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### Motown Convention

**T**HE 97th Convention of Tau Beta Pi was held October 3-5, 2002, in Detroit, MI. The Michigan Epsilon Chapter was official host. The hundreds of out-of-town attendees were housed in the Marriott Renaissance Center, where the business meetings were held and four meals were served.

A total of 465 members of Tau Beta Pi participated in the business of the Convention, the fourth-highest number in history. Of these, 355 were student voting and non-voting delegates and host-chapter members; 26 were chapter advisors; 69 were national officials and Engineering Futures Facilitators of the Society; four were alumnus chapter representatives; and 16 were alumnus visitors, Laureates, and petitioners. The attendees represented 202 collegiate chapters and four alumnus chapters. Most of the chapter advisors attended at the special invitation and partial expense of the national organization. In addition, at least 19 non-member petitioners, consultants, and guests attended some events.

Arrangements Chair Abha Tiwari, *MI E '03*, expertly guided preparations for the Convention and its logistics. Together with chapter President Boban Jancevski, *MI E '03*, she managed a hard-working group of



Abha Tiwari, MI  
Convention Arrangements Chair

effective host-committee chairs for such duties as housing, registration, meals, souvenirs, technology, hospitality, tours, publicity, and transportation.

Before the Convention began, students met with recruiters from General Motors, Fluor, Vector SCM, and the Detroit Mercy graduate school of engineering, while their extra chapter résumés were collected for Duke Energy, Lucent, and Lockheed Martin. After a Pre-Convention Issues Forum, the Convention formally opened Thursday afternoon when President Douglas M. Green presented his annual report.

The three days were filled with Image Review Focus Group, business, committee, advisor, District and Engineering Futures meetings, interactive chapter exchanges, and the model initiation.

In all, four Convention business meetings were held; Ronald M. Hickling, *CA E '80*, the Executive Council-appointed permanent chair, presided. The Saturday Awards Banquet brought the Convention to a festive conclusion, and the Resolutions Committee made its final report.

The Chapter Development Program of the Convention, including the District and Engineering Futures meetings and ICE seminars, is reported on page 7 in this issue. These informal sessions are extremely valuable benefits of the Convention because they provide delegates with opportunities to exchange good ideas



Convention Organizers

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with other Tau Bates from all regions of the country. On Saturday afternoon an excellent model initiation was conducted by a team of national officers and Rituals Committee members; the ceremony brought 11 students, three alumni, and two eminent engineers into the Association.

The initiation and awards banquet was held in the ballroom of the hotel. The program included the presentation of Tau Beta Pi's 2002 National Outstanding Advisor, 2002 Distinguished Alumnus, and 2002 Laureates and the installation of the 2002-06 Executive Council. Biographical sketches of Outstanding Advisor Larry A. Simonson, P.E., *SD A '69*; 2002 Distinguished Alumnus Lyle D. Feisel, P.E., *IA A '61*; and Laureates Devon J. Battaglia, *PA A '03*, Sarah T. Bauer, *IA A '03*, and Erik C. Porse, *CT I '02*, appeared in the Fall 2002 BENT.

In Tau Beta Pi's usual method, Convention business is handled by committees, except for those few items that emerge during the meetings as new business. Seven standing committees are called for by the Constitution, and two *ad hoc* groups were also appointed.

Every collegiate-chapter voting delegate served on a committee, and a national officer advisor opened each group's first meeting on Thursday afternoon and then stood with other national officials for consultation. Each committee selected fellow students as chair, vice chair, and secretary to present reports, recommendations, and proposals to the entire Convention. The following reports summarize formal business.

#### Petitions.

Emily A. Woodward, *VA B*, Chair.



E.A. Woodward, VA  
Petitions

After studying the petition, catalog, and inspection report and interviewing the petitioner's representatives, the group recommended

that a new chapter be established at



2002-06 Four Corners Executive Council Installed:  
President Matthew W. Ohland, FL '96; Vice President Ellen D. Styles, AL '85;  
Devon J. Battaglia, MA '85; Russell W. Pierce, WA '70; and Alison L. Hu, CA '96.

one institution. The school and its leaders are:

- Virginia Commonwealth University—Jacob H. Leach and Dr. Gary C. Tepper, *PA B '87*, advisor.

The Convention granted the petition by unanimous vote. Virginia Epsilon will be officially installed on March 1, 2003, which will raise the number of active collegiate chapters to 226.

#### Constitution and Bylaws.

Randall R. Lapierre, *MA Z*, Chair.



R.R. Lapierre, MA  
Constitution & Bylaws

Two topics had been referred to the committee prior to the meeting for study and recommendation. The Convention adopted, by the required three-fourths favorable vote, an amendment to Constitution Art. VIII, Secs. 2 and 3, to require chapters to define eligible criteria in chapter bylaws; final approval of the change is subject to chapter ratification. The Convention also adopted, by the required vote, a new Article and a new Bylaw to establish formally the Scholarship Program and Scholarship Fund; final approval of this change is subject to chapter ratification. Finally, the Convention also adopted, by the required vote, an amendment to Constitution Art. III, Sec. 2(a), to limit Convention votes to one per national officer; final approval is subject to chapter ratification.

#### Chapter/Association Financial Affairs.

Trent J. Baldwin, *NV A*, Chair. The



J.R. Pascual, FL  
Financial Affairs, Vice Chair

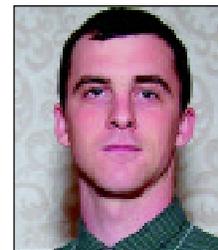
group had been given the 2001-02 reports of the Association's auditor and Executive Director and the Society's budget for 2002-03.

The committee reviewed the documents and concluded that Tau Beta Pi's financial records are satisfactory, to the best of its knowledge.

The committee recommended, and the Convention adopted, specific allowable Convention expenses beyond those specified in the Bylaws for delegates to the 2003 meeting. The group also recommended that the Council pay the on-site expenses for one non-voting delegate per chapter and that this decision be reviewed by the 2006 Convention.

#### Rituals .

Christopher T. Petrie, *IA B*, Chair.



C.T. Petrie, IA  
Rituals

The team recommended no change to the Ritual and recommended improvements to the optional presentation for guests who can not

witness the initiation ceremony. On Saturday, delegates were impressed

by the model initiation for 11 students, three alumni, and two eminent engineers of four chapters, which the committee helped to organize.

#### Convention Site.

Zachary M. Thomas, NY B, Chair. The group reviewed invitations from Colorado Beta and Utah Alpha/Beta/Gamma to host the 2005 Convention. The Convention happily accepted the invitation to hold the national meeting in Salt Lake City, UT, and chose Denver, CO, as an alternate location if the choice is deemed unacceptable by the Council.

#### Award.

Brett A. Shilling, CO Z, Chair.



B.A. Shilling, CO Awards

The committee spent long hours evaluating the chapters and selecting the 2001-02 R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter and R.H. Nagel Most

Improved Chapter and honorable mentions. The winners are reported elsewhere in this issue, and special plaques for the awardees were delivered to them after the Convention.

#### Curriculum Eligibility. (ad hoc).

Andrew J. Flowerday, MI I, Chair.



A.J. Flowerday, MI Curriculum Eligibility

The group spent many hours studying the important issue of the eligibility of non-engineering and computer-science

students. The Convention adopted, by the required three-fourths favorable vote, an amendment to Constitution Art. VIII, Sec. 2 (a), (b), and (m), to define eligible curricula and a revised procedure to approve irregular curricula; final approval of this change is subject to chapter ratification.

#### Candidate & Electee Duty. (ad hoc).

Ajulena T. Barnes, NV B, Chair.

The group studied the issue of providing an appeal procedure to an



A.T. Barnes, NV Candidate & Electee Duty

electee who objects to required duties. It recommended, and the Convention adopted, a change to Bylaw VII to provide such recourse.

#### Resolutions.

Jennifer C. Cheung, CA A, Chair.



J.C. Cheung, CA Resolutions

This group prepared the appropriate resolutions for Convention adoption and made recommendations to extend the trial period

and to improve publicity for the Distinguished Alumnus Program. At the final banquet, Ms. Cheung presented resolutions of thanks to the host chapter, officials, sponsors, alumni, and others, whose support had been gratefully received by the Association. Preceded by a humorous skit by committee members, the final resolution provided an inspirational charge to all:

*As the Convention draws to a close, it is important to remember everything we have learned here: the great project ideas, the friendships, Robert's Newly Revised Rules of Order, the inter-Chapter connections, and most importantly the enthusiasm for securing the ideals of Tau Beta Pi. Go back to your home chapters infused with the energy of this group and with the inspiration to become the best Tau Beta Pi Chapter your school has ever had (an easier task for some than others).*

*We appreciate the dedication everyone here has shown in attending this Convention. Our Michigan Epsilon hosts have done an excellent job this weekend, and we are extremely grateful. On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, I thank all of you and wish you the best.*

#### New Business.

In this brief session, delegates made recommendations to expand the Advisors/Alumnus Program at future Conventions.

## Convention Donors

The Association gratefully acknowledges the following contributors who supported the 2002 Tau Beta Pi Convention:

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## EC Membership Commendation

At the Friday Convention dinner, Vice President Edward J. D'Avignon presented the Executive Council Membership Commendation to South Carolina Alpha, which had successfully used the dean's letter to parents of electees. Its Chief Advisor worked to obtain the eligibility list during the first week of the semester, and he and the university president sent email messages to all eligible candidates. Chapter members conducted a phone-a-thon to follow up with candidates who did not respond, and all officers practiced a PowerPoint presentation and delivered it to the candidates during the orientation. The percentage of initiates rose from 10% of eligible candidates in Fall 2000 to 53% in Fall 2001 with 70 initiates.

## \$15,000 in Scholarships Given to 23

Twenty-three chapters, each of which had won Secretary's Commendations and/or Chapter Project Awards for three consecutive years, won \$500 or \$1,000 scholarships.

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Delegate</i>
California Alpha	University of California, Berkeley	Jennifer C. Cheung
California Zeta	Santa Clara University	Michelle N. Enyeart
California Psi	University of Calif., San Diego	Stephanie J. Culler
District of Columbia Alpha	Howard University	Andrew J.S. Ricketts
Florida Alpha	University of Florida	Asvin Srinivasan
Florida Beta	University of Miami	James R.C. Pascual
Indiana Delta	Valparaiso University	Maren K. Van Otterloo
Iowa Alpha	Iowa State University	Amanda M. Walker
Louisiana Gamma	Louisiana Tech University	Cecile F. Parker
<b>Maryland Beta (\$1,000)</b>	University of Maryland	Patrick J. Taylor
Michigan Gamma	University of Michigan	Avi Shertok
<b>Michigan Epsilon (\$1,000)</b>	Wayne State University	Boban Jancevski
Michigan Theta	Oakland University	Casey B. Hourtienne
<b>New York Kappa (\$1,000)</b>	University of Rochester	Emily M. Gedbaw
<b>New York Tau (\$1,000)</b>	Binghamton University	Susan M. Kolakowski
<b>Ohio Iota (\$1,000)</b>	Ohio Northern University	Ethan S. Miller
Pennsylvania Theta	Villanova University	Christine M. Goyda
<b>South Dakota Alpha (\$1,000)</b>	So. Dakota Sch. of Mines & Tech.	Naomi J. Fossen
Vermont Beta	Norwich University	Aaron J. Antell
West Virginia Alpha	West Virginia University	Michael J. Lacasse
Wisconsin Alpha	University of Wisconsin—Madison	Eric S. Anderson
Wisconsin Epsilon	University of Wisconsin—Platteville	Brad A. Hakes
<b>Wyoming Alpha (\$1,000)</b>	University of Wyoming	Janna J. Thomas

## Director Commends 43 Chapters

Executive Director Jim Froula presented commendations for perfect and punctual Headquarters reports in 2001-02 to the following chapters:

<b>California Alpha</b>	<b>Michigan Epsilon</b>	<b>Pennsylvania Theta</b>
<b>California Zeta</b>	<b>Michigan Iota</b>	<b>Rhode Island Alpha</b>
<b>California Nu</b>	<b>Mississippi Alpha</b>	<b>South Carolina Alpha</b>
<b>California Psi</b>	<b>New York Iota</b>	<b>South Dakota Alpha</b>
<b>California Rho</b>	<b>New York Kappa</b>	<b>South Dakota Beta</b>
<b>Colorado Beta</b>	<b>New York Nu</b>	<b>Texas Beta</b>
<b>Florida Delta</b>	<b>New York Pi</b>	<b>Texas Delta</b>
<b>Illinois Alpha</b>	<b>New York Tau</b>	<b>Texas Eta</b>
<b>Indiana Delta</b>	<b>Ohio Delta</b>	<b>Utah Gamma</b>
<b>Iowa Alpha</b>	<b>Ohio Zeta</b>	<b>Vermont Beta</b>
<b>Iowa Beta</b>	<b>Ohio Iota</b>	<b>West Virginia Alpha</b>
<b>Louisiana Gamma</b>	<b>Ohio Nu</b>	<b>Wisconsin Alpha</b>
<b>Maryland Beta</b>	<b>Oregon Gamma</b>	<b>Wisconsin Delta</b>
<b>Michigan Alpha</b>	<b>Pennsylvania Epsilon</b>	<b>Wisconsin Epsilon</b>
		<b>Wyoming Alpha</b>

The Convention photographs in this issue were taken by Raymond H. Thompson, Systems Administrator at Headquarters.

## 40 Scholarships!

The Tau Beta Pi Association Scholarship Program for senior-year study during the 2003-04 academic year will close March 1, 2003, when applications must be in the hands of Director of Fellowships D. Stephen Pierre Jr., P.E., Alabama Power Company, P.O. Box 2247, Mobile, AL 36652.

A total of up to 40 cash awards, each worth \$2,000, may be given in only the fifth year of our fantastic, expanding program. They will be made on the basis of high scholarship, strong recommendations, extracurricular activities, and financial need. Winners will be selected and notified before April 1. Junior members of Tau Beta Pi are eligible to apply. Applications are available at [www.tbp.org](http://www.tbp.org).

## Graduate Fellowships

Tau Beta Pi's 69th annual program of graduate fellowships for study in the 2003-04 academic year will close January 15, 2003, when applications must be in the hands of Director of Fellowships D. Stephen Pierre Jr., P.E., Alabama Power Company, P.O. Box 2247, Mobile, AL 36652.

Up to 20 cash awards will be given in this program, each worth \$10,000. They will be made on the basis of promise of future development in engineering or related fields and financial need. Winners in the program will be selected by the Fellowship Board and notified before April 1. Applications are available at [www.tbp.org](http://www.tbp.org).

## Student Loan Fund

Since 1935, Tau Beta Pi has assisted student members with their financial needs while in school or with payment of their initiation fee through our Student Loan Fund. We are pleased to offer this service for student members in amounts up to \$2,500 per member.

Repayment is required after three years, and a simple interest rate of 6% is charged from the day the loan is received.

Interested students can obtain promissory notes and loan applications from the web, their chapter presidents, or directly from Secretary-Treasurer Jim Froula at the National Headquarters in Knoxville, TN.

## Tau Beta Pi Annual Awards

### Maryland Beta Is the Best!

**T**HE 2002 R.C. MATTHEWS OUTSTANDING Chapter Award was captured by members of the Maryland Beta Chapter for the 12th time! On the campus of the University of Maryland, this medium-sized chapter of 62 members enjoyed 82% participation in the more than 65 service projects and extensive community outreach endeavors.

In deciding the winner, the awards committee was impressed particularly by the level of member participation in community service projects—more than 350 hours! Members gave 100 hours to the “adopt-a-highway” campaign, 30 hours sorting clothes, more than 65 hours in high-school outreach, and 30 hours planting trees.

The chapter offers service to its members, providing 13 scholarships valued at \$250 each! The students enjoy many social activities, including hiking in the Shenandoah on weekends, skiing and snowboarding, ping-pong tournaments, and playing intramural volleyball and soccer.

Leading chapter activities last semester were President Ivy Liu, Vice President Quang Trinh, Corresponding Secretary Colin Hebert, Treasurer Lawrence Salzano, Recording Secretary Sean Roark, and Cataloger Joseph Stecher. The chapter presents a “most valuable member” award, which this year went to Joe Stecher. The chapter is assisted by four faculty advisors—Dr. William Fournery, Dr. James Milke, Dr. Gary Pertner, and Dr. Charles Silio.

**Honorable Mention:** Competition for the top award was keen again this year, and the chapter that won the award in 2000-01 received an honorable mention—Wyoming Alpha. Again cited for the number of community service hours—more than 300—and sponsorship of its



Award Committee Chair Brett A. Shilling, CO Z, (left) congratulates Maryland Beta President Patrick J. Taylor.

successful university-wide honors banquet for 450 people, the chapter set an outstanding example of involved students!

Presented since 1957, the R.C. Matthews Award, named for Tau Beta Pi's first Secretary-Treasurer, recognizes chapters in four areas of excellence: (1) quality, variety, and number of projects; (2) chapter organization; (3) promptness and quality of reports to Headquarters; and (4) number of members participating.

### Nevada Beta Steadily Improves

**A**LTHOUGH CERTAIN CHANGES seem dramatic, most evolve over time. During a three-year period, while already receiving a high rating, members of the Nevada Beta Chapter at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas increased the number of high-quality projects, such as ICE sessions and mixers, tutoring, canned-food drives and home building.

Secondly, member participation rose significantly over the past year, and reports to Headquarters improved in both promptness and quality over that same period. Ajulena T. Barnes (photo) was called to the Convention platform in Detroit to receive the R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award on behalf of Nevada Beta. The award is named for former Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus Robert H. Nagel, who served the Association from 1939-82.

New York Nu, which increased its chapter size by 20% in one year, received an honorable mention.



Ajulena T. Barnes, NV B, (left) is congratulated by Award Chair Brett A. Shilling, CO Z Pres.



## 28 Chapters Praised for Projects!

<b>Alabama Delta</b> 7 projects	University of Alabama in Huntsville Painted a wheelchair ramp. Held EIT review sessions.	<b>Nevada Beta</b> 18 projects	University of Nevada, Las Vegas Helped Habitat for Humanity. Recognized the outstanding teacher.
<b>Arizona Gamma</b> 7 projects	Northern Arizona University Kept its Bent monument shining. Recognized the professor of the year.	<b>New York Theta</b> 10 projects	Clarkson University Held a can-and-bottle drive. Helped at a local animal shelter.
<b>Dist. of Columbia Alpha</b> 16 projects	Howard University Helped in a steel-bridge competition. Judged a science bowl.	<b>New York Kappa</b> 27 projects	University of Rochester Held a high-school outreach. Helped Habitat for Humanity.
<b>Florida Alpha</b> 50 projects	University of Florida Visited the St. Francis Home. Helped clean up a Ronald McDonald house.	<b>New York Tau</b> 25 projects	Binghamton University Supported freshmen as Big Brothers & Sisters. Held a canned-food drive.
<b>Florida Beta</b> 11 projects	University of Miami Tapped eligible candidates. Collected stamps, food, and greeting cards.	<b>Ohio Beta</b> 18 projects	University of Cincinnati Helped at a soup kitchen. Reached out to the Cincinnati community.
<b>Florida Eta</b> 38 projects	Florida A&M Univ./Florida State University Entertained the elderly. Conducted tours at the engineering school.	<b>Ohio Iota</b> 20 projects	Ohio Northern University Recognized outstanding sophomore with award. Held a middle-school science fair.
<b>Indiana Delta</b> 21 projects	Valparaiso University Held tired-engineers banquet. Adopted a family.	<b>Pennsylvania Epsilon</b> 9 projects	Lafayette College Cleaned the canal and the city. Helped new students to experience Lafayette.
<b>Louisiana Gamma</b> 15 projects	Louisiana Tech University Obtained newspaper recognition of candidates. Held a Engineering Futures "marathon."	<b>Puerto Rico Alpha</b> 15 projects	University of Puerto Rico Visited a women's rehabilitation home. Held high-school seminars.
<b>Maryland Beta</b> 39 projects	University of Maryland Awarded outstanding sophomore/junior scholarships.	<b>South Carolina Alpha</b> 20 projects	Clemson University Sent letters of invitation to students and parents. Helped build an elementary-school music garden.
<b>Maryland Delta</b> 8 projects	University of Maryland Baltimore County Advised fellow students. Introduced elementary students to science & math.	<b>South Dakota Alpha</b> 21 projects	South Dakota School of Mines & Technology Helped to keep a highway clean. Held an Order of the Engineer ceremony.
<b>Michigan Gamma</b> 43 projects	University of Michigan Held its annual bucket drive. Awarded outstanding non-teaching staff member.	<b>Tennessee Alpha</b> 19 projects	University of Tennessee Collected food for Second Harvest. Helped rescue the Tennessee River.
<b>Michigan Epsilon</b> 19 projects	Wayne State University Tutored fellow students. Held a festival of the arts.	<b>Vermont Beta</b> 18 projects	Norwich University Held a recognition night for new initiates. Held a science fair in Norwich.
<b>Michigan Theta</b> 23 projects	Oakland University Painted a church. Made a presentation in Engineering 101.	<b>West Virginia Alpha</b> 11 projects	West Virginia University Held a Girl Scout day. Worked with "students helping other people."
<b>Michigan Iota</b> 21 projects	University of Michigan–Dearborn Helped to update academic code of conduct. Held six Engineering Futures sessions.	<b>Wyoming Alpha</b> 39 projects	University of Wyoming Held a food drive for Salvation Army. Held a university-wide honors banquet.

## \$\$\$ GIG Grants

Your chapter may receive up to \$750 to conduct a project involving civic affairs and public policy issues. The cash is available and waiting under Tau Beta Pi's Greater Interest in Government Program to involve students in their communities and the political process. Iowa Alpha, Maryland Beta, and Maryland Delta were recognized at the 2002 Convention for their interesting projects.

Send your chapter's proposal to the national Headquarters. Application guidelines are in Section C-IV of the President's Book on the website. There is no deadline, and joint chapter projects are encouraged.

## Student Assistance Fund

The Tau Beta Pi Student Assistance Fund was endowed in 1992 through the interest and generosity of C.C. Young, *Illinois Alpha '24*. Its purpose is to make funds available to student members of his and other chapters who would otherwise be without sufficient financial resources to remain in college. Repayment is not required, no interest is charged, and grantees are requested to help others in need should they become financially secure.

Interested students should write directly to Secretary-Treasurer Jim Froula at the national Headquarters in Knoxville, TN.

## 2003 District Conferences

The District Program provides a vital link between the national organization and individual chapters. Each year the Directors gather students for regional conferences to provide both retiring and new officers opportunities to discuss chapter operations and to socialize. All chapters are urged to elect new officers before their District conference. New and outgoing officers are urged to attend.

The 2003 schedule is:

Dist.	Location	Date
1	Boston, MA	March 1
2	Manhattan, NYC	March 1
3	Bethlehem, PA	Feb. 8
4	Norfolk, VA	April 5
5	Greenville, SC	April 5
6	Starkville, MS	Feb. 22
7	Cleveland, OH	April 5
8	South Bend, IN	April 5
9	Lincoln, NE	Feb. 22
10	San Antonio, TX	Feb. 8
11	Minneapolis, MN	March 28
12	Fort Collins, CO	March 1
13	El Paso, TX	April 5
14	Portland, OR	April 5
15	Stanford, CA	April 5
16	San Diego, CA	April 5

## ICE & Chapter Development in Motown



*Students were not floored by the challenges of the membership process.*

INTERACTIVE CHAPTER EXCHANGE or ICE continues to be one of the most popular and important parts of the Convention.

Groups of students and advisors once again brainstormed solutions in sessions led by teams of District Directors and EF Facilitators. Sharing successes and failures helped develop positive solutions. Sessions straddled Friday's lunch, which included a summary of the 10-week membership process and the importance of following up.

Ideas and suggestions presented during the morning and afternoon created an excellent forum for the student leaders to detail plans and projects for further improving their chapters. Notable synergy came from the sharing of ideas. Many improvements will be put in place when these student leaders return home.

ICE was only one aspect of chapter development activity. Convention Chair Ron Hickling and Parliamentarian Jim Johnson guided delegates through the proper techniques of parliamentary procedure. After being understood and properly used, these basics of *Robert's Rules of Order* provided techniques necessary for survival in three business meetings that would follow in an orderly fashion. Chapter presidents were well served to study and apply this knowledge at home.

After the first business meeting, committees selected student leaders to serve as chairs, vice chairs, and secretaries. Valuable experience was gained as they guided their teams and

presented reports before the entire body. Non-voting delegates built important interpersonal, team-building, and meeting-management skills at EF sessions. District meetings allowed old friendships to be renewed and new ones begun as the bonds among chapters strengthen.

Friday morning's business meeting brought the first opportunity to practice Robert's Rules. Motions, amendments, and various points abounded. Questions were called as devoted delegates debated the issues before them.

On-time, accurate reports garnered Secretary's Commendations for 43 chapters. Outstanding project activity by 28 chapters earned Project Awards as recognition for great work. The students' service to school, community, and the profession generated many ideas for officers to implement. Also, 30 checks for \$500 were presented to 23 chapters for receiving awards in three consecutive years.

On Saturday, the third business meeting generated the usual high level of debate as students honed their Robert's Rules skills. Final reports and concluding arguments helped them to reach their decisions.

Advisors are important in chapter development, and President Green conducted sessions for these mentors.

The Convention provided numerous opportunities packed into the busy hours. Each Tau Bate gained something valuable before braving the airways for the trip home to make the world a better place.

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**Important Deadlines**

- GIG Project Proposal (any time)
- January 15  
Fellowship Application
- March 1  
Scholarship Application
- March 15  
Laureate Nomination  
Distinguished Alumnus Nomination
- March 21  
Outstanding Advisor Nomination
- June 1  
Convention Bid for 2006

## Nominate a 2003 Laureate

Tau Beta Pi inaugurated the Laureate Program in 1981 to honor those student members who have demonstrated exceptional talents outside the field of engineering. Look among your members for an outstanding student. Chapters may nominate one or more members as a Laureate based upon their contributions in arts, athletics, service, or diverse achievements. Laureates each receive a \$2,500 cash award, recognition at the Convention, and publicity in *THE BENT*.

A chapter nominating committee, excluding but in consultation with the candidate, should assemble the nomination package and send it to the Secretary-Treasurer by March 15—in triplicate. (Please refer to the President's Book, pp. C-29 & 30, [www.tbp.org](http://www.tbp.org).)



**"If only  
someone  
had told me!"**

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