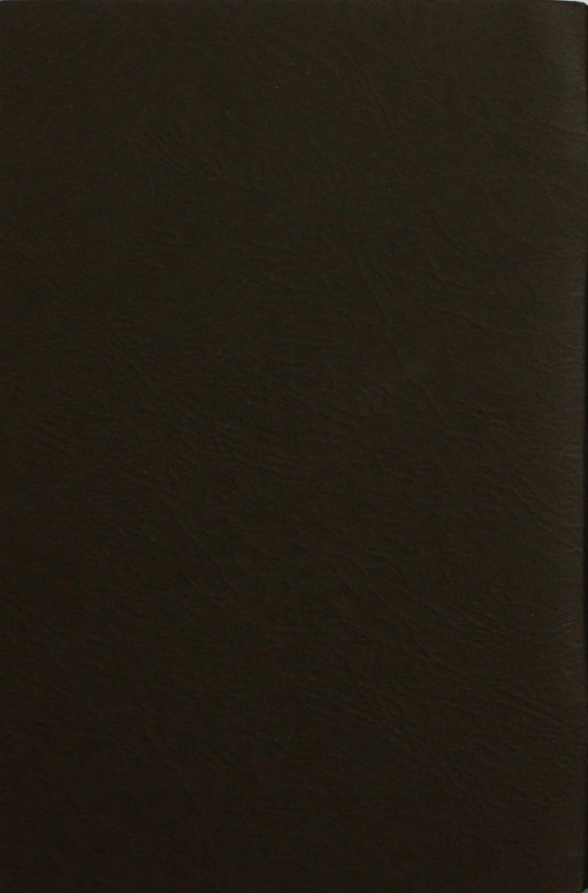
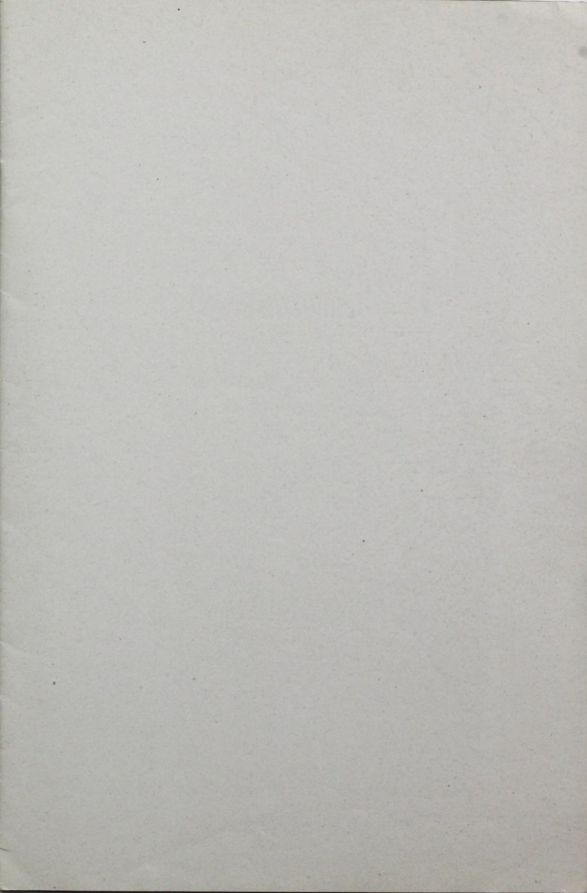


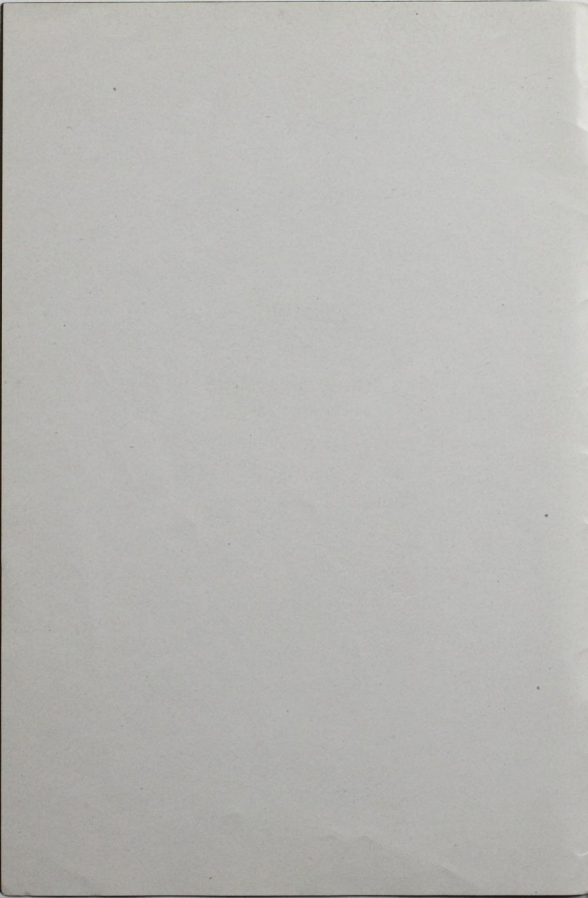
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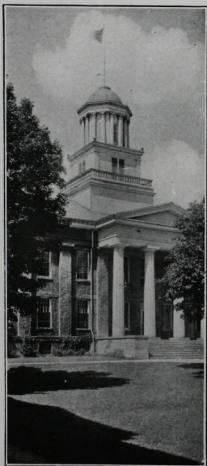
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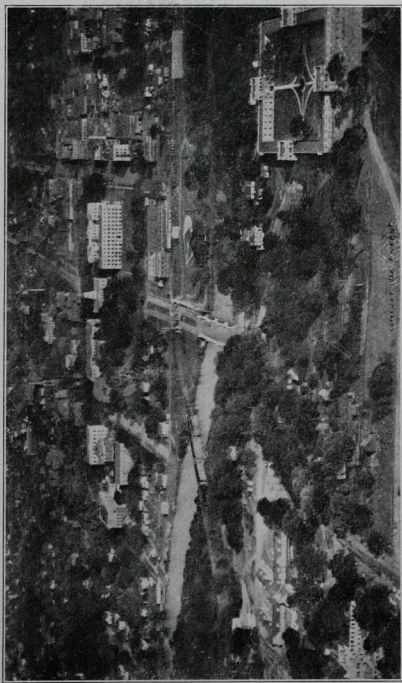


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Petition

Promoted by a desire for a broader fraternal relationship, and believing that the ideals and purposes of Theta Sigma Delta harmonize with those of Theta Tau; that union with Theta Tau will greatly increase our ability to realize high ideals; that we can contribute to their strength, it is our earnest desire to unite with Theta Tau Fraternity. Pledging ourselves to their loyal support, we hereby petition that Theta Sigma Delta be granted a chapter of Theta Tau Fraternity.

George Crapser Ashton
Louis Elmer Baggs
Percy Frank Bowman
Lloyd Anderson
Fred J. Freese
Donald Leon Hains
Thomas Lorimer Herrick
Laurence L. Fry
John Suydam Holbrook
Harold Bernice Miller
Paul Lyman Mercer
Verner Raymond Muth
John B. Moran
Chester Ira Mead
Ronald Owen
Fred Potgieter
Vern C. Price
Ed Rich
Clarence O. Sloan
Russell Ashby Hastings
Joe John Dignan
James Frederick Phillips



Aerial View of the Campus

Brief History of the State University of Iowa and the College of Applied Science

The State University of Iowa was founded by an act of the first Iowa general Assembly in 1847, and the old state capitol at Iowa City with its grounds was given to the new institution. But it was not until the spring of 1855 that instruction began with 4 instructors and 25 students.

From this small beginning the university has steadily grown until it has 450 instructors and over 5000 students. It occupies about forty buildings on a campus of upward of 120 acres. It consists of the following colleges: Graduate, Liberal Arts, Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Applied Science, Education, and Commerce; and the following schools: Music, Nursing, and Public Health Nursing.

The college of Applied Science was first established as a separate college in April 1903 although engineering subjects had been taught in the Liberal Arts college since 1857. In 1904 the legislature appropriated \$60,000 toward a new engineering building and a dam across the Iowa River for experimental purposes. In 1906 an additional \$30,000 was appropriated for the power house and equipment. Extensive shops and laboratories and a new Hydraulic Testing and Experimental Plant have also been built. The value of all the Engineering buildings and equipment is now over \$350,000.

In 1903 five men comprised the strictly engineering faculty, offering twenty engineering courses to seventy-eight students. There are now thirty instructors offering seventy courses to 394 students. The following branches of engineering are taught: Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Sanitary, and Chemical. Advanced and graduate work is also offered in the above courses.

Fraternities

There are 18 national social fraternities at the University of Iowa:

Acacia	Phi Kappa
Alpha Tau Omega	Phi Kappa Psi
Beta Theta Pi	Phi Kappa Sigma
Delta Chi	Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Delta Tau Delta	Sigma Chi
Kappa Sigma	Sigma Nu
Phi Delta Theta	Sigma Phi Epsilon
Phi Gamma Delta	Sigma Pi
Phi Epsilon Pi	Theta Xi

Thirteen national professional fraternities:

Delta Sigma Delta	Dental
Xi Psi Phi	Dental
Psi Omega	Dental
Phi Rho Sigma	Medical
Phi Beta Pi	Medical
Nu Sigma Nu	Medical
Alpha Kappa Kappa	Medical
Phi Alpha Delta	Legal
Phi Delta Phi	Legal
Delta Sigma Pi	Commerce
Phi Delta Chi	Pharmacy
Alpha Chi Sigma	Chemical
Sigma Delta Chi	Journalism

And eight national honorary fraternities:

Phi Beta Kappa	Tau Beta Pi
Sigma Xi	Order of Artis
Order of Coif	Beta Gamma Sigma
Delta Omega Alpha	Delta Sigma Rho

In addition to these there are several local fraternities and clubs.

Theta Xi is considered a social fraternity here rather than professional as they pledge men of any college.

A Brief History of Theta Sigma Delta Fraternity

Theta Sigma Delta fraternity was founded in January 1920 by Gordon R. Lunt (Civil '21) and Paul L. Mercer (Civil '21). With the thought in mind of eventually petitioning a national engineers fraternity these men organized the Mecca Club. Five more men were carefully selected and the first formal meeting was held May 20, 1920. At this meeting Mercer was elected president and Lunt secretary. Four new men were elected to membership.

Several important steps were taken at this time. It was decided that no man of less than sophomore standing in the college could be elected to membership, a correspondence committee was appointed to investigate the field of national fraternities, and a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution. The objects, aims, and policies of the organization were discussed by round table talks.

The school year of 1920-21 saw the new organization well established. Regular meetings were held every two weeks, luncheons were given once a month, where candidates and faculty members were entertained. Dean Raymond of the engineering college was interviewed regarding his attitude toward an engineering fraternity at Iowa and he was heartily in favor of it.

In the spring of 1921 it became necessary to change the name of the Mecca Club. Since the annual celebration of the engineers at Iowa is called "Mecca Week" it was thought that the Mecca Club received undue credit. This caused considerable dissension among the engineering students so the name was changed to Theta Sigma Delta.

By this time the organization had grown to twenty members, it was recognized by the university social committee, and steps were taken to petition a national fraternity. Mercer was re-elected president for the next year and plans were made to secure suitable club rooms for a definite meeting place.

In the fall of 1921 there were eleven old members back in school. Meetings were held weekly and luncheons bi-weekly.



Physics Bldg.

Thirteen more members were added and the organization was stronger than ever before. Through correspondence with Mr. Schrader they were kept in close touch with Theta Tau fraternity. Mr. Comstock of Theta Tau visited Iowa City in December 1921 and investigated the fraternity and was well pleased with the group. In January 1922 a letter was received from Mr. Schrader stating that a petition of Theta Sigma Delta to Theta Tau would be accepted and plans were immediately made for preparing that petition.

Constitution

Article I.

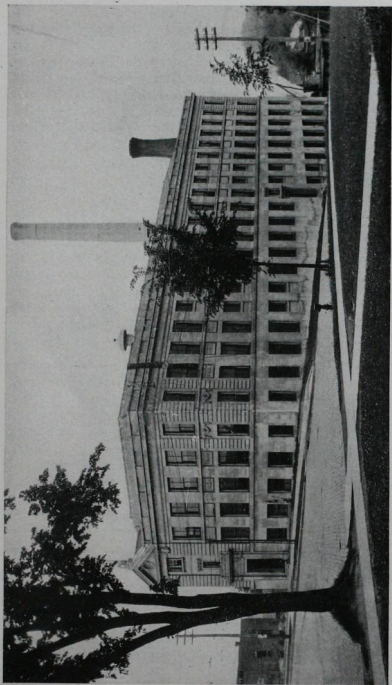
- Section 1. This organization shall be known as the THETA SIGMA DELTA Fraternity.
- Section 2. The purpose of THETA SIGMA DELTA shall be to elevate the standards of engineers; to promote interest in engineering work and alma mater; and to form a nucleus for a bigger and better spirit in the engineering college.

Article II.

- Section 1. Membership is restricted to students of engineering who have completed at least one year of work in a recognized college of engineering.
- Section 2. Honorary membership may be conferred on members of the faculty who have been connected with our institution for one year or more.
- Section 3. Undergraduate members are automatically dropped from active membership upon cancellation of registration in the engineering college.
- Section 4. Candidates for membership may be proposed in any regular meeting; they may be voted on in any succeeding regular meeting within a period of four weeks.

Article III.

- Section 1. The officers of this fraternity shall be: a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.
- Section 2. The officers shall be elected by majority ballot at the last regular meeting of every April. They



Engineering Bldg.

shall be installed at the next regular meeting and shall hold office for one year.

- Section 3. The president shall be chairman of the fraternity and shall preside over its meetings. He shall have the power to appoint, and shall be ex-officio member of all committees.
- Section 4. The vice-president shall assume the duties of the president in case of his absence.
- Section 5. The secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings and shall call roll at all regular meetings. It shall also be his duty to take care of the correspondence of the fraternity.
- Section 6. The treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds and other property of the fraternity, and shall keep the accounts of the organization.

Article IV.

- Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held each week. The time and place of these to be decided by the chapter.
- Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the president at any time; either on his own initiative or upon the request of five members.
- Section 3. A quorum to transact business shall consist of one-third of the active members of the chapter.

Article V.

- Section 1. The initiation fees of this fraternity shall be two dollars (\$2.00), payable at the time of initiation.

Article VI.

- Section 1. An amendment to this constitution may be proposed at any regular meeting. It shall be reduced to writing, deposited with the secretary, and shall be read before the fraternity. It shall be acted upon, after being duly advertised, at the next regular meeting of the fraternity, a two-thirds vote of the members present being necessary to establish it as a part of this constitution.



TOP ROW—Rieh, Price, Freese, Muth, Potgieter, Haines, McCall, Dignan
 CENTER ROW—Bowman, Holbrook, Miller, Mead, Mercer, Fry, Herrick, Owen
 BOTTOM ROW—Fientje, Moran, Hastings, Anderson, Baggs, Sloan, Ashton, Phillips

Personnel of Theta Sigma Delta

LLOYD E. ANDERSON

Madrid, Iowa

June 4, 1899

Junior Civil

Father: B. F. Anderson, Madrid, Iowa

College Activities:

Irving Institute; Publicity Committee (Chairman 1922);

Engineers' Show (1922); Vice President A. S. A. S. (1922)

Banquet Committee (1920); Chairman of Transit Board;

Daily Iowan Board; President S. U. I. Aero Club (1921);

Y. M. C. A. Treasurer; University Players

GEORGE CRAPSER ASHTON

Clinton, Iowa

November 17, 1901

Junior engineer.

Father. George Sterling Ashton, Clinton, Iowa

College Activities:

Engineers parade; "I" in track; University swimming team
1921

LOUIS ELMER BAGGS

Des Moines, Iowa

December 12, 1891

Senior Civil

Father Arthur E. Baggs, Des Moines, Iowa

College Activities:

Treasurer A. S. A. S.; Secretary-Treasurer of Transit; Secretary-Treasurer of Student Chapter American Society of Civil Engineers; Tau Beta Pi; Sigma Xi

PERCY F. BOWMAN

Maquoketa, Iowa

October 15, 1897

Senior Electrical

Father: B. F. Bowman, Maquoketa, Iowa.

College Activities:

Treasurer Delfwegm Club; Engineers' Show; Engineers' Parade; Engineers' Exhibit; Treasurer A. I. E. E. 2nd semester; Senior Hop Committee

JOE J. DIGNAN

Perry, Iowa

December 13, 1900

Junior Civil

Father: John L. Dignan, Perry, Iowa

College Activities:

Delta Tau Delta; Newman Club; Student Council; Engineers' Show

MARTIN E. FLENTJE

Inactive

MARTIN McCALL

Inactive

FRED JOHN FREESE

Sioux Falls, S. D.

June 2, 1899

Junior Civil

Father: F. J. Freese, Sioux Falls, S. D.

College Activities:

Engineers' Parade Committee; Engineers' Show

LAURENCE L. FRY

Corydon, Iowa

November 22, 1902

Sophomore

Father: F. B. Fry, Corydon, Iowa

College Activities:

Transit Board

DONALD LEON HAINES

Mount Auburn, Iowa

April 5, 1903

Junior Mechanical

Father: Samuel Hains, Mount Auburn, Iowa

College Activities:

Officers' Club; 1st Lieut. R. O. T. C.; Parade Committee; Engineers' Show

RUSSEL ASHBY HASTINGS

Coggon, Iowa

June 17, 1899

Junior Civil

Father: E. T. Hastings, Coggon, Iowa

College Activities:

Engineers' Show

THOMAS LORIMER HERRICK Fredericksburg, Iowa

June 11, 1896

Junior Civil

Father: John D. Herriek, Fredericksburg, Iowa

College Activities:

Secretary-Treasurer Freshman Class; Property Man Engineers' Show; Tau Beta Pi

JOHN S. HOLBROOK Onawa, Iowa

April 18, 1901

Junior Mechanical

Father: Parker K. Holbrook, Onawa, Iowa

College Activities:

Sigma Nu; Freshman Pan-Hellenic; Author of Engineers' Show 1922; Banquet Committee; President Sophomore Class; President of Junior Class; Cadet Officer

CHESTER IRA MEAD Calumet, Iowa

Feb. 19, 1900

Junior Civil

Father: Lewis Mead, Calumet, Iowa

College Activities:

Sigma Phi Epsilon; "I" football 1920-21; Vice President Junior Class; Tau Beta Pi

PAUL L. MERCER Iowa City, Iowa

October 10, 1899

Graduate student

Father: L. B. Mercer, Iowa City, Iowa

College Activities:

Phi Gamma Delta; Tau Beta Pi; Sigma Xi; Student Council; Chairman of Dance Committee; Engineers' Show; Publicity Committee; Vice President Sophomore Class.

HAROLD B. MILLER Waterloo, Iowa

January 30, 1900

Senior Civil

Father: Grant Miller, Waterloo, Iowa

College Activities:

Phi Gamma Delta; Engineers' Show; Captain R. O. T. C.;
Secretary; Treasurer Sophomore Class; University Rifle team;
President General Engr. Society.

JOHN B. MORAN

Dubuque, Iowa

May 23, 1898

Junior Civil

Father: M. S. Moran, Dubuque, Iowa

College Activities:

Engineers' Show

VERNER R. MUTH

Osage, Iowa

July 28, 1894

Senior Civil

Father: John Muth, Loyalton, S. Dakota

College Activities:

Sigma Phi Epsilon; Student Council; Chairman Exhibition
Committee; Tau Beta Pi; Sigma Xi.

RONALD OWEN

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

August 21, 1899

Senior Electrical

Father: Newton Owen, Cedar Rapids Iowa

College Activities:

Engineers' Parade; Howling "300"; Transit Staff; Chair-
man Cooperative Book Store Committee; Secretary-Treas-
urer A. I. E. E. 1st Semester.

JAMES FREDERICK PHILIPS

Altoona, Iowa

February 25, 1900

Senior Civil

Father: Nelson G. Philips, Altoona, Iowa

College Activities:

Tau Beta Pi; Sigma Xi; Captain University Rifle Team;
R. O. T. C. Officers' Club

FRED POTGIETER

Steamboat Rock, Iowa

September 30, 1899

Senior Civil

Father Henry Potgieter, Steamboat Rock, Iowa

College Activities:

Sigma Pi; Engineers' Show; Engineers' Parade; Engineers' Exhibit

VERN CALVIN PRICE

Corydon, Iowa

February 16, 1899

Senior Civil

Father: Charles W. Price, Corydon, Iowa

College Activities:

University Band; Engineers' Show; Treasurer A. S. A. S.; Business Manager of The Transit; President of The Student Branch of The American Society of Civil Engineers.

EDMUND G. RICH

Maquoketa, Iowa

Sept. 25, 1896

Father E. D. Rich, Maquoketa, Iowa

College Activities:

Delta Chi; A. F. I.; Aero Club; "I" in Football and Track; Band; Orchestra; Athletic Manager Sophomore Class

CLARENCE O. SLOAN

Fairfield, Iowa

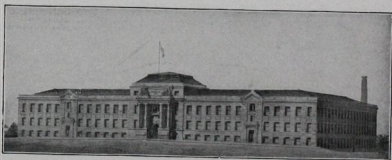
September 20, 1897

Sophomore Electrical

Father: Dr. N. A. Sloan, Fairfield, Iowa

College Activities:

President Sophomore Class; Parade Committee; Treasurer Freshman Class



Completed Engineering Building

Recommendations

Dear Sirs:

A group of students, known locally as Theta Sigma Delta, is petitioning Theta Tau for admission, and it gives me very great pleasure to endorse the application of these men who constitute a rather exceptional group of engineering students. The average scholastic standing of the group is exceptionally high, some of them having made the Society of Sigma Xi and several having made the honorary society of Tau Beta Pi.

They are all together worthy of the favorable consideration of any fraternity seeking to enlarge its number of chapters.

Very respectfully,

WM. G. RAYMOND,
Dean of the College of Applied Science.

Dear Sirs:

The boys of Theta Sigma Delta, a local fraternity, are petitioning Theta Tau for admission into its order. I am acquainted with most of the boys who are on the petition, and can say that they are a good bunch of fellows, earnest and industrious, and entirely capable of upholding the purposes of your organization.

It is with pleasure that I recommend them to your consideration, and trust that their request may be granted.

Very truly yours,

B. J. LAMBERT,
Head of the Dept. of C. E.

Dear Sirs:

As President of the Inter-Fraternity Conference of the State University of Iowa, I take great pleasure in recommending the organization known as Theta Sigma Delta as an excellent prospect for a fraternity charter from a responsible national fraternity. This fraternity has been in existence for a period of two years and has shown itself to have great stability as well as an excellent personnel of industrious and serious students.

The University and the national fraternities at present represented here are very much interested in the accumulation of more of the responsible national fraternities on the campus. The Inter-Fraternity Conference endorses this attitude itself and would urge any fraternity to consider Theta Sigma Delta as a prospect.

Sincerely yours,

E. J. HARRINGTON,
Pres. Inter-Fraternity Conference.

Dear Sirs:

I understand that our local organization known here as Theta Sigma Delta, a group of students registered in our College of Applied Science, have applied for a National Charter from Theta Tau.

It is with pleasure that I recommend this group of young men for a favorable consideration in the granting of such a charter. I know most of these men personally and have the highest regard for their character, reliability and enthusiasm as students and their standing with us as a group.

The average scholarship of this group is 83%, while the average for the men of this institution for last year was 75%. I have every reason to believe that this group will be a credit to your National organization and I am glad to recommend them to you for a charter.

Very truly yours,

ROBT. RIENOW,
Dean of Men.



