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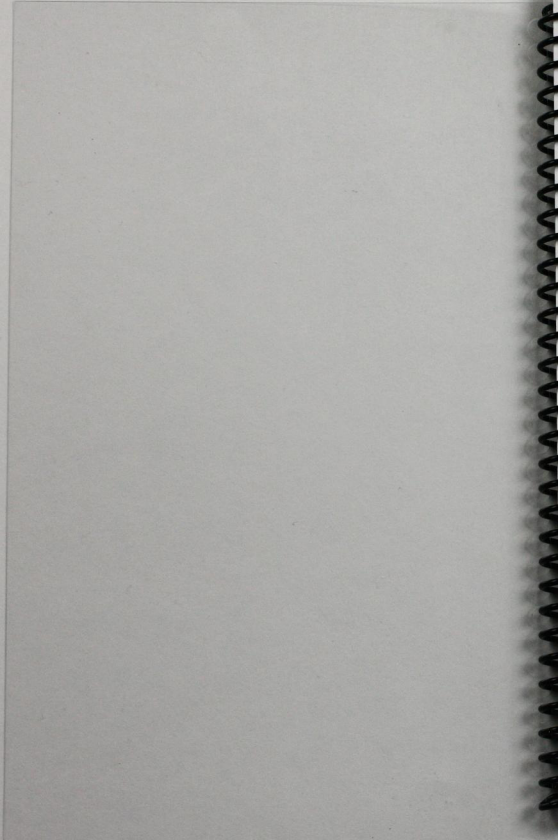
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OT Engineering Fraternity
University of California, Davis

"Theta Tau, the nation's oldest, and still foremost, Fraternity for Engineers"

September 9, 2006

Mr. Michael T. Abraham
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Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity
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Dear Mr. Abraham,

We the brothers of the University of California Davis colony of Theta Tau humbly request acceptance into the national fraternity. Over the past two years being associated with this colony, I have personally witnessed the growth and rewards that come from such a tight-knit group of student members, the same rewards that our founding fathers envisioned at their early beginnings. We have established a strong foundation with 25 active members returning this Fall, and we are planning to net 10 more members from the Fall 2006 pledge class. Along with the many Professional Development activities we have accomplished such as touring with companies like Intel and Granite Construction, we have been able to complement that aspect of our colony with comparable community service activities that equal in weight, with events such as downtown Davis clean-up and KVIE phone bank services.

Being isolated from the rest of the chapters has not impeded our progress of assimilating to our national chapters guidelines and ethics, in fact, just the contrary has happened with visits to Xi Gamma and Psi Beta over Spring Break this year as we enriched our colony growth in terms of meeting structures and networking with industry. We certainly had a lot to take in from our brothers but we also had much to give back. We exchanged rush ideas with Xi Gamma and coordinated Rube Goldberg information/ideas with Psi Beta.

One of the larger aspects of the fraternity that we emphasize is brotherhood. It is a founding principle in our fraternity and one that we abide by as well. The members here look forward to the day soon when we can establish a permanent headquarters and will make that an important goal following the installation of a UC-Davis chapter.

It comes with great privilege, that I personally request on behalf of the University of California Davis colony we be included as a chapter.

Sincerely,



Vinay Reddy
Regent
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We, the members of the University of California, Davis Colony of Theta Tau, do hereby petition Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity for chapter status.

We, the undersigned, hereby pledge our petition of membership. We are all currently pursuing degrees in engineering at the University of California, Davis, and have no affiliation with any organization deemed competitive with Theta Tau. We also certify that we meet all of the eligibility requirements for such membership and that the University of California, Davis Colony of Theta Tau meets all of the requirements to become a chapter. As active members of the University of California, Davis, we pledge our commitment, dedication and desire to Theta Tau.



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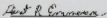
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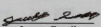
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Campus Activities

AAA – Asian American Association

AACF – Asian American Christian Fellowship

AIChE – American Institute of Chemical Engineers

AMAT – Aggie Micro Aeronautics Team

APATH – Asian Pacific American Theme House

ARC – Activities and Recreational Center

ASCE – American Society of Civil Engineers

ASME – American Society of Mechanical Engineers

DSM – Davis Society of Materials

HPV – UC Davis Human Powered Vehicle Team

ICC – Internship and Career Center

IEEE – Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

ISHP – Integrated Studies Honors Program

JASS – Japanese American Student Society

NSCS – National Society of Collegiate Scholars

PASE – Pilipino Americans in Science and Engineering

SWE – Society of Women Engineers

VSA – Vietnamese Student Association

History of the University of California, Davis

Shields, father of the Farm

Peter J. Shields was a Sacramento judge, breeder of prize Jersey cows, past secretary of the California State Agricultural Society and a supporter of agricultural education. He would become known as the "father of the Farm."

According to Ann Scheuring's campus history, *Abundant Harvest*, Shields got into a discussion with William Saylor, California's first dairy chemist, about the grading of butter at the State Fair, the science of butter making and what they saw as a need for a school to improve farming in California. Historian and former state librarian Kevin Starr calls the establishment of the University Farm at Davis "one of the greatest legacies of the Progressive Era."

The dairy industry, facing demands for large-scale butter production for California's growing urban areas, became a major supporter of the campaign to establish a farm school away from the coastal climate at the University of California's founding Berkeley campus. With the backing of a newly created dairy operators association, Shields wrote unsuccessful bills in 1901 and 1903 that would have established a state dairy school — the first in Kings County and the second in Yolo County.

Third try was the charm

His third try in 1905 — which expanded the proposed farm school beyond dairy instruction — was the charm. Despite concerns of some UC administrators about dividing the agricultural college between Berkeley and the new, second location, the bill passed.

Yolo backers enter the fray

Meanwhile, in California, Yolo County backers of a new ag school had entered the fray. A group of Yolo County farmers and business owners had persuaded Shields to make a last-minute change in the bill to require that the land have an irrigation system or water rights already in place. It was no coincidence that one of the bill's two co-authors was a Yolo County senator.

Nine days after the bill was signed into law, the Sacramento Union newspaper endorsed the Davisville site as "absolutely the nearest point to Berkeley which possesses all the requisites."

A newly organized Davisville Chamber of Commerce — led by two UC-educated neighbor farmers George Pierce Jr. and Jacob "Gene" LaRue — began promoting the site with a pamphlet titled "An Ideal Spot for a University Farm." Besides fertile soil, the pamphlet lauded the area for its temperate climate, plentiful water, low taxes, good roads, train service, proximity to Berkeley and Sacramento, "13 incoming and 13 outgoing mails each day," two telephone systems and two telegraph offices.

Historian and former state librarian Kevin Starr, in a forward to *Abundant Harvest*, calls the establishment of the University Farm at Davis "one of the greatest legacies of the Progressive Era." "The University Farm expressed the Progressive ideal that science and engineering were not merely speculative arenas," Starr wrote, "but were also instruments by which the world could be improved."

History of the University of California, Davis College of Engineering

The College of Engineering traces its history back to 1915, when a Division of Agricultural Engineering was organized under the leadership of J.B. Davidson. Although in the early days of the University Farm most students at Davis preferred the two-year non-degree program, degree work in engineering was offered in cooperation with UC Berkeley in 1926.

In 1959-60 the Kerr Commission determined that California needed an additional engineering school and that Davis was the logical site. Authorized as a separate college in 1962, the College of Engineering initially functioned as a single unit without separate departments. Roy Bainer, a foremost authority on farm machinery who had been on campus since 1929, became the first dean of the college. The first year there were 200 undergraduate students, 42 graduate students, 20 faculty members, and about 100 classes. Majors were available in agricultural engineering, chemical engineering, civil engineering, electrical engineering, and mechanical engineering. In 1963, at the instigation of Edward Teller, the Department of Applied Science was organized at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. This graduate department was designed to interact with the national laboratory but was administered through Davis.

Undergraduate enrollments continued to grow faster than anticipated, especially given the nationwide decline in engineering enrollments in the late sixties. By 1969, when John D. Kemper became the second dean of the college, more than a thousand engineering undergraduates were enrolled. By 1975 the number had jumped to 1580, and the college was receiving many more applications than it could admit. Meanwhile, the college began a concomitant effort to diversify the pool of engineering students. The Engineering Summer Residency Program, targeting high school students from under-represented groups, began in 1975, followed by the MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement) program in 1983. The MORE (Minority Opportunities for Research in Engineering) program began in 1987, and the Center for Women in Engineering in 1991.

As engineering disciplines have matured, some realignments of departments have taken place. In 1992 the Department of Civil Engineering became the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and the Department of Agricultural Engineering was renamed the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering. In 1992 the computer science faculty split away from the Department of Electrical Engineering to create a new Department of Computer Science and the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. The materials science program moved from the Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering to the Department of Chemical Engineering in 1993.

In 1996 Alan J. Laub became the fourth dean of the college. Zuhair Munir became the third dean of the college in 2000 and in 2002, Enrique J. Lavernia became the sixth dean of the college. By 2006 extramural research funding reached \$52 million, undergraduate enrollments were about 3,000, and graduate enrollments over 800. The UC Davis College of Engineering was ranked in approximately the top ten percent of engineering schools in the nation.

History of the University of California, Davis Colony of Theta Tau

On April 24th, 2004, Hoang Do, Christopher Lee, Binh Nguyen, Jeff Sheng, Xuong Tran, and Andy Tzou assembled in preparations for their upcoming IEEE elections. However, the notion dawned upon this fateful group that they should create an organization that not only help Electrical Engineers like themselves, but also the greater engineering community.

Through intensive and exhaustive research, the name Theta Tau began to emerge from the depths of fraternal engineering organizations. One meeting later, the group decided to contact Michael Abraham, the West Coast Regional Director of Theta Tau to gather more information

As it turned out, Michael Abraham was more than happy to provide information regarding Theta Tau and soon came onto being our advisor in the organization and execution of what would become Theta Tau's UC Davis chapter. On September 18th, 2004, Michael personally visited the group and toured our campus while familiarizing the group with everything related to Theta Tau.

Filled with a new resolve, the members of the new Theta Tau colony first convened on September 30th and elected its first round of officers.

As time went on, the ranks of Theta Tau waxed and waned as several original members dropped out of their commitment. Those that were left remained steadfast in their commitment and were willing to stay with it to the end. In addition, hearing about the glorious plans set forth by the members of Theta Tau, more people, joined into its ranks, bringing it to its current strength.

President Andy Tzou rallied the brothers of Theta Tau, Felix Chan, Eric Chen, Hoang Do, Ryan Iwahashi, Trang Le, Christopher Lee, Devin Lu, Mike Moon, Binh Nguyen, Jenna Nguyen, Jeff Sheng, and Xuong Tran, into action, and with a solid front of family unity, managed to bring about the events that brought all of you here to us.



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Grand Regent

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November 17, 2006

To my Brothers in Theta Tau,

It is my pleasure to recommend that the University of California – Davis Colony of Theta Tau petition for chapter status be approved.

Since becoming a colony of Theta Tau in the spring of 2005, I have been able to visit this group twice and see the growth that they have made. The group has successfully rushed and pledged new members into their colony over the last year and a half. The original members that created the colony have graduated and these new members have successfully picked up the leadership roles of the colony.

When I visited this fall, I attended the weekly colony meeting. The colony had various events already planned for the fall and appeared to be well organized. The schedule included fundraising events, professional development events, service events, and brotherhood events. Everyone in the colony takes responsibility and contributes to the accomplishing the goals of the colony. The colony also understands the national aspect of Theta Tau despite the fact that they are not located near another chapter. This past summer, the colony sent 7 members to the National Convention in Orlando, FL and won the Member-Miles award. They also took a road trip to Xi Gamma chapter at Texas A&M during their spring break this past spring to meet with other members of the fraternity and learn about Theta Tau. I have had the pleasure of watching this group continue their progress with commitment, hard work, and great enthusiasm.

This colony has proven that it can function as a successful Theta Tau chapter. One of the most important things though, is that I have seen this group show true brotherhood. I believe that this group would make a valuable asset to Theta Tau and I hope that their petition for chapter status would be granted.

In H & T,

Michael D. Livingston
Grand Regent



THETA TAU

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

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November 7, 2006

Dear Brothers,

I am pleased to write in support of the chapter petition received from the University of California-Davis Colony of Theta Tau.

I was contacted in the spring of 2004, by students at UC-Davis interested in becoming affiliated with Theta Tau. Early the next fall, I traveled to Davis to meet with several students while I was in California on Fraternity business. At that meeting we reviewed the process for becoming a colony and learned more about those present. The students impressed me with their grasp of the concept of a professional fraternity in engineering, as well as their friendly demeanor.

From that point forward, the colony has progressed consistently and remarkably to reach this point. In addition to its activity on campus at UCD, it has regularly traveled to national and regional events within our Fraternity. I am impressed with the enthusiasm and effort the members have shown.

I believe this chapter will be a valuable asset to Theta Tau, and I recommend your approval of their petition.

In H and T,

Michael T. Abraham
Executive Director



THETA TAU

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

Brian Primeau

Dear Brothers,

It is my pleasure and an honor to recommend the Colony at the University of California at Davis for membership in our fraternity of Theta Tau. Since their installation as a colony, these men and women have demonstrated their commitment to our purpose to develop and maintain a high standard of professional interest among our members, and to unite them in a strong bond of fraternal fellowship.

The UC Davis colony has quickly grown to a total of 43 members, consisting of 25 actives and 18 graduated alumni. They also have developed a strong pledge program and promise to grow as a chapter in the future. Their rush program regularly brings in over 50 interested students, and their pledge classes number around 15 quality members.

Driven by their motivated membership, the UC Davis colony has developed many activities throughout the year which show their dedication to all aspects of Theta Tau: professional growth, academic excellence and a strong brotherhood. Although they are still a young group, they have already established a number of regular events including an annual brotherhood barbeque along with establishing a regular broomball gathering with every new pledge class. They are also involved in the community by getting involved with downtown Davis cleanups, local Habitat for Humanity and have been tutoring students at a local Junior High School.

Initiating the UC Davis Colony will also provide Theta Tau with a strong chapter in California, which will help us grow in the west. There are many opportunities for growth near Davis, and having a foothold will help with our expansion efforts.

I strongly recommend approving the UC Davis petition to become a chapter in our fraternity of Theta Tau. Judging by their past performance, they promise to be a strong asset for the fraternity. Please join me in voting "yes" on the University of California at Davis' petition for installation as a chapter of Theta Tau.

In H and T,

Brian Primeau
Western Regional Director



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November 5, 2006

Dear Brothers,

It is my pleasure to recommend the approval of this petition without any hesitation. I feel that the addition of a chapter of Theta Tau at the University of California in Davis will serve this Fraternity well.

This past semester three members from the colony made a trip to Texas during their spring break. Once they knew they would be traveling to Texas, they contacted us to see if they could visit our Chapter for a day. We were delighted to have them, and they certainly were great company.

They joined us for lunch, a pledge meeting, and dinner. Throughout the day we were able to discuss their colony operations, including their social, community service, and professional development activities, all of which were well planned and executed. While here, one of their members even decided to get a gear tattoo, a growing tradition within my Chapter. If the enthusiasm and dedication of these members is any indication of their potential as a Chapter, they will do nothing but better our Fraternity.

At the National Convention this summer I was pleased to see 7 of them in attendance. They participated in all sessions possible and even brought home the award for most miles traveled to the Convention.

Their outstanding growth at their University and continual dedication as a colony is only a glimpse of what they can do as a chapter.

In H and T,

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Brothers,

It is my pleasure to recommend University of California Davis Colony of Theta Tau to attain chapter their chapter status. Throughout my visits to Davis Colony I found that the colony was well established by diligent works these students have put into the colony. They have also shown strong determination to expand the idealism of Theta Tau to the Davis community, nevertheless, they are extremely active to the point they will be reaching an astonishing 50 member basis group by the end of the semester.

Chapter status at the University of Davis, will give tremendous potential and benefits to Theta Tau community for the following reasons. First, they have around 6000 engineering students attending the school. Which unlike smaller engineering schools they have a better chance eliminating the recruiting problems a lot of chapters are facing these days. As you can probably see from their reports, they were consistently recruiting 10 to 15 members each semester to expand the colony to where it is today.

Secondly, Theta Tau always wanted to expand more chapters towards the West. Accordingly, students at Davis have many engineering fellows across the UC system, which Theta Tau can benefit to implement colonies around the area.

I have also noticed through my visit, they put some remarkable effort into the colony. Their professional development, pledge activities, colony meeting is on-going every week to sustain the activism within the colony. Especially, the emphasis they make on "brotherhood" is probably one of the best I have seen through many of my chapter visits across the countries. In fact, I strongly recommend we study their system to make an effective program for other chapters.

I have no doubt University of California Davis Colony will succeed in the upcoming years. If we let Davis Colony down, I think it will become one of the most regrettable mistakes Theta Tau community will be making. I give all the committee members the honor to vote them into our community as a new University of California Davis Chapter.

In H and T,

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THETA TAU

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Shannon Griswold

To Whom it May Concern:

Through many discussions, observations, and interactions, I have found that the UC Davis Theta Tau colony demonstrates all of the qualities that a new chapter should possess and more.

They have shown superb professionalism in how they interact with their rushes, each other, and themselves. They also draw on their relationships to help each other in a way that can only be classified as brotherhood.

Therefore, it is my recommendation that the Theta Tau colony at the University of California at Davis be installed as a chapter, and for their newly initiated to join the ranks of we brothers, and for them to accept the benefits and responsibilities of being a chapter of the Theta Tau fraternity.

In H and T,

Shannon Griswold

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December 4, 2006

Mr. Michael T. Abraham
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Dear Mr. Abraham,

I am pleased to write a letter of support for chapter status for the Theta Tau colony at the University of California Davis.

I have served as a faculty adviser to the colony in all phases of its development. A small group of eager, enthusiastic students who proposed the formation of a Theta Tau colony first approached me in 2003. I was supportive of the plan to establish a professional, co-ed engineering fraternity that would bring students together on a professional and social basis and I agreed to serve as an adviser. This group worked diligently, independently and professionally to create the local organization. By March 2005, the thirteen founders celebrated receiving colony status. In witnessing six successful classes, I have observed the reality of their aspirations coming to fruition. From thirteen founding members to forty-three active members, it is apparent that this organization has developed a sound foundation. Through community service, fundraising, brotherhood, and professional development events, every member has gained significant leadership qualities that have strengthened ethical and social skills.

Most importantly, the professional development events that the colony has hosted, or will host in the future, are giving this colony a reputable name in the community of students on campus, especially in the eyes of the engineering population. These events have included hosting guest speakers from well-known companies, such as COEN and CH2M HILL, to presenting interview workshops or extending first-hand knowledge of how to obtain the Engineering-in-Training or Professional Engineer license. In addition, the colony has worked with the Internship and Career Center on campus to arrange plant tours; a prime example is their Granite Construction tour held earlier this spring. Even though professional development is a fundamental pillar of Theta Tau, so is giving back to the community. This colony has cleaned up the city of Davis multiple times in order to provide a clean environment for the public. In addition, members helped rebuild a park, through Habitat for Humanity, in nearby Fort Natomas after it was subject to arson a few months ago. Many of these events the colony is hosting or will host have proved that this colony is worthy of praise for all their hard work.

Every time I am present at an event, these hard working colony members are very eager to talk with me about many different topics, Theta Tau related or not. They have shown me nothing less than respect for my advice and opinions regarding any issue. In conclusion, through all faced and overcome by this colony, I whole-heartedly recommend that this colony be granted honorable chapter status. They have my faith in maintaining a strong organization on this campus and I expect nothing less than a superb performance from these individuals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gary E. Ford".

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Dear Mr. Abraham:

It is my pleasure to recommend the UC Davis colony to be recognized as a chapter in the national fraternity. I have worked closely with this colony since their beginnings in 2004 when a group of Electrical Engineers approached me with interests of starting an engineering organization that would unite the Davis engineering community at large. With this experience I've learned never to underestimate the talent and drive of undergraduates to create a vibrant, exciting group that has already brought benefits to our college of engineering and has the potential of along-lasting, broad impact here at UC Davis.

In addition, the national fraternity has much to benefit from having a showcase chapter in California, which can provide valuable outreach to future colonies in the West—I am informed that such an effort would be a terrific match for the "Project 2020" plans.

Theta Tau should take a great deal of pride in the Davis colony. I have not the slightest hesitation in recommending them to you as a full chapter, and hope and expect their spirit of brotherhood and professionalism will extend to future generations of engineers here at Davis.

Sincerely,



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