 12th, 2011. Pi Tau Sigma joined with the KAGLE organization to help sort pallets of food that had been received by the food bank.

The seventh community service was a mandatory event for the B-section initiation and occurred at My Brother's Keepers on April 30th, 2011. Members provided the service of serving food to the battered men at the facility.

The eighth community service event occurred at the Flint Children's Museum on May 7th, 2011. The chapter assisted with completing garden work, moving dirt and mulch.

The Delta Chi Chapter conducted several meetings over the course of the 2010-2011 school year including and meetings for the executive board.

On February 10th, 2011, the first meeting for the entire chapter was held. The meeting was a meet and greet to get the chapter acquainted with the executive board. The meeting was also set up to discuss possible community service activities. The meeting adjourned after the group picked three potential community service activities for the executive board to look into.

On February 22nd, 2011, a chapter wide meeting was held during Kettering's lunch hour. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ruka Oyedele. Ruka then introduced the rest of the executive board prior to opening discussion pertaining to possible community service activities. Once the community service discussion had commenced, the group of 11 individuals then watched "Multimedia Fluid Mechanics" while enjoying food and beverage. The meeting was adjourned at the conclusion of the video.

On February 23rd, 2011, the executive board met to discuss the functions of the executive board. Once assignments were understood, possible fundraising activities, community service activities, and meeting ideas were proposed. The meeting adjourned with each executive board member accepting his/her responsibilities and investigating the possibility of each proposed idea.

March 8th, 2011, a presentation on the history of hip replacement by Kettering University's Dr. Patrick Atkinson, a bioengineering professor, was held for all to attend. A total of 15 members attended, food and beverage were provided. The meeting adjourned at the conclusion of Dr. Atkinson's presentation.

On April 12th, 2011, the executive board met to discuss the upcoming general body meetings and initiation dates and dinner for the school term. Also, Potential community service events and fund raising ideas were recorded and chosen for the B-Section Spring term. These events will be presented at the first general body meeting. Once all things were discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

On April 19th, 2011, a general body meeting was held during Kettering University's lunch hour. During the meeting, the executive board was introduced again to the members. This meeting was designed to discuss the upcoming community service events, mandatory meetings, and initiation/dinner for the new initiates and other ideas to improve the chapter. After these things were discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

On April 26th, 2011, the next general body meeting was held during the lunch hour. This was the first meeting with the new potential initiates. A presentation was given to the new potential initiates by the B-Section President Kristin Warren about the Kettering University Delta Chi Chapter. Brochures were handed out to give them a quick summary of the Delta Chi Chapter. Any questions asked by the potential initiates were answered at the end of the meeting by the Executive Board. A quick presentation was given by the Secretary Wesley Fong about the National Pi Tau Sigma Convention 2011 held on February 11-13 about future conventions and events that occur during the convention. The meeting was adjourned after this.

On May 3rd, 2011, a general body meeting was held during the lunch hour. A presentation was given by Dr. Michael Callahan, a Kettering University professor in the Liberal Studies Department. Dr. Callahan spoke about leadership, what type of leaders the world needs today, and how Kettering University students could become leaders in the society today. After this presentation, the meeting was adjourned.

On June 7th, 2011, the final general body meeting was held during after school hours. During the meeting, a motion was made and passed to move initiation in the Fall term instead of the Spring term. Last and final announcements were made to the members by the executive board. And nominations were made for the new executive board for the next year. The meeting was adjourned at the conclusion of the nominations.

C. OTHER

Kettering University, formerly General Motors Institute (GMI), is a unique institution where the student body is split in two sections, A and B sections, who alternate between school and co-op sessions resulting in attending classes practically year round, collectively. This report is a culmination of both sections to make up the Kettering University Delta Chi Chapter of Pi Tau Sigma.