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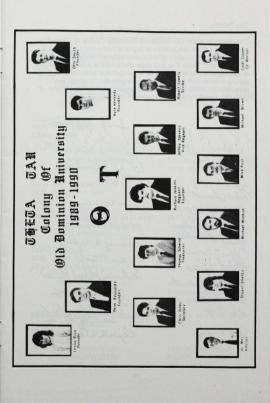
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The Petition

The members of the Old Dominion University Colony of Theta Tau respectfully submit this petition in hopes of becoming a Chapter of Theta Tau. The members of this colony meet all requirements for affiliation with Theta Tau and respectfully decline from participating any organization that might be in competition with Theta Tau. By signing here-in each individual member promises to accept the responsibility, privilege and honor of becoming a charter member of Theta Tau at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia.

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A History of Old Dominion University

Old Dominion University had its formal beginning in 1930 as the Norfolk Division of the College of William and Mary. The Extension had been given fourteen acres of land in the City of Norfolk, Virginia as the growing space for the coming years. The establishment of the Norfolk Division was the culmination of activities that had their beginnings at the parent institution in Williamsburg eleven years earlier.

In 1919 the administrative offices at William and Mary began sending members of their faculty to Norfolk to conduct extension classes in the late afternoon and evening for teachers and adult study groups. The need for these classes became so obvious that the college considered it desirable to establish a regular branch where not only evening, but day classes might be taught. To help facilitate this endeavor the City of Norfolk donated the use of the abandoned Larchmont school building, thus providing a physical central location for the new branch. The first student body totalled 200 students and ten faculty members.

In 1931, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute extended its work in Norfolk by giving the Norfolk Division of the College of William and Mary the regular freshman and sophomore engineering classes it gave at its home campus in Blacksburg. In 1954 the division was authorized to offer baccalaureate programs and two years later the first bachelor's degrees were conferred.

In 1962 the division gained its independence from the College of William and Mary by state legislative action and a governing board was appointed authorizing the school to operate as an independent state institution. Shortly thereafter the school's Board of Visitors adopted the name Old Dominion College, and in 1964 was authorized by the State Council of Higher Education to offer graduate programs. Effective September 1, 1969 the name was officially changed to Old Dominion University.

New advanced programs are initiated as needs develop and as the necessary funds and facilities become available. In 1971 a Doctor of Philosophy with concentrations in Engineering was approved and in 1973 the Doctorate in Oceanography was added. There are currently 78 baccalaureate programs, 47 master's programs, two certificates of advanced study and 13 doctoral programs.

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The University is organized into six colleges with a total enrollment of 16,000 students. These are the College of Arts and Letters, the College of Business and Public Administration, the Darden College of Education, The College of Health Sciences, the College of Sciences, and the College of Engineering and Technology.

Old Dominion University is located in Norfolk, the center of the Eastern Virginia region and the hub of the world's largest harbor. Tidal waters from the Lafayette and Elizabeth Rivers touch two sides of the 146 acre campus. The University's ten year master plan calls for the campus to nearly double in size and needed facilities are being added as the funding becomes available.

The campus reflects the University's history and its mission for the future. The northern section of the campus shows the influence of the College of William and Mary in its Georgian architecture, stately old trees and basket-weaved brick walls. To the south, the modern academic buildings rise from their eight acre site.

The College of Engineering and Technology

On April 2, 1931, the College of William and Mary and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute joined forces and added engineering to the curriculum of the Norfolk Division of the College of William and Mary, now know as Old Dominion University. The cooperative program was supervised by W. Forrest Harrington, a faculty member of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. In the second year of the program, A. Lee Smith joined Harrington, additional engineering specialties were offered and two new instructors, Lewis W. Webb, Jr. and Edward White were added to the fledgling department. These men proved to be two of the most important men to shape Old Dominion University.

During the war years of the late 1930's and early 1940's, the college conducted technical war training, which was the forerunner of the technical institute. This eventually led to the formation of the Engineering Technology programs. The chief aim of the Technical Institute was to provide the southeastern Virginia area with trained technicians.

In the early 1970's the Technical Institute was dismantled and the Engineering Technology programs merged with the College of Engineering. In the mid 1980's the College of Engineering was renamed the College of Engineering and Technology. The Engineering programs now have 2500 students with 90 faculty on staff and several additional faculty from NASA and the local shipyards.

The Old Dominion University College of Engineering and Technology now consists of the Departments of Civil Engineering. Construction and Civil Engineering Technology, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering Technology. Engineering Management, Mechanical Engineering and Mechanics, and Mechanical Engineering Technology. The College offers four year baccalaurcate degree programs in engineering and technology as well as engineering degrees at the master's and doctoral levels.

The Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering, and the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (EAC/ABET).

The four year Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology has programs in Civil Engineering Technology, Electrical Engineering Technology, and Mechanical Engineering Technology acredited by the Technology Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET). A fourth four year baccalaureate degree program, Technical Operations, is also available through the Department of Mechanical Engineering Technology. TAC/ABET accreditation has not yet been sought for this degree.

A History of Theta Tau at Old Dominion University

In late March 1988 Richard Jenkins, a sophomore in Mechanical Engineering bored with the existing engineering organizations, was pondering the idea of starting a fraternity devoted to the professional advancement of engineering at Old Dominion University. After having mustered the necessary faculty support, inquiries were made of Mr. Robert Pope concerning the possible formation of a Theta Tau local.

Mr. Pope's enthusiasm along with Rich's rapport with his fellow students led to the appointing of officers by Mr. Pope. Within three weeks an organizational meeting was held, and the members of the new fraternal society, Theta Tau Omega, decided to start active recruiting in the fall semester of 1984.

Over the summer of 1988, a temporary headquarters was established and newsletters sent to the original members. Due to scheduling difficulties and personal reasons several of the original members dropped out or failed to return after the summer.

Rich, the first president, along with William Dunning, had their hands full when classes resumed in the fall. Apathy and discord, resulting from the members' diverse interests and background, nearly destroyed the fledgling organization. Vowing to keep the local society alive, the local officers dedicated themselves to establishing good internal relations during the semester.

The spring semester of 1989 was a major turning point for the organization. An honest effort was made to increase membership, resulting in the initiation of six new members and increasing the active roster to fifteen members. The society was also much more active with a well-balanced schedule of professional, social, and service events. By the end of the 1989 school year the petition for colony status had been submitted. Theta Tau Omega was now well established at Old Dominion University and spring left the society with two outgoing alumni, William Dunning and Andrew Austin.

Chris Sheets, president during the fall semester of 1989, led the society to colony status in November. Road trip to several local chapters Theta Tau introduced the colony to the brotherhood at chartered fraternities.

Returning to the office of president for the spring semester of 1990, Richard Jenkins made the primary objective of the colony to increase membership dramatically. With the assistance of Michael Brown, rush chairman, plans were set in place to secure at least as many pledges as members. As a result of these efforts, the colony inducted thirteen pledges. Participation in colony activities was at an all-time high. Fraternal relations with established Theta Tau chapters were secured during the southern regional convention at the University of Virginia Pi chapter, with six pledges and five members representing the colony in attendance.

The spring 1990 pledge class brought new members and new ideas to the colony, along with strong dedication to the ideals of fraternal fellowship. Nine members were in attendance at the initiation social at North Carolina State University Rho chapter, and seven travelled to Tennessee Tech Lambda Beta chapter for their alumni picnic. During these travels, a realization that a permanent headquarters for social events and meetings was vital, and June 1 saw the procurement of a new six bedroom house with meeting and social areas.

With imminent submission of this petition for chapter status, the brothers of the Old Dominion University colony look forward to a lifetime of service and fraternal fellowship as a chapter of the organization that brought them together, Theta Tau.

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May 21, 1990



Robert E. Pope, Grand Scribe Executive Council 9974 Old Olive St. Rd. St. Louis, MO 63141-5984

Dear Mr. Pope:

Since April 21, 1987 the Old Dominion University Theta Tau Colony has flourished. The current enrollment is now at 27 members plus 2 alumni. The organization is well established and has the active support of two senior advisors. I believe it is reasonable to expect continued growth in membership and stable chapter, the colony will quickly develop to a mature stable chapter.

The Colony has my full support and endorsement. I recommend and urge your approval of their petition to become a fully approved Chapter.

Sincerely,

Ernest J. Cross, Jr.

Dean College of Engineering and Technology

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May 24, 1990



Mr. Robert E. Pope 9974 Old Olive Street Rd. St. Louis, MO 63141-5982

Dear Mr. Pope:

I am very pleased to write this letter of support for the establishment of Theta Tau sa chapter at Old Domainon Inversity. I have had the opportunity on several occasions to attend functions of the Theta Tau colony and to converse with its members and officers. I believe that the Theta Tau colony has been a recognizable, valuable organization for students in the College of Engineering and Technology and that the leadership thus far provided has been excellent. The student population in the college will definitely support the establishment of a chapter.

The College of Engineering and Technology faculty and administration have always strongly supported the student professional and honor societies and will do the same for a Theta Tau chapter. The establishment of the Theta Tau chapter will provide excellent opportunities for developing a corasdery among students on more than just a professional scale. I feel that engineering and technology students at OOD need to interact societies provably with each other particularly on an intendisciplinary level for at 12°s are nerdy with calculators in their Tau chapter will provide that comportunity.

I recommend the establishment of a Theta Tau chapter at Old Dominion University.

Sincerely.

Gary R. Crossman Assistant Dean

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Subj: Application for Establishment of Theta Tau Chapter at ODU

Dear Mr. Pope:

I am the scademic advisor to the Theat Tsu Colony at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Vignisin, The Theat Tsu Colony at Old Depairs is existance on April 21, 1987, Norfolk, Nignisin is existance on April 21, 1987, when Mr. Richard E. Jenkins and 5 other founding members organized themselves with the intention of ultimately establishing a Theat Tsu Colony. During spring 1989, eight the intention of ultimately establishing a Theat Tsu Colony, During spring 1989, eight new members were initiated bringing the total to 13 members. During, spring 1990, 14 new members were initiated, bringing the total to 12 rative members, and 2 alumni. A list of all active members is unraised for your reference.

The Theta Tau Colony at ODU has been very active in their pursuit of social service and other activities that bring them together with people from different facets of life. For example, the group did volumeer work at the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk. The group also organized a very successful annual banquet during syring 1990 which was attended by about 4th people. By observing the activities of this group firsthand, I can tentify to the great amount of goodwill that the members of the group harbor for each other and for the members of various groups they interact.

The group is currently advised by me and Commander Thomas Cooper, an alumni from another chapter. Through this letter, I formally request you for establishment of Theta Tau Chapter at ODU. It is my sincere hope that you will find this group worthy of this honor. Please do not hesitate to write to me if you have any questions in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Sushil K. Chaturvedi, Associate Professor and Advisor of Theta Tau Colony

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Dear Mr. Pope:

Beginning March 16, 1990 Theta Tau Colomy has contributed volunteer hours to the full Life Dept of the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. They have spent their time visiting the children in the hospital and provided them with companionship and activities. Their services are greatly needed in a children's hospital because it takes more than medicine to make children well.

I support the efforts of Theta Tau in becoming a chapter of the National Fraternity and hope they can continue to support this hospital with their volunteer hours.

Sincerely,

Lisa Criffin Director Child Life Department



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Dear Brother Pope,

I am writing to recommend that the Old Dominion University Colony of That Tau be considered for chapter status. Having worked with the young en and women of the colony since their colonization in November 1989, I am convinced that they have the zeal, fieldity and maturity to establish and maintain chapter. During the past six months, they have continuously become more chapter. During the past six months, they have continuously become more they are conducted in an orderly manner in accordance with the Colony Situal. Participation in chapter activities, in particular their community service project, is exceptionally good. Individually, this group of young people are dedicated to improving their professional standing as engineers. Socially, I have never seen a more compatible and energetic group. I would welcome every law the colony status of the colon strongly recommend that the Old Dominion University Colony be granted full chapter status at the 1990 National Convention.

In H & T,

THOMAS C. COOPER Commander, U.S. Navy Sigma '70







