program to recognize gifted engineering students who have excelled in non-technical
field. Tracey C. Ho, Massachusetts Beta '99, honored for her high scores in pistol sports,
and distance runner. They join 17 other outstanding Tau Bates who have been cited
ninety-fourth Convention in Madison, WI, where each received a $2,500 check and a
Beta Pi's second basic purpose as stated in the preamble to the Constitution: "to foster
considered nine nominees from seven chapters.

Rikke Ulslev Pedersen, AZ Γ'99
A remarkable young woman, Rikke grew up in the countryside on a farm just half an hour from Copenhagen,
Denmark. At the age of eight she joined a local track club and was fortunate to train four-times weekly under
one of the most brilliant coaches and team leaders in the country. Her talent was apparent early, and she
competed in every event in a meet: the 100 meter, 3000 meter, long jump, high jump, and heptathlon. She won
12 gold medals. In 1994 she was the youngest member of the national team and was chosen to run the last leg
of an ekiden into the Olympic Stadium in Seoul, South Korea. It was then that Rikke realized that she wanted
to pursue her dream of being an Olympian.

Her family would sail the Scandinavian seas for weeks at a time, camping in every possible setting, on
their own land and throughout Europe. She has skied
in the Swiss, Italian, French, and Austrian Alps and explored more than 25 different countries. She speaks
Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, German, and English and comes from a family of engineers. She was the top
graduate at her junior high school and her Danish gymnasium and American high school. During her year
as an international exchange student in Simi Valley, CA, she set numerous track records.

In 1994 Rikke returned to the United States and began her university career at Northern Arizona University,
judging the Lumberjacks. During her first year there, her many achievements were unprece-
edented. A civil engineering major with a perfect 4.0 GPA, her list of achievements, primarily as a long-
distance runner, is impressive. She is a 12-time individual Big Sky Conference champion, 5-time Big Sky
Conference team champion, 8-time NCAA finalist, 2-
time NCAA all-American, 5-time NCAA and GTE academic all-American first team, and NAU, Big Sky Con-
ference, and Danish national record holder in the indoor
3000 meters.

Her greatest rewards cannot be conveyed by a list.
She reports, "the skill to work on a team is of great
importance in my engineering study as well as the rest
of my life. It is my greatest pleasure to set goals with
my teammates and achieve these goals. The ability
to deal with adversity, to master time management, and to
live in an international environment are all attributes
that I use in all aspects of my life." Her favorite event
of the year occurred during red-ribbon week in Flag-
staff, when she led teams of student-athletes and spoke
at rallies of hundreds of elementary and middle-school
children about the dangers of taking drugs and what it
takes to succeed in reaching your goals. Her warm
personality made her popular with her teammates and
staff, as well, and she was elected a centennial team
captain on the NAU track-and-field team.

Rikke's love of running, her dedication, and her
enthusiasm are hallmarks of her success. It takes
tremendous commitment, time and effort to achieve
success in cross country track and field. The time she
has spent in practicing, including weight training, drills,
distance runs, and interval sessions, adds up to 5,200
hours. Her dream of becoming a European champion
awaits her; she has already made the Danish national
team.

In September, Rikke began her graduate program
at the Technical University of Denmark, where she is
studying planning and technology management.