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As with all organizations, growth is essential. Pi Mu Epsilon started both fall and spring semesters with initiation ceremonies, expanding membership to 54. New members were selected based on class standing and academic achievement. The candlelight ceremonies were concluded with pizza parties that the Department of Mathematics sponsored. Two sure ways to get a student's attention are food and camaraderie.

Many members and other mathematics students attended Graduate School Information Night during the fall semester where they received valuable advice for planning future study. Also during this semester, future mathematicians and statisticians garnered more information about the real world of work during a Career Night Seminar. Again, pizza ruled!

PME members and math department faculty participated in USC Showcase on April 3 with a display, simple math games, and token gifts (pencils and stickers) for interested visitors to the booth.

A final opportunity for math students to meet an academic challenge occurred on April 20 when students competed in the third annual Integration Bee. Winners received prizes through the generous donations of the Department of Mathematics and the USC Honors College.

Students continue to enjoy the Hedberg Memorial Student Lounge. The most recent addition to "at home" living includes a microwave. Donations are now being accepted for a big screen television (wink, wink)!