PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
2012-2013
California State University, Beta Gamma

A. Initiations

This year we continued with our regular initiation procedure. This procedure requires that initiates preform the required amount of volunteer hours and attend the required amount of social events. There are 8 required volunteer hours per initiate with 4 of these hours being done with our local MESA society here on campus. New this year we had the option for initiates to participate, with the other honors societies such as Tau Beta Pi, SWEE (Society of Women Engineers) in on campus programs like Green days and Vintage Days. As a requirement all new initiates must attend initiates night where we hold our Engineering tournament and key night. (Described below)

Also in accordance with national standard all of our initiates must meet the minimum GPA of 3.00 and also be in the top 15% of the Mechanical Engineering department for juniors and the top 25% for seniors. This year we had 9 initiates total bringing our total members to 50 members. This year's ceremony involved the standard elections and vows followed by the banquet dinner later that night to celebrate new initiates. (Please see below)

Figure 1(Members Present)

B. Chapter Activities

Green Days

Some of our initiates joined with other honors societies to help clean up local parks. We joined with TBP (Tau Beta Pi) and SWEE (Society of Women Engineers). Volunteer worked 4 hours each cleaning local parks.

Vintage Days

Our chapter help set up our on campus carnival known as Vintage days. We also participated with SHPE (Society of Hispanic and professional Engineers) in running a food booth were we sold tacos and burritos.

MESA Volunteering

All initiates are required to put in 4 hours of work helping the local MESA program on campus. Initiates help out with teaching the high school students that come to campus about engineering and about the college experience. They also help set up engineering events for the students.

Game Nights

We held two game nights this year where we as a society took time to enjoy some friendly games such as life, risk, and this year we made a giant jenga game to play. On one of these nights we had a friendly volleyball game and hotdogs. To the right is a picture of us playing giant jenga on one of our many game nights.

Figure 2(Giant Jenga)

Scavenger Hunt/Key Night (April 17th, 2013 @ 6pm)

The Scavenger hunt involved the giant jenga we made earlier in the year. We put numbers on the blocks. The numbers corresponded to numbers on the scavenger list. After pulling blocks the teams were sent off to find the items listed on the scavenger hunt list. The winning team was the team that could find the most things on their list in the quickest time. The winners were awarded prizes.

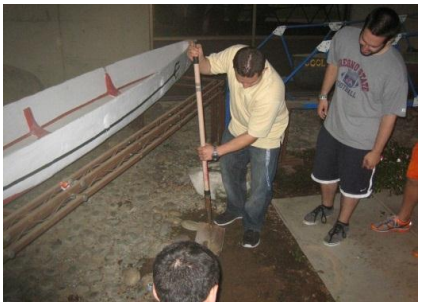

Figure 3 (Initiates Digging for Keys)

Figure 4 (Initiate after finding key)

At the end of the night we (The officers) surprised the initiates with the task of digging up their PTS keys. The initiates dig up their brass keys and are then set with the task to polish the keys and design a plaque to set them on by initiation night.

Engineering Tournament (April 27th, 2013 @ 3pm)

The engineering tournament consisted of a friendly Co-ed football game, along with the teams working on small engineering project. The project this year was to launch and land an ESTES rocket safely. Bonuses for highest launch. Teams were given simple materials to make a landing device for the provided ESTES rockets

Initiation Night (May 9th, 2013 @ 3pm)

This is the night in which our initiates show up with their polished keys on plaques. We take our initiates on a blindfolded walk around the engineering building and bring them up to the conference room where they recite to pledge to honor and uphold the standards of the Beta Gamma chapter of Pi Tau Sigma. We then teach them our two fingered left hand shake. After all the initiation is done we begin to vote on best presented plaque. The winner gets their initiation fees back. We then welcome the new members to the society and begin to vote on next year's officers. All are allowed to participate in nominations and voting.

C. Other

Figure 5 (Old Officers)

Figure 6 (New Officers)