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S.M.U. Colony of Theta Tau
Engineering Fraternity
Dallas, Texas
March 8, 1990

Theta Tau Engineering Fraternity
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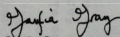
Dear Brothers of Theta Tau,

As the leading officers of the Southern Methodist Colony of Theta Tau Engineering Fraternity, we respectfully submit our petition for recognition as a chapter in the fraternity. Founded in November of 1988 as the Alpha Delta Tau local engineering fraternity, and installed as a colony in the following May, we have brought together students from all majors in the engineering school and have formed an organization that can fulfill the professional and social needs of its members.

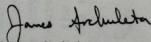
Since that time we have maintained a rapid pace and have accomplished all of our goals, and we now believe that we are ready to become a chapter in Theta Tau. We have been active in many areas, holding professional and social events with regularity, establishing contact with area alumni of the fraternity, and solidifying our organization and its presence on the S.M.U. campus. Our organization is now well recognized within the School of Engineering and Applied Science, and it continues to promote engineering ideals and brotherhood.

Our members wait with great anticipation and excitement as our petition for chapter status is evaluated by the fraternity. As a chapter of Theta Tau, we would do everything possible in the pursuit of a respectable and active chapter, thriving not only on the bonds of our brothers locally, but also on bonds with our brothers nationwide.

Sincerely,



Gaylia Gray
President, S.M.U. Colony



James Archuleta
Vice President, S.M.U. Colony

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March 14, 1990

To: Chapters, Eligible Alumni Associations, Executive Council Members

From: Robert E. Pope, Grand Scribe

Subject: Petition received from the Southern Methodist University Colony

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The history of Theta Tau at SMU in Dallas, beginning with the organization in November, 1988, of the local fraternity, Alpha Delta Tau, by Brother Michael Abraham, now Eastern Regional Director, is presented in the petition. Brother Brad Besmer, Western Regional Director, has visited the colony twice and has had frequent telephone conversations with its officers. He reports the members to be a highly motivated group which gives appropriate attention to details. The colony has demonstrated its ability to rush, pledge, and initiate additional members. The petition reports establishment of a housing fund as it looks toward a permanent headquarters.

Each voting unit is urged to make the special effort required to give this proposal the earliest possible consideration, and to complete and mail the ballot so that (if the result is favorable) the installation may be scheduled to avoid the final exam period at SMU this spring.

B A L L O T

Proposal: That the petition received from the Southern Methodist University Colony of Theta Tau be approved, and the colony installed as Tau Beta Chapter of Theta Tau.

-REP

Vote: Yes [] No [] Abstain []

Comments:

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Chapter/Association/Council Member Signature Office Date

Please mail ballot to THETA TAU, 9974 Old Olive St. Rd., St. Louis, MO 63141. Thanks.

We, the undersigned, all active brothers of the Southern Methodist University Colony of Theta Tau, do hereby petition Theta Tau National Professional Fraternity for chapter status.

We hereby pledge that the undersigned are all presently enrolled in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, are active brothers in S.M.U.'s Theta Tau colony, and have no other affiliation competitive with Theta Tau Fraternity.

James D Archuleta Jr

Theresa L Smith

Steven A. Brennan

Scott H. Greener

Xiancarlo Bauliste

Charlie Wan-Ray Chu

Randy Balascham

Louise Krishnan

Martha Kury

David Martin

Scott Fubner

Francesca Vargas

Earl J. Shuch

David L. Gandy

James Edwards Jr

Christopher

Lucy Anne White

Melissa Moller

Kathleen

Julia Gray

Mary R. Vensary

Stephen J. Rieple

John M. Rieple

Doreen Kewley

Jaime J. Bledt

Ronald L. Glover

John Rieple

Benjamin J. Rieple

Debra J. Kading

Nancy Locke

William J. Rieple

Kim D. Will

James J. Rieple

L. Daniel Farley

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Michelle Everhart

Doretha Sedwick

Jerome D. Sheffield, Jr

Theta Tau -- S. M. U. Colony

List of Charter Members

Charter Members

Steven A. Bresnahan (Rush Chairman)
Denton, Texas
Electrical Engineering
Grad. Aug. 1990
G.P.A. 3.07/4.00

Gaylia A. Gray (President)
Little Rock, Arkansas
Computer Science, Mathematics
Grad. May, 1991
G.P.A. 3.78/4.00

James G. Archuleta, Jr. (Vice President)
Denver, Colorado
Electrical Engineering
Grad. May, 1990
G.P.A. 3.26/4.00

Ranga Balasekaran
Dallas, Texas
Biomedical Engineering
Grad. December, 1990
G.P.A. 3.41/4.00

Richard D. Farley
Arlington, Texas
Computer Science
Grad. May, 1991
G.P.A. 3.60/4.00

Ronald L. Glover
Alvarado, Texas
Computer Engineering
Grad. May, 1990
G.P.A. 3.55/4.00

Activities

Co-op program
Intramurals
First President of
Local Fraternity
and Colony

Tau Beta Pi
Co-op program
Golden Key Hon. Soc.

Co-op program
Calculus Tutor
Intramurals

Indian Student Assoc.
Metro Mustangs
Daily Campus Newspaper

Tau Beta Pi
Golden Key Hon. Soc.
Co-op program
Mam'selles/Escort Org.

S.M.U. Mustang Band:
Squad Leader
Student Engineering Joint
Council: Treasurer,
EXPO chairman

Charter Members

Scott Griesser
Eules, Texas
Computer Science
Grad. May, 1990
G.P.A. 2.95/4.00

Debra L. Kading (Social Chairman)
Blue Springs, Missouri
Engineering Management
Grad. December, 1991
G.P.A. 3.65/4.00

Kousik Krishnan
Arlington, Texas
Biomedical Engineering
Grad. December, 1990
G.P.A. 3.89/4.00

Charlie Wen-Ruey Kuai
Dallas, Texas
Electrical Engineering, Computer Science
Grad. December, 1991
G.P.A. 3.34/4.00

Nancy Loerke (Treasurer)
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Electrical Engineering
Grad. December, 1990
G.P.A. 2.70/4.00

Tung T. Nguyen
Dallas, Texas
Electrical Engineering
Grad. May, 1990
G.P.A. 3.60/4.00

Allen J. Pitts (Profess. Devel. Chairman)
Dallas, Texas
Engineering Management
Grad. December, 1991
G.P.A. 2.5/4.00

Activities

Mustang Band
Co-op program
Student Engineers Joint
Council
Sigma Phi Epsilon Frat.

Pi Beta Phi Sorority
Golden Key Hon. Soc.
Phi Gamma Delta Li'l Sis

Student Foundation
Program Council
Mortar Board
Hyer Society
Indian Student Assoc.

Chinese Student Assoc.
Chairman
Student Senate
Polling Committee
Publication Committee

Mustang Band
Alpha Delta Pi Sorority
Lambda Chi Alpha Li'l Sis

Program Council
Pi Kappa Alpha Vice Pres
Interfraternity Council
University Judicial Board

Charter Members

Benjamin S. Quindoza (Pledge Instr.)
Jacksonville, Florida
Electrical Engineering
Grad. May, 1991
G.P.A. 2.74/4.00

David L. Sanchez
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Electrical Engineering
Grad. May 1990
G.P.A. 3.16/4.00

Jerome D. Sheffield, Jr.
Irving, Texas
Engineering Management
Grad. December, 1990
G.P.A. 3.00/4.00

Theresa E. Smith (Secretary)
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Mechanical Engineering
Grad. May, 1995
G.P.A. 2.50/4.00

Erik J. Strader
El Paso, Texas
Biomedical Engineering
Grad. May, 1990
G.P.A. 2.60/4.00

Frrancisco Vargas (Education Chairman)
Garland, Texas
Mechanical Engineering
Grad. May, 1991
G.P.A. 3.05/4.00

Mary Regan Veasey (Service Chairman)
Dallas, Texas
Mechanical Engineering
Grad. December, 1991
G.P.A. 3.00/4.00

Activities

Co-op program
Intramurals

Co-op program
Intramurals
Catholic Campus Ministry

Pi Kappa Alpha Frat.
Intramurals

Research Assistant

Alpha Phi Omega Service
Fraternity

Charter Members

Kris A. Wells (Publicity Chairman)
Euleus, Texas
Electrical Engineering
Grad. May, 1990
G.P.A. 3.00/4.00

James E. Woods, II
Kansas City, Missouri
Computer Engineering
Grad. May 1990
G.P.A. 2.84/4.00

Adrian George
Mechanical Engineering
Grad. May, 1992
G.P.A. 2.63/4.00

Christina Patton
Franklin, Washington
Biomedical Engineering
Grad. December 1991
G.P.A. 2.50/4.00

Robert M. Bender, Jr.
Dallas, Texas
Computer Engineering
Grad. May, 1992
G.P.A. 2.47/4.00

Heather L. Mosher
Oxford, Ohio, Kansas
Electrical Engineering
Grad. May, 1992
G.P.A. 2.45/4.00

Lee Bryant Chu
Irving, Texas
Biomedical Engineering
Grad. May 1992
G.P.A. 2.92/4.00

Activities

Mustang Band
Co-op program
Student Engineers
Joint Council
Intramurals

Co-op program
National Society of
Black Eng.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Frn.
Basketball

Alpha Delta R.O.T.C.
Catholic Chapar Ministry

Engineering Society
Sigma Alpha Frn.

Gamma Chapter
Alpha Delta Pi Frn.
(Treasurer)
Society of Women Eng.
(President)

Washing Band
Student Senate Corporation
Pi Sigma Alpha

Theta Tau -- S. M. U. Colony

List of Active Members--Pledges

Pledges

Andrew I. Arroyo
The Colony, Texas
Electrical Engineering
Grad. May, 1993
G.P.A. 2.5/4.00

Anthony Tate Askew
Atlanta, Georgia
Mechanical Engineering
Grad. May, 1992
G.P.A. 2.80/4.00

Giancarlo Bautista
Tacoma, Washington
Biomedical Engineering
Grad. December, 1991
G.P.A. 2.50/4.00

Robert M. Bender, Jr.
Dallas, Texas
Computer Engineering
Grad. May, 1992
G.P.A. 3.47/4.00

Jennifer L. Bloecker
Overland Park, Kansas
Electrical Engineering
Grad. May, 1992
G.P.A. 3.15/4.00

Zen Mycue Chu
Irving, Texas
Biomedical Engineering
Grad. May 1993
G.P.A. 3.02/4.00

Activities

Co-op Program

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Frat.
Basketball

Air Force R.O.T.C
Catholic Campus Ministry

Engineering Senator
Pi Kappa Alpha Frat.

Program Council
Alpha Delta Pi Sor.
(Treasurer)
Society of Women Eng.
(President)

Mustang Band
Student Senate Committee
Pi Kappa Alpha

Pledges

Christi De Los Santos
North Richland Hills, Texas
Computer Science
Grad. May, 1994
G.P.A. 3.08/4.00

Andrew R. Deitchman
Hurst, Texas
Mechanical Engineering
Grad. May, 1991
G.P.A. 2.90/4.00

James Doublesin
Richardson, Texas
Electrical Engineering
Grad. May, 1992
G.P.A. 3.58/4.00

Michelle G. Everhart
Moville, Iowa
Biomedical Engineering
Grad. May 1991
G.P.A. 3.67/4.00

Scott C. Fulmer
Lawton, Oklahoma
Civil Engineering
Grad. May, 1992
G.P.A. 2.6/4.00

Dorene L. Kewley
El Paso, Texas
Mechanical Engineering
Grad. May, 1992
G.P.A. 3.55/4.00

Martha Kurz
Scottsdale, Arizona
Biomedical Engineering
Grad. May, 1992
G.P.A. 3.2/4.00

Activities

Alpha Phi Omega Service
Fraternity

Alpha Phi Omega Service
Fraternity
Student Engineers Joint
Council
Amer. Soc. of Mech. Eng.

Senate Finance Committee

Tau Beta Pi
Student Engineers Joint
Council
Soc. Women Engineers
Tri-Beta

R.O.T.C.

Alpha Delta Pi Sor.
Amer. Soc. of Mech. Eng.
Secretary
Soc. of Women Engineers

Mustang Link
Program Council
Catholic Campus Ministry

Pledges

Khuong Lung
Dallas, Texas
Electrical Engineering
Grad. December, 1990
G.P.A. 3.1/4.00

Elisabeth Anne Marley
Cincinnati, Ohio
Electrical Engineering
Grad. May 1994
G.P.A. 3.26/4.00

David K. Martin
Atlanta, Georgia
Civil Engineering
Grad. May, 1992
G.P.A. 3.29/4.00

Melissa H. Miller
Dallas, Texas
Mechanical Engineering
Grad. May, 1992
G.P.A. 2.57/4.00

Thomas Luther Reeck
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
Computer Science
Grad. May, 1992
G.P.A. 3.646/4.00

Lorena C. Sanchez
Scottsdale, Arizona
Mechanical Engineering
Grad. May, 1993
G.P.A. 3.10/4.00

Douglas S. Sedwick
Houston, Texas
Biomedical Engineering
Grad. May, 1992
G.P.A. 2.8/4.00

Activities

Engineering Student
Org. at University
Student
Student Council
Computer Club
Mustang Band
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Li'l Sis

Alpha Phi Omega
Peyton Hall President
Mustang Link

Student Foundation
Delta Delta Delta Sor.

Senate Finance Committee
Golden Key Honor Soc.
Lambda Chi Alpha Frat.
Engineering Senator

Soc. of Women Engineers
Catholic Campus Ministry

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Frat.
Campus Crusade
for Christ

Pledges

Kersasp D. Shekhdar
Karachi, Pakistan
Computer Science
Grad. May, 1992
G.P.A. 3.25/4.00

Tracy A. White
Houston, Texas
Biomedical Engineering
Grad. December, 1993
G.P.A. 2.90/4.00

Activities

Engineering Senator
Org. of International
Students
Student Consultant
Computer Ctr.

Student Engineers Joint
Council
Program Council
S.M.U. Wind Ensemble

Administrative Advisor

Dr. J. Douglas Harris, D.Eng.
Assistant Dean
School of Engineering and Applied Sciences
Southern Methodist University

Doctor of Engineering
Southern Methodist University

Theta Tau--S.M.U. Colony

Faculty Advisor

John D. Provence
Assistant Professor
Department of Electrical Engineering
Southern Methodist University

Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering
Southern Methodist University

Administrative Advisor

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Dallas, Texas

An Overview:

As one of the leading private universities in the Southwest region of the United States, Southern Methodist University is highly recognized as a center of education and advancement in business, technology, the arts, and in law. Located five minutes north of downtown Dallas, the university boasts beautiful campus architecture in a peaceful area close to but apart from the major thoroughfares of the city.

S.M.U. offers undergraduate degrees in 80 majors through four undergraduate divisions: Dedman College (Liberal Arts), the Edwin L. Cox School of Business, Meadows School of the Arts, and the School of Engineering and Applied Science. Additionally, the University offers advanced degrees of M.S. and Ph.D. in each division. Along with classes to fulfill requirements for a major, undergraduate students must take a curriculum of courses throughout the university under the Common Educational Experience plan.

S.M.U. combines the benefits of a large university while maintaining an environment similar to that of a smaller institution. With excellent facilities, libraries, and faculty (75% of faculty hold the highest degree in their field), students have many of the resources of a large university. Yet with only 5400 undergraduates and 3350 graduate students, and a 13 to 1 student to teacher ratio, as well as numerous activities and opportunities for student involvement, a small college atmosphere stands out. Today and in the future Southern Methodist University continues to move forward and develop and mold the leaders of the years to come.

A History:

1911: Southern Methodist University is chartered; Robert S. Hyer is appointed president of the university.

1915: S.M.U. opens its doors in September with a College of Liberal Arts, a School of Music, and a School of Theology. Buildings consist of the beautiful Dallas Hall and four residence halls.

1916: S.M.U.'s athletic teams join the Southwest Conference and the University organizes its first commencement.

1920: The College of Applied Arts and Science is established, later to be merged with the College of Liberal Arts.

1925: The University establishes the School of Law and the School of Engineering. A frame building houses classes and laboratories for an entering class of 120 aspiring engineers.

1926: S.M.U. gets five new buildings: Hyer hall for sciences, McFarlin auditorium, Ownby Football Stadium, and two dormitories; a fire destroys three dormitories.

1936: S.M.U. has grown to more than 3200 students and 140 faculty members.

1940: Fondren Library opens with 380,000 books.

1943: A civil engineering program is started on campus for women by the Engineering War Training Program to relieve the shortage of engineers during wartime; S.M.U. is chosen along with 281 colleges by the U.S. War-Manpower Commission to start training for Army and Navy specialists.

1946: Due to returning WWII veterans, 5000 students enroll in the University.

1956: The Umphrey Lee Student Center opens, named after S.M.U.'s fourth president; it houses a bookstore, meeting rooms, post office, and cafeteria.

1957: The first Ph.D. program initiated at S.M.U.; first doctoral degree is in economics.

1967: S.M.U. expands to nationwide recruiting, with search for freshman taking recruiters to 65 different cities.

1980: S.M.U.'s efforts to provide a liberal arts foundation for students become more centralized; Robert H. Dedman gives 25 million dollars to the liberal arts entity known as Dedman College in which all undergraduates enroll before transferring to their respective schools (such as engineering, business, and the arts); Donald Shields is named president.

1983: S.M.U. announces the Decade Ahead Plan, designed to continue advancement to become one of the outstanding private universities in the nation; plans include expanding and modernizing facilities, creating thirty-two endowment chairs, upgrading the academic standing of the student body, and increasing scholarships and financial aid.

1985: The average combined Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores for freshmen reaches 1104, the highest in S.M.U. history.

1987: S.M.U. gets new student center thanks to large donations from alums Charles Hughes and Kitty Trigg; houses cafe, student market, ballrooms, gamerooms, arts center, and theatre.

1988: After catastrophic developments of the infamous football scandal, S.M.U. names A. Kenneth Pye as president; Pye promises continuation of emphasis on excellence; Academic Task Force is instituted to review curriculum in all schools within the University.

1989: The direction of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences is re-evaluated, and cuts in the Civil and Mechanical Engineering department are proposed. Football returns to campus under the leadership of coach Forrest Gregg.

1990: President Pye and the Board of Trustees commit to giving greater support to fundraising and recruiting to strengthen the engineering programs in the S.E.A.S.. Entering freshmen in any school of the university are required to take more liberal arts classes.

The School of Engineering and Applied Science of Southern Methodist University

In 1925, the Department of Engineering was formed at Southern Methodist University. Started primarily as a project of the Dallas Technical Society, it was one of the first schools in the United States to develop a cooperative education program. Since engineering blends theoretical and practical knowledge, the School founders wanted to offer a program that would allow the student a complete engineering education. In its founding, all students entered the program, whereas it is now optional and available to those making satisfactory progress in the Engineering School. Today, nearly fifty percent of S.M.U.'s engineering students are in the cooperative education program.

Approximately 800 students are enrolled in today's S.M.U. School of Engineering and Applied Science, located in Caruth Hall near the center of S.M.U.'s campus. Students entering S.M.U.'s engineering program generally rank in the upper third of their graduating class and have a minimum SAT score of 1100. After obtaining a minimum of twenty-four credit hours in their freshman year, the students are "transferred" in the engineering school from the liberal arts school (Dedman College) if they have attained at least a 2.5 grade point average in their science and pre-engineering courses. A total of 130 hours are required for graduation in the S.E.A.S., the last thirty of which must be in residence. Graduating students must attain an overall grade point average of 2.00 on all courses taken at S.M.U. as well as all courses in the major field of study.

Students enrolled in the S.E.A.S. enjoy the benefits of small classes and the broad education that the other schools in the university have to offer. Numerous student organizations exist within the S.E.A.S., including Tau Beta Pi, A.S.M.E., S.W.E., N.S.B.E., and other nationally recognized organizations along with the student governing body of the school, Student Engineers Joint Council. S.M.U.'s Theta Tau colony is the only engineering fraternity in the S.E.A.S., and is now perhaps the largest.

The School of Engineering and Applied Science is organized into three departments: Civil and Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, and Electrical Engineering. The school offers Bachelors of Science degrees in Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Engineering Management, Management Science, and Mechanical Engineering, although Civil Engineering will be phased out by the mid 1990's. Graduate programs are also offered toward the degrees of Master of Science, Engineer's Degree, Doctor of Engineering, and Doctor of Philosophy.

S.M.U. is committed to putting a renewed emphasis on the S.E.A.S. in response to the influx of technology entering the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. With the telecommunications boom in nearby Richardson, the growth of industry in the area, and the plans for the Superconducting Super Collider south of Dallas, the need for engineers in the area has never been higher. In fact, the Dallas-Ft. Worth metroplex has the third highest concentration of high-tech firms in the United States. S.M.U. has committed to educating the complete engineer by providing an extensive cooperative education program for students and by requiring that engineers take a variety of liberal arts classes to complement their engineering classes. Plans for the decade ahead include doubling the enrollment of the School of Engineering and Applied Science, and increasing fundraising.

As a result of the increased emphasis on the S.E.A.S., the School of Engineering and Applied Science has been able to attract a large number of students from the Dallas-Fort Worth area. This has resulted in a significant increase in the number of students enrolled in the School of Engineering and Applied Science. The School of Engineering and Applied Science has also been able to attract a large number of students from the Dallas-Fort Worth area. This has resulted in a significant increase in the number of students enrolled in the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

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Organization

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- Weekly meetings have throughout the semester except during the holidays.
- Social activities planned every few weeks, ranging from happy hours to parties.

Theta Tau--S.M.U. Colony

A History of Progress

The Colony of Theta Tau Engineering Fraternity at Southern Methodist University began as a local engineering fraternity on 11/19/88, named Alpha Delta Tau. Under the guidance of Mike Abraham, then an administrative assistant from the Central Office, 15 motivated individuals banded together to become the fellow founders of an engineering organization offering opportunities not available from other organizations in the engineering school. Alpha Delta Tau's first president, Steve Bresnahan, was appointed to lead the group, officers and chairs were chosen, and future goals were set. The Alpha Delta Tau fraternity planned to maintain an ambitious and quickly moving pace in order to achieve colonization in the next semester, and chapter status by Spring, 1990. One concern for the fraternity was membership for computer science majors. After conclusion that the computer science curriculum is taught in the same college as the other engineering majors, and that the department houses most of its classrooms in the engineering school, the fraternity voted to accept computer science majors in Alpha Delta Tau. The fraternity requests similar assessment of the situation from the national fraternity when considering the S.M.U. colony for status as a chapter.

Meetings were held weekly in the Engineering School, and formal affairs are set in the Student Center. Immediate goals for the group included holding a rush for new members, performing service projects in the community, holding professional development meetings, contacting Dallas area alumni, involvement in university intramurals, and petitioning for colony status. Alpha Delta Tau added 14 members in their first rush period, and succeeded in accomplishing all goals by the end of Spring of 1989. Alpha Delta Tau became a colony of Theta Tau in May, 1989.

Since colonization, the members of the local fraternity have continued the rapid pace. With the goal to be ready to become a chapter within the national fraternity by the end of the 1989/1990 school year, the motivated members of the colony have been very achievement oriented in all aspects of their operations.

Accomplishments have been made in many areas, including:

Organizational:

- 23 members have been added to the local fraternity thru two rush periods.
- Weekly meetings held throughout the semester (except finals) with large participation within the organization.
- Social activities planned every few weeks, ranging from happy hours to parties.

- Establishment of a permanent housing fund drawn from local fraternity member dues to maintain a headquarters outside of the engineering school.

Professional:

- Several guest speakers, occasionally open to all students in the engineering school, from leading corporations in the Dallas area, such as E-Systems, and Electrospace, Inc.
- A plant tour to L.T.V., just south of Dallas.
- Help with set-up and clean-up of EXPO '90, a technical career fair on campus.

Campus/Community Involvement:

- Participation in intramural volleyball, soccer, basketball, and softball.
- Three of four of next year's engineering school senators in the S.M.U. student senate belong to Theta Tau.
- Membership of colony members in numerous organizations within the engineering school and in campus-wide activities.
- Service activities include volunteering for underprivileged children and painting old houses.

Involvement within Theta Tau:

- Planned and held a reception for Dallas area alumni of Theta Tau. Contact was made and has been maintained with several alumni now living in the Dallas area.
- Visited the local engineering fraternity at University of Texas at Austin.
- A newsletter is being prepared for distribution throughout the fraternity in April.

The future for Theta Tau within the School of Engineering and Applied Science at S.M.U. is a bright one. As the largest student organization in the engineering school, the colony has devoted members from all majors of the school as well as support of the administration and staff of the school. Installation as a chapter would allow us to get more activity funds from the Student Senate and allow us to set our sights towards accomplishing further goals in the future. The goals for the future for the local fraternity are: to be installed as a chapter, to attend the national convention of the fraternity, and to continue building on ideals of brotherhood and professional development.

March 9, 1990



Theta Tau
Central Office
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St. Louis, Missouri 63141

To the brothers of Theta Tau:

I enthusiastically endorse the members of the SMU colony of Theta Tau in their effort to obtain chapter status within the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity. As Assistant Dean, I have watched this group grow from a dedicated fifteen members to their present size of over forty members, making it the largest student organization in the engineering school. SMU's colony of Theta Tau has shown its determination and motivation in establishing itself as a chapter of Theta Tau, as demonstrated by its well organized rush events, and its ambitious schedule of activity.

A chapter of Theta Tau would promote growth, both socially and professionally, for the engineering students of Southern Methodist University. I look forward to its contributions to the future of the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. Douglas Harris".

E. Douglas Harris
Assistant Dean



March 8, 1990

Theta Tau
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St. Luniv, MI 63141
Mr. Pope

Re: Recommendation for Chapter Status

Dear Mr. Pope:

During the past year, I have had the honor of serving as faculty advisor to the young men and women of the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity at Southern Methodist University. I have been very impressed with their devotion to the growth of Theta Tau and their dedication to maintaining the high standards of the Fraternity. This year, 23 new members have joined. I am proud to be associated with this fine organization and believe the future is bright for Theta Tau and its members here at Southern Methodist University. Therefore, I recommend without reservation that the Theta Tau Colony at Southern Methodist University be granted Chapter status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John D. Provence".

John D. Provence



Pictured, left to right:

Bottom Row: Ben Quindoza, David Sanchez, Robert Bender, Steve Bresnahan, Charlie Kwai. 2nd Row: Ron Glover, Mr. Wilson of Electrospace, Inc., Tung Nguyen, Erik Strader, Scott Fulmer, David Martin, Khuong Luong, James Woods, James Archuleta, Francisco Vargas, Regan Veasey, Tom Reeck. 3rd Row: Gaylia Gray, Scott Griesser, Jennifer Bloecker, Gian Bautista, Terry Smith. 4th Row: Tracy White, Kousik Krishnan, 5th Row: Marth Kurz, Dorene Kewley, Ranga Balasekaran Top Row: Kersasp Shekhdar, Zen Chu, Melissa Miller.



