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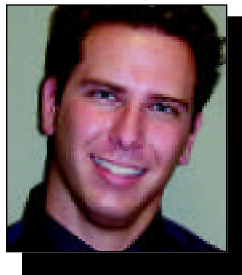
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West Texas Awaits!

THE MEMBERS OF TEXAS BETA and the other District 13 chapters invite all Tau Beta Pi members to experience the hospitality of Lubbock. Activities will be held in the heart of the cap-rock plateau.

The host chapter boasts many fine and talented members and distinguished alumni. The chapter is honored to host its first Convention. Much preparation and hard work has gone into making this a successful and memorable experience.

Arrangements Chair Matthew Reile, Texas Beta 004 and his outstanding crew have booked sleeping rooms at the Holiday Inn Towers. All meetings and most meals will



also be held in the Lubbock Civic Center across the street from the hotel. On Saturday, attendees will enjoy lunch, view the model initiation, and tour the Texas Tech University campus prior to the final banquet.

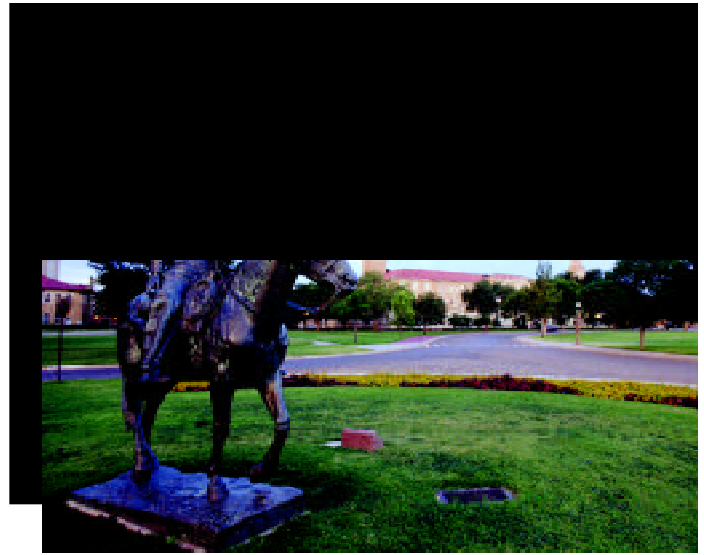
Most delegates, national officers, and other attendees will fly into the Lubbock Airport for the October 23-25 meetings, Engineering Futures sessions, ICE discussions, chapter and individual awards, and other activities.

Expenses of one student delegate per chapter and the on-site expenses of advisors will be paid by the Society. Non-voting delegates and alumni are encouraged and invited to attend at their own expense, except that non-voting delegates' travel expenses are partially reimbursed.

With rŽsumŽs in hand, delegates and local members may visit the fourth annual Tau Beta Pi Career Fair Thursday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Sandia National Laboratory has stepped forward to make the lead contribution to the Convention and will host the Initiation and Awards Banquet on Saturday. Companies and organizations including Duke Energy, ExxonMobil, Fluor, General Motors, NCEES, and Schlumberger are also partnering with Tau Beta Pi as major sponsors.

The purpose of the annual meeting is to conduct Tau Beta Pi business. Delegates, who are often chapter presidents or officers, begin their official duties Thursday afternoon. They meet to oversee the Association's fiscal and governmental policies, choose



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the major chapter award winners, prepare for District conferences, learn more about the Tau Beta Pi election and initiation process, receive leadership training, and plan future Conventions. They are assisted in their duties by the Executive Council, national officers, and chapter advisors.

The delegates are the legislative, executive, and judicial body of this primarily student-run organization. Each delegate arrives ready to participate and has already been assigned to one of the eight Convention committees. National officers serve as committee advisors.

Each committee elects a student chair to conduct its internal affairs and represent the group on the Convention floor. Any Constitution or Bylaw changes brought forth from the committees are voted on by the Convention during the major business meetings.

This year seven standing committees will survey the Association. One *ad hoc* group on chapter advisors has been organized. The committees and their advisors are outlined as follows.

Committees:

Petitions. D.A. Kamat, advisor. This group will consider and recommend action on new-chapter petitions from the local engineering societies at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, MI, and Idaho State University in Pocatello.

Constitution and Bylaws. K.S. Wilberg, advisor. A subject that has been assigned for direct consideration is a proposal that Bylaw X be amended to establish a Director of Scholarships and a new Scholarship Board. Other subjects assigned are proposals to allow chapters to define Executive Councillor and Officers and Directors, to reduce the time limit of chapter voting, and to revoke the election of a candidate. Additional proposals may arise for consideration by this committee before and during the Convention.

Chapter and Association Financial Affairs. M.D. Malmstrom, advisor. Committee members are charged to: determine allowable delegate's expenses for the 2004 Convention; review the chapter accounts receivable to the

national Headquarters; review the annual reports of the Association's auditor and Treasurer; and review a proposal to increase the initiation fee and Convention assessment.

Rituals. A.R. Hirsch, Director of Rituals and committee advisor. Members of this group will consider any proposals for Ritual changes and will prepare the Model Initiation at the Convention.

Convention Site. B.L. Frost III, advisor. Delegates from this committee will recommend acting on an invitation, should one arrive, to host the 2006 Convention. In accord with the Constitution, the Convention site may not be selected more than three years in advance.

The Executive Council approved the selection of Utah Alpha/Beta/Gamma as hosts of the 2005 Convention in Salt Lake City. Florida Alpha and Delta are co-hosting the 2004 Convention in Orlando.

Resolutions. S.E. Fable, advisor. Team members will present resolutions—statements of appreciation and mementos—to the Convention at the Saturday morning business meeting and the Saturday evening Initiation and Awards Banquet.

Awards. S. Jennings-King, advisor. The principal assignment of this committee is to select the recipients of the R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award and the R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award for 2002-03. The team will select a single winner in each category and as many honorable mentions as are deserved. Winners will be announced at the awards banquet on Saturday.

Chapter Advisors (*ad hoc*). R.L. Werneth, advisor. Committee members will consider ways to improve training of chapter advisors.

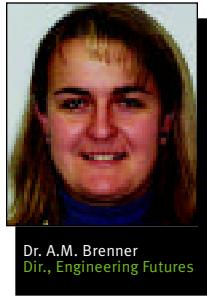
Constitutional Amendments Ratified

The 2002 Convention approved four amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of Tau Beta Pi and sent them to the chapters for ratification. In accord with the Association's amending procedure, with 226 chapters eligible to vote, 170 or more affirmative chapter votes are required to ratify an amendment, and 57 or more negative votes would defeat the amendment.

The original voting deadline was April 1. Headquarters received 132 valid ballots (plus 18 invalid for lack of a chapter quorum). The Council acted on the proposed amendment on June 6 and voted on behalf of those chapters submitting an invalid or no ballot.

Amendment	Outcome
1. Limit Convention votes to one per officer. (Const. Art. III, Sec. 2 (a))	1. Unresolved by chapter vote; 108 affirmative, 24 negative. Ratified by Council vote for invalid and missing chapters.
2. Define eligible curricula. (Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 2 (a), (b), and (m))	2. Unresolved by chapter vote; 94 affirmative, 38 negative. Ratified by Council vote for invalid and missing chapters.
3. Require chapters to list eligible curricula in chapter bylaws. (Art. VIII, Sec. 2(f) and Sec. 3 (b))	3. Unresolved by chapter vote; 111 affirmative, 21 negative. Ratified by Council vote for invalid and missing chapters.
4. Establish the Scholarship Program and Scholarship Fund. (Const. Art. XVI (new) and Bylaw XI (new))	4. Unresolved by chapter vote; 115 affirmative, 17 negative. Ratified by Council vote for invalid and missing chapters.

Engineering Futures — Active Leadership Training!
Dr. A.M. Brenner and Facilitators.



Dr. A.M. Brenner
Dir., Engineering Futures

Delegates will have the opportunity to explore ways to develop their own leadership skills to improve their local chapters and to strengthen

District ties while the voting delegates conduct Convention business.

The Convention itself is organized to assist the delegates in their roles as chapter leaders. The opening orientation is a lesson in parliamentary procedure. Parliamentarian James W. Johnson Jr. will act as a role model for delegates as they observe *Robert's Rules of Order* in action. Convention Chair Ronald M. Hickling will be leading the major meetings throughout the eventful three days.

On Thursday and Friday, non-voting delegates will be involved in Engineering Futures training sessions, designed to teach them practical solution-

oriented leadership techniques such as motivation, planning, delegation, and team building. Voting delegates who complete their committee assignments should join the sessions in progress.

District Directors will be meeting with chapter delegates daily to assist them with organizing their local chapter activities and with planning District conferences and other annual events. Chapter advisors have separate daily committee meetings.

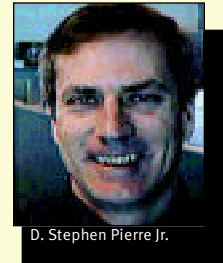
Officers may familiarize themselves with chapter supplies and the newest insignia items—caps—which are available at the Headquarters display in the hotel lobby.

Saturday evening is the highlight of the Convention when the annual Association awards will be presented. In addition to recognizing the R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter and the R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter, the 2003 Laureates, National Outstanding Advisor, and two Distinguished Alumni will be introduced.

Tau Beta Pi's 98th National Convention promises to be your convention opportunity of a lifetime. Join us!

2004 Fellowships

Tau Beta Pi's 71st annual program of graduate fellowships for study in the 2004-05 academic year will close January 15, 2004, when applications must



D. Stephen Pierre Jr.

be in the hands of Director of Fellowships D. Stephen Pierre Jr., P.E., Alabama Power Com-

pany, P.O. Box 2247, Mobile, AL 36652-2247.

Winners in the program will be selected by the Fellowship Board and notified in April.

Up to 18 cash awards will be given, each worth \$10,000. They will be made on the promise of future development in engineering or related fields and financial need.

All members of Tau Beta Pi are eligible to apply. Students and alumni may obtain either word or pdf application files from www.tbp.org.

Your posters are here!

Student opinions collected at 2002 Convention focus groups and from spring District Conference surveys helped our market-research group create these outstanding new posters that, as a group, present a more consistent look and message. The images include the return of our beloved classic bent and photos of actual Tau Bates being even more than excellent engineering students.

Please replace the "old" posters with the new and help others discover how great Tau Beta Pi really is. The trio can be ordered on the web at tbp.org; the oldies are no longer available.

