PETITION OF CASTLE CLUB
TO
THETA TAU FRATERNITY

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The School of Mines

at the

University of Alabama

University, Alabama,
March 19, 1921.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
THETA TAU FRATERNITY.

Gentlemen:-

We the members of the Castle Club of the University of Alabama, do respectfully make application for membership in Theta Tau Fraternity.

In doing so we beg leave to give you the following information concerning the Castle Club. There was organized in 1914 by a group of student engineers, a club, called the "Engineers Club." This club existed until November 15th, 1919, at which time it affiliated with the American Association of Engineers, and is now existing as the University of Alabama Chapter of the A. A. E.

Since the A. A. E. takes in all engineering students indiscriminately, the fraternal spirit of the organization, to a degree, disappeared.

We, feeling the need of a strong fraternal organization, fostered this feeling, but took no definite steps until the beginning of this scholastic year, when we organized a club, called the "Castle Club," with the view of affiliating with a national frafraternity.

The following is the scholastic record of each member of our organization, furnished by the Dean of the College of Engineering, together with a record of their other college activities:

Booth, C. F., Prattville, Ala.
Age 18 yrs.; Junior in Chemical Eng.; Average grade "A"; Honor Roll 1918-19, 1919-20; Assistant in Chemistry; President of the Alembic Club; Fellowship Club; Y. M. C. A.

Cotlin, J. W., 500 South Carolina St., Mobile, Ala.
Age 20 yrs.; Senior in Mechanical Eng.; Average grade "A"; Honor Roll 1919-20; Assistant in Electrrical Engineering; Fellowship Club; Y. M. C. A.

Davis, F. L., Ramer, Ala.
Age 21 yrs.; Junior in Electrical Eng.; Average grade "A"; Honor Roll 1918-19, 1919-20; Assistant in Mathematics; President of the Fellowship Club; Vice-President of the Junior Class; Literesque Literary Society; Y. M. C. A. Cabinet.

THE ALABAMA "SCHOOL OF MINES"

On recommendation of the Alabama Educational Commission training in Mining Engineering has been concentrated at the University of Alabama, and the department of Mining Engineering of the University of Alabama has been declared, by the legislature of 1919, to be the "School of Mines" of the State of Alabama. Likewise by legislative act the Chief State Mine Inspector has been made *ex-officio* a professor of mining engineering at the University of Alabama.

In consequence of the official recognition and backing thus accorded, a comprehensive program has been prepared for the developmnt of the Alabama "School of Mines" to meet the needs for mining engineering education in the State and to co-operate with the mining interests in the development of the State's great mineral resources. A prompt response on the part of the public has been indicated by a notable increase in registration of students in the mining engineering course.

There is no better chance in the engineering profession than is open to young men in mining engineerig.

RESEARCH STATION U. S. BUREAU OF MINES

After thorough investigation of facilities and conditions at engineering colleges in the Southern states the U. S. Bureau of Mines decided to locate a mining research station at the University of Alabama. This important station, which is the only one in the South, has been assigned 75,000 square feet of floor space in the engineering building for its laboratories, library and offices. These great facilities for mining work, which are being provided by the U. S. Bureau of Mines, and which

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will be accessible to mining students, are adjacent to the extensive laboratories of the Alabama "School of Mines," which contain an assortment of large scale mining equipment unexcelled by that of any school in the South.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION

The legislature, at its special session in 1920, by unanimous vote, appropriated $25,000 per year to make possible more effective co-operation between the School of Mines and the U. S. Bureau of Mines Station.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Research fellowships will be offered in mining and metalurgical research in co-operative work with the U. S. Mining Station located here. The fellowships will be open to graduates of universities and technical schools. The purpose of these fellowships is to undertake the solution of problems in mining, metallurgy and ceramics that are of special importance to the State of Alabama.

ADDITIONS TO THE FACULTY

The faculty of the School of Mines is being enlarged by the addition of another professorship of mining and one or more new instructorships as the need develops for effective instruction in mining and for active co-operation with the mining industries.

INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT

The great natural resources of the State offer unusual opportunties to those entering industrial lines of work. To more effectively train the future leaders in

this field a course in Industrial Management is now offered by the College of Engineering, and there has been a gratifying enrollment for the course. The subjects in the course have been selected to develop in the student the ability to build up and direct an organization; to select the best processes of manufacture and the most ecient sequence of operations; to purchase machinery and other equipment; to enlarge and maintain his plant and to purchase materials. Hence the course embraces those principles of science upon wich modern industry rests, a broad introduction to the elements of engineering and thorough training in commercial methods and practices.

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

The ndustrial Management courses are being constantly strengthened by the development of the School of Commerce.

STANDARD ENGINEERING COURSES

The College of Engineering is conducting standard courses in *Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Hydraulic, Mechanical, Mining, Industrial* and *Sanitary Engineering*, which lead to the professional engineering degrees.

Young men interested in the profession of engineering or in industrial management should investigate the splendid equipment and teaching facilities of the College of Engineering.

For further information, address,

GEO. JACOB DAVIS, Jr., C. E., Dean
College of Engineering,
University, Alabama.

Mallette, R. E., R. F. D. No. 1, Creola, Ala.
Age 22 yrs.; Junior in Electrical Eng.; Average grade "B"; Honor Roll 1919-20; Assistant in Physics; Fellowship Club; Y. M. C. A.

Moxley, S. D., 1245 43rd St., Wylam, Ala.
Age 22 yrs.; Junior in Mechanical Eng.; Average grade "B"; Assistant in Mechanical Engineering; Vice President of Class 1919-20; Fellowship Club; Philomathic Literary Society.

Shotts, C. C., Hamilton, Ala.
Age 21 yrs.; Junior in Electrical Eng.; Average grade "B"; President of Class 1919-20; President of College Y. M. C. A.; Manager of Class Athletics 1919-20; Football Squad; Alpha Phi Epsilon Literary Society.

Smith, F. C., Brierfield, Ala.
Age 20 yrs.; Junior in Mechanical Eng.; Average grade "B".

Stephens, W. O., 809 Church, Oxford, Ala.
Age 27 yrs.; Junior in Civil Eng.; Average grade "B"; Assistant in Geology; A. B. Degree from Alabama Presbyterian College; Fellowship Club; Y. M. C. A.; Lanier Literary Society.

Thompson, R. E., Russellville, Ala.
Age 21 yrs.; Junior in Electrical Eng.; Average grade "B"; Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity; Y. M. C. A.

Van de Graaff, R. J., 1305 Greensboro Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Age 19 yrs.; Junior in Mechanical Eng.; Average grade "B"; Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity; Vice-President of Class 1918-19; Arch Club.

Weston, C. A., 6218 3rd Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Age 20 yrs.; Junior Electrical Eng.; Average grade "B"; Assistant in Electrical Engineering 1919-20; Assistant in Mechanical Engineering 1920-21; Fellowship Club; Executive Committee.

Wingard, J. H., Wilsonville, Ala.
Age 24 yrs.; Junior in Chemical Eng.; Average grade "A"; Honor Roll 1919-20; Assistant in Geology; Fellowship Club; Alembic Club.

Explanation of grade system and school organizations.
The grade "A" is from 90 per cent. to 100 per cent., "B" from 80 per cent. to 90 per cent. The grades given above are all for the year 1919-20.

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Courses in ~~Metallurgy~~ JURISPRUDENCE are also offered.

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The State Material Testing Laboratory is located at the University and is operated by engineering students.

The total number of men on the faculty of the University of Alabama is slightly over 100. Extensive preparations are being made for the enlargement of the University which wi l entail not only the enlargement of the faculty but the provision for many new buildings.

The College of Engineering is one of the fast growing departmen's of the University. The enrollment in this department for the year 1920 was 210.

We make this application with the full approval of the University authorities, and will be glad to have the personell of our local organization exhaustive y investigated. We take pleasure in handing you herewith several letters of recommendation from members of our faculty.

Finally, we, the undersigned active members of the Castle Club, in petitioning you for a charter to establish a chapter of Theta Tau at the University of Alabama, do so with the full knowledge that if said petition be granted we must submit to the Laws and Customs of said Fraternity, and that we know no reason whereby any of our members can be considered ineligible in accordance with the basic principles of eligibility of Theta Tan as explained to us as follows:

"Active membership is limited to males of white birth, over eighteen years of age, and no affiliation with any competitive engineering fraternity, society or club, local or national."

We agree to accept the Constitution and all other rules and regulations of Theta Tau, discarding our present ones where in they conflict, should this petition be granted.

(Signed)

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W. Oscar Stephen
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Geo. Jacob Davis, Jr., Dean

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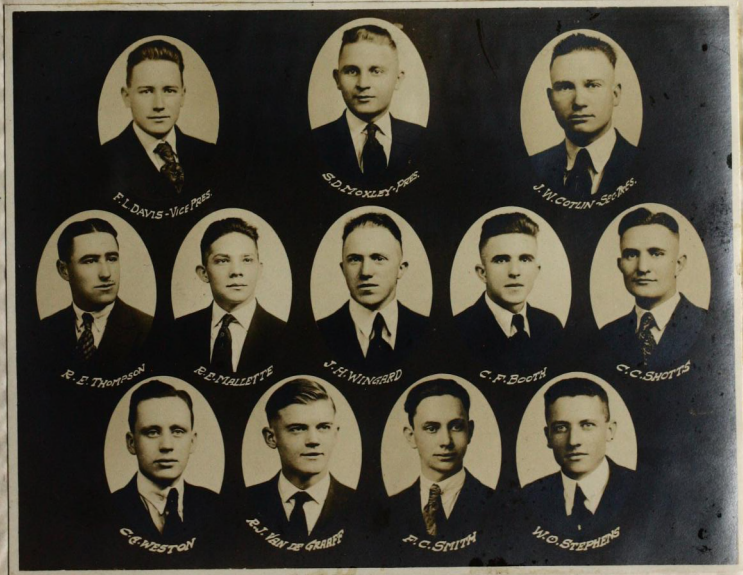
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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE CASTLE CLUB OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

PREAMBLE

Prompted by the desire to promote a closer and friendlier feeling among the Engineering students, and by so doing to contribute something to the making of a greater engineering college at the University of Alabama; believing also that a fraternal spirit should unite us through our engineering career; we of the Engineering college do hereby unite under a common brotherhood.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1.

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Castle Club.

Sec. 2. The purpose of the club shall be to promote a fraternal spirit amongst its members, to form amongst its graduates a closer union, tnd to promote the profession of engineering to the highest level of dignity and usefulness.

ARTICLE 2.

Section 1. The membership of this club shall consist of active and a limited number of honorary members.

Sec. 2. The active members shall be chosen from the students of the College of Engineering.

Sec. 3. Any actice member may introduce a candidate for membership and should accompany such an introduction with a record of his grades and scholastic activities. All candidates shall be considered in an open discussion and voted on at the next regular meeting.

Sec. 4. No student shall be considered for election to membership to the Castle Club until he has at least passed off satisfactorily two years of college work in engineering, at least one of which must have been at the University of Alabama, or has shown unusual proficiency during his first year in which case he may be taken in during the latter part of his second year.

Sec. 5. In choosing members of the club the proficiency of the students in their work and their interest in college activities shall be taken into consideration. No student shall be considered for membership in this club unless he expresses his intention of continuing in engineering work after leaving college, and shows promise of future worth as an engineer.

Sec. 6. Honorary members shall be chosen from members of the faculty or from prominent engineers of the state.

Sec. 7. One negative vote shall disqualify a candidate for membership.

ARTICLE 3.

Section 1. The officers of the Castle Club shall be:
The President.
The Vice-President.
The Secretary-Treasurer.
Sec. 2. All officers shall serve for a period of one year.

ARTICLE 4.

Section 1. A motion to amend this constitution must be in written form, and may be submitted at any regular meeting of the club.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment may be adopted by a three-fourth vote of all the members present at the second regular business meeting of the club following the one at which the amendment was submitted. All members having been notified of the date of the meeting at which the amendment will be voted on.

BY-LAWS

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Section 1. All members shall be entitled to participate in business or other activities of the club and shall have power to vote, but only active members shall serve as officers.

Sec. 2. Any member shall be expelled by a unanimous vote of the other members of the club.

ARTICLE 2.

Section 1. The president shall preside at all meetings if present and if absent the next ranking offcer shall preside.

Sec. 2. The president shall have the power to appoint any committee that he may think necessary, to call special meetings, and shall be the chief executive in all things pertaining to the club.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the secretary and treasurer to keep a record of all meetings, to receive all fees, and to make all disbursements of the funds of the club and to perform any other duties pertaining to his office.

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Section 1. Regular business meetings of the club shall be held twice each month.

Sec. 2. One-half of the active members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Sec. 3. Special meeting shall be called at the discretion of the president, or on petition of one-fourth of the entire active membership.

ARTICLE 4.

Section 1. The initiation fee for all members shall be five ($5.00) dollars.

Sec. 2. All active members shall pay a fee of three ($3.00) dollars per year, and may be assessed any other fees deemed necessary by a majority of the members of the club.

ARTICLE 5.

Section 1. Amendments to these by-laws may be made in the same manner as an amendment to the constitution, as provided for in Article four of the constitution of the Castle Club.