

Chapter Petition
to
Theta Tau Fraternity
Submitted by
Syracuse University
Colony of Theta Tau

August 18, 1993

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We, the undersigned brothers of Syracuse University Colony of Theta Tau, affirm our individual eligibility for membership according to the laws of the fraternity, and hereby petitions Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity for Chapter Status.

Signed this the twenty fifth day of April, Nineteen Hundred Ninety Three.

Brian Keating
 Jay M. Euk

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Hummel B. Farnsworth

Harold M. Bergmann

John M. M. M.

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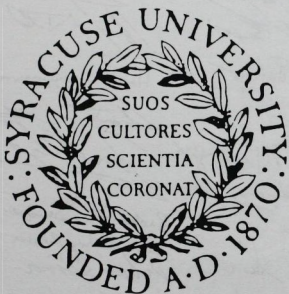
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Syracuse University Information

Syracuse University is a private, coeducational, and residential university. It's 12,000 undergraduates and 4,000 graduate students represent the 50 states, almost 100 foreign countries, and varied economic and social backgrounds.

Syracuse University began its first academic year in 1871 in a downtown Syracuse office building. Its second academic year drew to close in the Hall of Languages, the first building to be constructed of the fifty acres of farmland purchased as the permanent site of the University. During the more than 100 years that have passed since its founding, the small, coeducational liberal-arts college established by the Methodist Church has become a nonsectarian, academic campus. At the heart of the campus is the central quadrangle, called the Quad—an open area of green lawn and pleasant walks bordered by academic buildings.

Syracuse offers an excellent faculty, numerous resources for study and research, and opportunities for involvement in an active intellectual, cultural, and social community. Syracuse is proud of its reputation as a comprehensive university, which provides the opportunity for study in many professional areas as well as in the traditional liberal-arts fields. The University welcomes students with diverse educational goals, who undertake studies in more than 200 different subjects each year.

More than 65 percent of the students at Syracuse live in University housing. Options include large residential halls, apartments, fraternities, and sororities. Campus activities—social, academic, religious, cultural, and athletic—are numerous. The Carrier Dome, a 55,000 seat domed stadium located directly on the Quad, hosts all major athletic events as well as many concerts, special shows, and exhibitions.

The University is chartered by the New York State Board of Regents and accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Professional accreditation for each of the professional colleges and schools accords with the regulations of the appropriate professional association. Syracuse is one of a select group of 59 American and Canadian universities chosen for membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities and has been a member for more than 20 years.

L.C. Smith College of Engineering

Engineering, or applied science as it was known then, began in 1877 at Syracuse University as a response to post-civil war industrial age needs. It started in the east end of the basement of the Esther Baker Steele Hall with a laboratory consisting of a few machines. The courses in civil engineering were offered by the College of Liberal Arts. The four-year curriculum was completed by twenty five students before the end of the academic year in 1892 when the program was terminated. Thoughts of programs in applied sciences however, did not end. In January 1897 the trustees voted to re-establish civil engineering and to introduce electrical engineering. Over the next years, interest in applied sciences continued, courses were added and enrollment grew. Meanwhile, key persons such as Lyman Cornelius Smith, developer of the nationally known typewriter of the same name, became a trustee of the University. Three years later, while Chancellor Day was writing his annual report to the trustees, including an announcement of the advantages of creating an Engineering School, he received a special delivery letter from Mr. Smith authorizing him to inform the trustees of the founding gift from L.C. Smith for a College of Applied Science. The first building was to be erected as soon as possible with all the necessary equipment for the promotion of mechanical engineering on the Hill. By early 1902, the structure known as the Hall of Engineering was ready for occupancy. Complete with equipment, the cost of the new building was about \$75,000.

The following years for engineering at Syracuse University saw steady expansion and development stimulated by world-wide scientific and industrial growth and the needs of two world wars for advanced technology. From the very beginning, the College was forward looking. We were the first to offer instruction in photographic surveying, and of the first to offer aeronautical engineering. During the first 44 years of the College's existence, 6,000 students enrolled in engineering and over 2,222 received degrees. The first World War, the Depression, and the Second World War disrupted the steady pace of engineering education at the L.C. Smith College. Interestingly, the College grew as it weathered the crises. During the Second World War numerous reports of the accomplishments of S.U. engineers made headlines. Furthermore, the movement of women to industry during the War was reflected at Syracuse University when in 1943 seven women enrolled in our College. As the years passed, our College and its graduates, in partnership with business, industry, and government, help to shape the face of our world. Technologically sophisticated leaders must confront enormous problems of energy depletion, toxic wastes, and pollution. Our engineers are charged not only to solve these problems, but ultimately to preserve our quality of life. As in years past, we at the L.C. Smith College not only accept these challenges, we welcome them.

Syracuse University Colony History

In the Spring of 1990 a few dedicated Tau chapter alumni saw the need for the rebirth of Theta Tau on the Syracuse University campus. The alumni individually informed interested students about the Fraternity and asked if they would like to be a part of it. When the smoke cleared there was thirteen brave souls who took it as their mission to rebuild the Fraternity from the ground up. In the first month there were several cookouts to get to know each other a little better. Within a month the group was beginning to be known on campus by the service work done for the College of Engineering such as the Engineering Open House. At the end of that Spring semester a petition was put together to gain Colony status in Theta Tau.

Since becoming a Colony the group has been very busy continuing to make a name for the local Fraternity on campus and off. Each semester has seen a steady growth in membership. With pledge events such as skiing and camping trips the brothers are able to get to know the pledges well. Our Colony has sponsored numerous events such as speakers for Engineers Week and tours of local engineering facilities. This year, the second annual Theta Tau basketball tournament was held in which eight societies participated. Having attended the last three Regional Theta Tau conferences, our brothers have met many chapters and look forward to meeting many more.

This summer our colony has moved into the old Tau chapter house in hopes as starting starting fresh as a chapter.

Faculty Advisor:



Dr. Thong Quoc Dang

Dr. Dang teaches in the mechanical and aerospace engineering department. Prior to joining SU in 1989, he held engineering and technical staff positions with General Electric, McDonnell Douglas Corporation, and Rocketdyne/Rockwell International.

His academic specialties include fluid mechanics, aerodynamics, turbomachinery, computational fluid dynamics, propulsion systems, heat transfer, and applied mathematics. Currently, he consults with the Holset Engineering Co. Ltd. of England.

Dr. Dang is a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). He was graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1985 with a Ph.D. in aeronautics/astronautics.



Hasitha Abeygunawardena



Tim Andrick



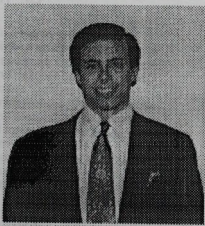
Pavel Baresh



Jeremy Beck



Aaron Brunson



Michael Doran

Member	Activity
<p>Hasitha Abeygunawardena Colombo, Sri Lanka Sophomore Mechanical Engineering GPA 2.4</p>	<p>ASME</p>
<p>Tim Andrick Darlington, PA Junior Environmental Engineering GPA 2.6</p>	<p>Air Force ROTC</p>
<p>Pavel Baresh Trenton, NJ Sophomore Mechanical Engineering GPA 3.2</p>	<p>Recording Secretary (Fall 92, Spring 93) Beta Pledge Class</p>
<p>Jeremy Beck New Tripoli, PA Junior Aerospace Engineering GPA 2.5</p>	<p>Colony Social Chairman (Spring 93) Alpha Pledge Class AIAA</p>
<p>Aaron Brunson Buffalo, NY Junior Electrical Engineering GPA 2.7</p>	<p>Founder IEEE</p>
<p>Michael Doran Snyder, NY Junior Mechanical Engineering GPA 3.7</p>	<p>Colony Vice-President Elect Pi Tau Sigma, Recording Secretary SAE, Recording Secretary ASME GM Scholarship recipient</p>



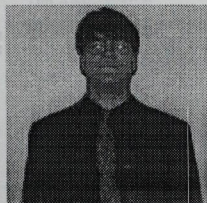
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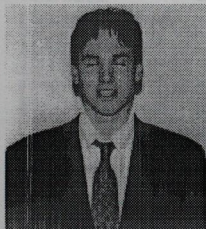
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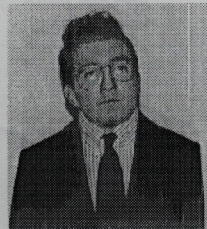
Brian Kearney



Rick Lundborn



Scott Messenger



Scott Mulvey

Sebastion Goulet
Quebec, Canada
Junior

Mechanical and Aerospace Eng.
GPA 3.0

Founder

Colony Vice-President (Spring 93)
Sigma Gamma Tau Honor Society

Member of Canadian National
Swim Team

Derek Guadagnolo
Syracuse, NY
Freshman
Civil Engineering
GPA 3.6

Gamma Pledge Class
ASCE

Brian Kearney
Port Murray, NJ
Sophomore
Environmental Engineering
GPA 2.5

Gamma Pledge Class
Pledge Class Coordinator
ASCE
Co-op Student

Rick Lundborn
Rochester, NH
Freshman
Civil Engineering
GPA 3.4

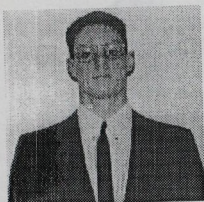
SU Honors Program
Delta Pledge Class

Scott Messenger
Liverpool, NY
Junior
Mechanical Engineering
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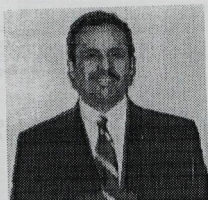
Founding Secretary of local fraternity
Recording Secretary(Fall 91, Spring 92)
Corresponding Secretary(Fall 92, Spring 93)
ASME, Chairperson
Co-op Student

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Junior
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Gamma Pledge Class
BMES
IEEE



Dave Riter



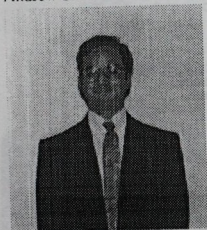
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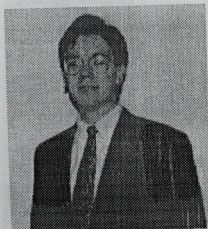
Andrew Simon



Michael Sun



Rommel Tamayo



Aaron Tersteeg

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Delta Pledge Class
Pledge Class President

Pedro Rodriguez
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Junior
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GPA 2.7

Founding Vice President of local fraternity
Pledge Trainer (Fall 92, Spring 93)
SHPE

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Old Bethpage, NY
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Civil Engineering
GPA 2.3

Gamma Pledge Class

Michael Sun
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Sophomore
Civil Engineering
GPA 3.5

Colony Treasurer Elect
Gamma Pledge Class
ASCE

Rommel Tamayo
Latham, NY
Sophomore
Environmental Engineering
GPA 2.8

Gamma Pledge Class
ASCE

Aaron Tersteeg
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GPA 2.6

Founding Treasurer of local fraternity
Colony President (Spring 93, Fall 93)
ASME, Membership Chairperson
Co-op Student



Jeff Till



Eric Weierstall

Jeff Till
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Senior
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GPA 3.2

Beta Pledge Class
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Eric Weierstall
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Founding President of local fraternity
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GPA 2.8

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21 August 1993

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Dear Mr. Pope:

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to support the Syracuse University Colony of Theta Tau in its bid for Chapter status of the Theta Tau National Engineering Fraternity.

I have been faculty advisor to the Theta Tau Colony at Syracuse University for over a year. During this brief period of involvement with the group, I have been extremely impressed with the professionalism, closeness and unity in the group. For example, Theta Tau members have been extremely helpful to the College of Engineering annual Open House the past few years. Recently, I have been involved in programs aiming at recruiting high school students into engineering. After learning that I am involved with such programs, Aaron Tersteeg (current President of Theta Tau) came to my office and expressed the interest of having Theta Tau members participating in these recruiting programs. I was utterly impressed with such a degree of professionalism from Mr. Tersteeg. I am also aware of the large numbers of activities organized by the group. They include 1) organizing tours for its members to visit local industries, 2) attending regional conferences, 3) participating in intramural sports, and 4) sponsoring a basketball tournament among teams from different engineering societies. These activities, along with the service and professional development programs mentioned earlier, reflect the commitment of the Colony to the College and University communities.

I have been honored to be the advisor to this motivated group of engineering students. I strongly recommend that you accept their petition for Chapter status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thong Q. Dang".

Thong Q. Dang
Associate Professor



THETA TAU

NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

August 1993

To my Brothers in Theta Tau:

I am proud to recommend that the Syracuse University Colony of Theta Tau petition for chapter status be approved. It has been a pleasure to be involved with this dedicated group of students as their advisor since the formation of the Theta Tau Sigma local engineering fraternity in 1991. They have steadily grown into an organization that is now worthy of chapter status within our fraternity.

The group provides a balanced set of professional, social, and service activities. This program combined with the strong sense of brotherhood they exhibit enables them to attract the quality members needed to maintain a strong organization. Furthermore, they have established a very good relationship with the L.C. Smith College of Engineering due to their willingness to help out with many of the school's activities.

Since moving into the Tau Chapter house in the spring, the colony members have been very active in performing house repairs and improvements. Their enthusiasm has been welcomed by the members of the Tau of Theta Tau House Corporation.

I again recommend that you approve this petition, and I look forward to re-establishing Tau Chapter at Syracuse University.

In H and T,

Matthew L. Stace

Matthew L. Stace, Tau '85



L.C. SMITH COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science

28 July 1993

Robert E. Pope
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Re: Theta Tau Sigma Chapter at Syracuse University

Dear Mr. Pope:

I am writing on behalf of Aaron Tersteeg, President of the Syracuse University (SU) Chapter of Theta Tau, Gregory Harder (former President) and their fellow student members of Theta Tau.

Previously, I had written to you (August 1991) supporting the Theta Tau students' proposal to establish a chapter of Theta Tau at SU. At that time, I knew the Theta Tau students through their active assistance and efforts on behalf of the Annual L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science Open House. The Theta Tau students were wonderful, both in terms of their participation during the Open House itself, as well as in terms of their assistance with pre- and post-Open House activities and efforts.

Since that time, Aaron, Greg, and the other Theta Tau members have been very active in a number of service, technical outreach and related activities on behalf of the College of Engineering and Computer Science. They have continued to assist with the Annual Open Houses; in addition, they have assisted and actively participated in service and outreach activities through the College, the Museum of Science and Technology (MOST) in Syracuse, and other community service organizations. In all cases, their participation and efforts are of the highest quality, and their cheerful willingness to help is wonderful and refreshing.

In closing, let me reiterate my support of Aaron Tersteeg and Theta Tau members at SU. These students are energetic and eager to be involved in the College's and the University's activities. Their service and other contributions are first-rate. I am confident that they will continue to contribute to and participate in College and University events in an exemplary manner. Truly, these students exemplify the ideal that any definition of true success must contain service.

Thank you for your time, attention and consideration. I would be happy to provide any additional information you may need. Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cynthia S. Hirtzel
Cynthia S. Hirtzel, PhD
Chairperson & Professor
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August 1993

To the 1993 National Conference:

All my Brothers in H and T,

It is a pleasure to recommend to you that the Syracuse University Colony of Theta Tau petition for chapter status be approved, thereby re-establishing Tau Chapter. Four years ago the 1989 National Conference revoked the charter of Tau Chapter with the intent to re-colonize at Syracuse University. I am pleased to report to you that the mission embarked upon by the Conference in 1989 has been successfully completed.

I have worked closely with these students since the formation of the local engineering fraternity, Theta Tau Sigma, on March 24th, 1991. The group has offered a balanced program of professional, social and service activities right from the start. This dedicated group of students has been more active in the events and affairs of the L. C. Smith College of Engineering at Syracuse University than Tau Chapter was previously and is considered by the College to be a significant asset.

The colony has successfully completed four rushing / pledging / initiation cycles in these last two years. In addition to the 25 or so student members who will return to Syracuse University this fall there are a number of alumni of the colony who also look forward to being initiated into our Brotherhood.

In recent months I have been privileged to interact with the colony members in my capacity as President of Tau of Theta Tau House Corporation. On May 10th several colony members moved into the Tau Chapter house which had been leased to a sorority for three years. In just a few weeks the house will be filled to capacity with Theta Tau Colony members. Over the course of the summer the colony members have worked hard on numerous renovation projects.

I wish to express my gratitude and that of the entire Fraternity to Matthew L. Stace, Tau '85 and Sean P. Donnelly, Tau '88 who ably carried out the Fraternity's re-colonization efforts. Matt also deserves our thanks for guiding the colony in his capacity as its Adviser.

I wholeheartedly recommend that you approve this petition to re-establish Tau Chapter at Syracuse University. I look forward to presiding over the installation of my own chapter later this fall.

In H and T,

Dean W. Bettinger xxx

Dean W. Bettinger, Tau '81
Grand Regent

