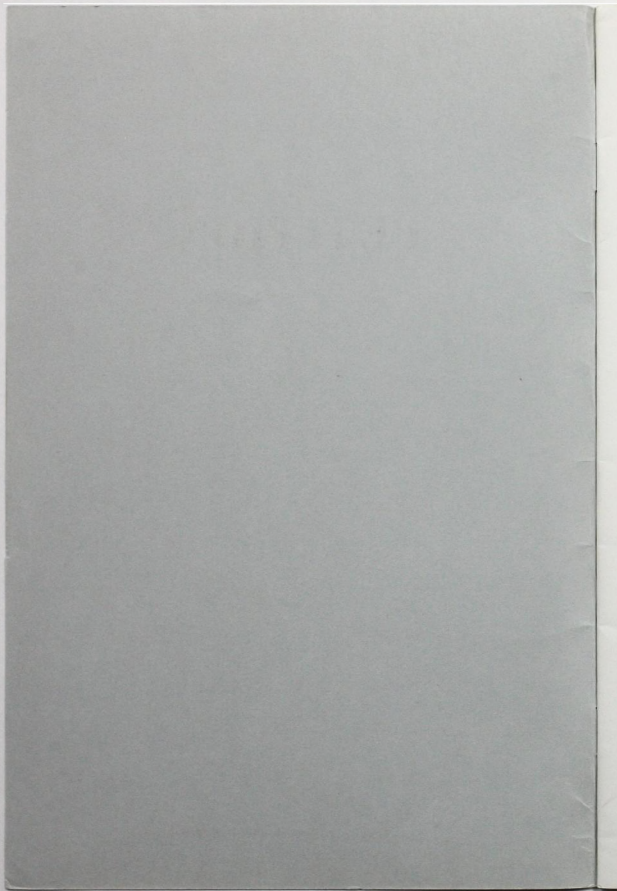


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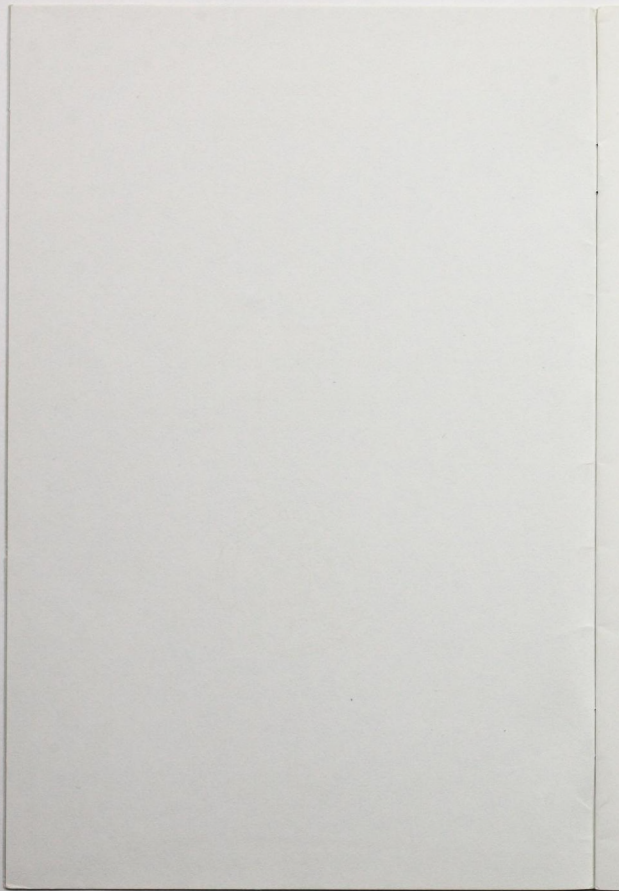


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PETITION TO  
THETA TAU FRATERNITY

FROM  
EPSILON NU GAMMA  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
HOUSTON, TEXAS



JANUARY, 1961



THE MONUMENT OF GENERAL SAM HOUSTON

PETITION

To the Members of Theta Tau Fraternity:

We, the undersigned, being members in good standing of Epsilon Nu Gamma Fraternity do hereby respectfully petition Theta Tau Fraternity for a charter as an active chapter of Theta Tau Fraternity at the University of Houston, Houston, Texas.

We hereby pledge:

THAT WE, the undersigned, are duly matriculated in the Cullen College of Engineering, University of Houston;

THAT WE, the undersigned, will uphold the principles of Theta Tau Fraternity; and

THAT WE, the undersigned, are not affiliated with any competitive organization of Theta Tau Fraternity.

Avery L. Howell, Jr.

Ned B. Cheshire

Samuel H. Williams

Levy S. Rif

Robert F. Schwartz

Ben W. Hood, Jr.

Babby M. Llane

Edgar A. Rapp

Joseph A. Holding, Jr.

Jim Cree

Jim A. Boyd

William G. Beach





#### TOP PICTURE

Top Row:- Camp, Odell, Adame, Rush, White

Bottom Row: - Boyd, Gee, Shaw, Brooks

#### LOWER PICTURE

Top Row:- Leach, Rapp, Cheshire, Hood, Schwartz, Williams, Kittinger

Bottom Row: - Spieldenner, Howell, Arnaud, Tamborello, Stamos, Hedding,  
Holland



ACTIVE MEMBERS

AVERY LOWELL HOWELL, JR., Houston, Texas  
Electrical Engineering - Senior

NED BROWNLEY CHESHIRE, Norfolk, Virginia  
Civil Engineering - Junior

KENNETH WAYNE WILLIAMS, San Augustine, Texas  
Mechanical Engineering - Senior

JERRY LEE RIX, Alto, Texas  
Mechanical Engineering - Senior

EDGAR ARTHUR RAPP, Brooklyn, New York  
Mechanical Engineering - Junior

BENJAMIN HARRISON HOOD, JR., Houston, Texas  
Electrical Engineering - Senior

BOBEY GARCIA ADAME, Houston, Texas  
Civil Engineering - Junior

ROBERT FRANKLIN SCHWARTZ, Houston, Texas  
Electrical Engineering - Junior

JIMS GEE, Houston, Texas  
Civil Engineering - Senior

JOSEPH ALBERTUS HEDDING, Houston, Texas  
Civil Engineering - Junior

JIM ALLEN BOYD, Lampasas, Texas  
Electrical Engineering - Senior

WILLARD PARK HOLLAND, JR., Galveston, Texas  
Civil Engineering - Senior

LOYAL CLYDE WHITE, JR., Houston, Texas  
Industrial Engineering - Sophomore

GERALD LOUIS SPIELDENNER, Clarksburg, West Virginia  
Industrial Engineering - Senior

CHRIS NICK STAMOS, Houston, Texas  
Industrial Engineering - Senior

MORRIS SHEPPARD MENLEY, JR., Houston, Texas  
Chemical Engineering - Senior

JOHNNY ARNAUD, Houston, Texas  
Mechanical Engineering - Senior

CHARLES JOSEPH TAMBORELLO, Houston, Texas  
Civil Engineering - Senior

HOWARD BRADY CAMP, Houston, Texas  
Civil Engineering - Senior

STEPHEN LEE SHAW, Houston, Texas  
Mechanical Engineering - Junior

## FACULTY MEMBERS

KITTINGER, WILLIAM TOWNS, JR.

Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering, University of Houston

B. S., University of Houston, 1948

B. S. E. E., University of Houston, 1949

M. S. E. E., University of Houston, 1956

Fraternities: Faculty Sponsor, Epsilon Nu Gamma

Professional Organizations: A.S.E.E., A.I.E.E., T.S.P.E., and N.S.P.E.

LEACH, WILLIAM JUDSON

Assistant to Dean, Cullen College of Engineering, University of Houston

B. S., University of Houston, 1950

Fraternities: Sigma Chi, Faculty Sponsor, Epsilon Nu Gamma

Professional Organizations: A.S.E.E.

TILLER, FRANK MONTERREY

Dean, Cullen College of Engineering, University of Houston

B. S. Ch. E., University of Louisville, 1937

M. S., University of Cincinnati, 1939

Ph. D., University of Cincinnati, 1946

Fraternities: Sigma Chi, Theta Chi Delta, Sigma Tau, Phi Lambda Upsilon

Professional Organizations: A.S.E.E., A.I.Ch.E., T.S.P.E., and N.S.P.E.

## ALUMNUS

CROZIER, PAUL HUGH, JR.

Eastern New Mexico College, 1955-57

President, Freshman Class

University of Houston, 1957-60

A.S.M.E., U.H.S.E.

Date of Graduation: August 1960, B. S. M. E.

Presently employed by Alco Products, Houston, Texas

## CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

The College of Engineering at the University of Houston was organized in 1942 and since that time has grown rapidly with a current enrollment of 1,392 in its various departments. The original curriculum was offered in engineering physics in 1938. Then in 1942 the degrees of civil, mechanical, electrical and general engineering were offered. In 1945 the College of Engineering became a separate College, and in 1955 acquired its first full dean (Dean Tiller). The College of Engineering was officially changed to the Cullen College of Engineering in 1958 in honor of one of the college's most generous donors.

The engineering educational opportunities at the University of Houston are unlimited and offer a challenge not available anywhere else in the country. Due to location the prospective engineer has the opportunity to study under professional engineers and to gain valuable experience through contact with or by working with various local industries.

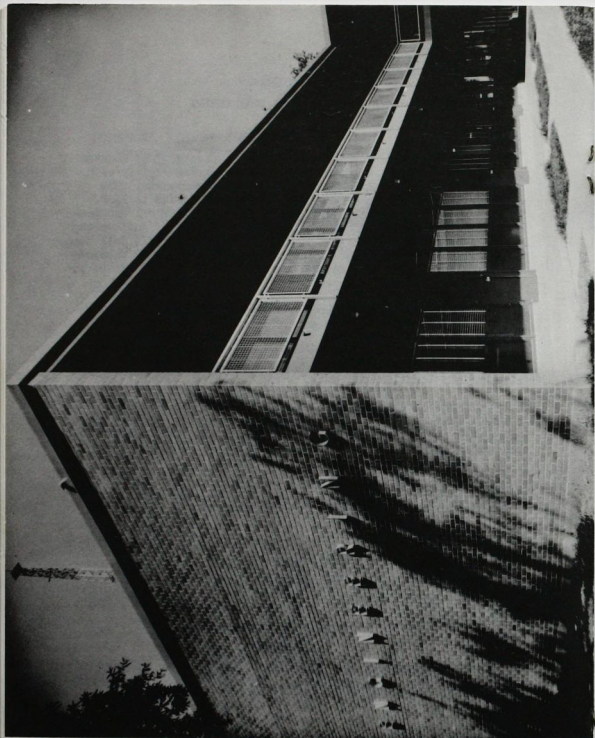
The faculty is composed of professionally qualified teachers with an average of ten years of industrial experience. Along with the aid of this experience 85% of the full-time faculty are registered professional engineers.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

The Cullen College of Engineering admits students subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Certificate of graduation from an accredited high school.
- (2) Transfer from an accredited institution of higher learning.

Any student having less than thirty semester hours is required to take the entrance examinations which are designed to assemble pertinent data as to aptitudes and achievements.



ENGINEERING BUILDING

## EPSILON NU GAMMA FRATERNITY

In October of 1959 the need for a professional-social organization within the Cullen College of Engineering was recognized by a small group of engineering students. At that time there were six professional societies in existence that adequately provided for the professional needs of the students within their own majors; however, there was no one organization to which students from all majors in engineering with a common interest could belong. There was a definite gap between the ordinary student life and the meager amount of social life in the engineering school.

The solution to the problem came with the organization of a small fraternal group. As the group became progressively organized toward the professional-social end, more students became interested resulting in a growth of membership. The informal meetings then became formal with the election of a temporary chairman.

Epsilon Nu Gamma was selected as the name of the newly formed local fraternity and by-laws were adopted which state, "The purpose of this fraternity shall be to develop and to maintain a high standard of professional interest among its members, and to unite them in a strong bond of professional fellowship." Since an approved method for the election of officers was set out in the by-laws, a new election was held in which annual officers were elected.

Through the following spring successful efforts were made to make the fraternity into a more closely knit group. During the spring semester monthly social and professional meetings were held along with the regular business meetings on alternate Fridays.

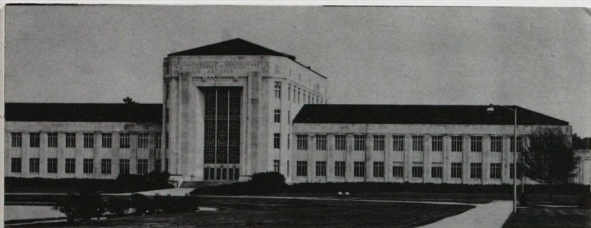
As the fraternity became more functional, thoughts were turned to the affiliation with a national engineering fraternity. Several such organizations were investigated, others being discarded in favor of Theta Tau. Efforts since then have been directed toward eventual national affiliation.

From the beginning of its existence Epsilon Nu Gamma has been recognized as a useful and needed organization by the administrators of the Cullen College of Engineering. This was evidenced by the loan of an office located in the Engineering Building to set up headquarters. With the plans of a new and larger engineering building in progress the need for a permanent headquarters appears eminent.

Some of the activities undertaken by Epsilon Nu Gamma include the "Chair Fund", a program designed to obtain donations from University Alumni to be used for the advancement and improvement of the Engineering College. The fraternity has designed an "Orientation Program" to aid Freshmen and new engineering students during registration week of each semester.

In general, it can easily be said that the original purpose of the organization has been more than fulfilled with the exception of national affiliation.





## THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

The institution of higher learning known as the University of Houston came into being in 1927 as a junior college operated by the Board of Education of the Houston Independent School District. It continued its operations in that capacity until 1934 when legislative action permitted school districts to operate not only junior colleges, but also four year, degree-granting colleges and universities. Immediately, Houston Junior College adopted the name, University of Houston, and proceeded to offer a curriculum leading to the bachelor's degree.

A significant development in the history of the University occurred in 1939 when both day and evening branches moved to the new campus located on 275 acres in the southeast area of Houston. Prior to that date classes had been held at the San Jacinto High School and in the educational building of the Second Baptist Church. Through the assistance of several wealthy patrons, the physical plant of the University has been extended to include twenty-one permanent and fully air-conditioned buildings and is considered one of the finest in the country.

Another important milestone for the University was passed on March 12, 1945, when the governor of Texas signed into law Senate Bill 207. This bill permitted the establishment of a Board of Regents separate from the Board of Trustees of the Houston Independent School District. Dr. E. E. Oberholtzer was elected as first president of the University on April 1st of that same year.

On January 21, 1957, a Board of Governors of the University of Houston, including the Board of Regents and 40 newly-appointed Governors, was organized and met for the first time on the campus.

The University recognizes the necessity for providing industry, business and the professions with an increasing flow of competent young people educated to take positions of leadership in economic, cultural and civic life.

Now, at the beginning of the Golden '60's, the University reflects the spirit of Houston, its struggles for recognition in the past, its vitality and drive of today and its hopes for the future.



## GRADES

The following grades are used in all undergraduate schools and divisions of the University:

- A - Excellent, superior achievement
- B - Good, exceeding all requirements
- C - Satisfactory, meeting all requirements
- D - Poor, passing but not meeting all requirements
- F - Failure

The quality point index is computed from grades as follows:

- A - Four points per semester hour
- B - Three points per semester hour
- C - Two points per semester hour
- D - One point per semester hour
- F - No points

A semester hour represents one recitation, lecture or laboratory period a week for one semester. Scholarship is computed in terms of the quality point index obtained by dividing the number of quality points by the number of semester hours for which the student has registered.

In order to graduate a student must have a quality point index of at least 2.00. The degree may be conferred "with distinction" at the discretion of the faculty upon those students attaining a quality point index of 3.25 or higher.

## DEGREES

The Cullen College of Engineering offers courses leading to the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree in the following:

Chemical Engineering  
Civil Engineering  
Electrical Engineering  
Industrial Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering  
Petroleum Engineering

The advanced degree, Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering is offered.

The current enrollment of the School of Engineering is 1,392.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING  
HOUSTON 4, TEXAS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

July 18, 1960

Executive Council  
Theta Tau Fraternity

Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that the local engineering association, Epsilon Nu Gamma, expects to petition for affiliation with Theta Tau Fraternity. As dean of the Cullen College of Engineering, I should like to strongly endorse their petition.

This is an active group of young engineers which lists among its membership a large percentage of officers of the student chapters of the various engineering societies. In addition to being well qualified academically, members also participate in the University's student government; one member is now serving as Speaker of the House.

They have been strong in their support of our college and were largely instrumental in the recent establishment of a new college fund that is to be used for developmental purposes.

I am indeed happy to recommend this organization to you as an exceptionally fine group of young men who will reflect credit upon the Theta Tau Fraternity.

Sincerely yours,

*F. M. Tiller*

F. M. Tiller  
Dean of Engineering

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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING  
HOUSTON 4, TEXAS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 9, 1961

Executive Committee  
Theta Tau

I am happy to endorse the petition of Epsilon Nu Gamma (University of Houston engineering fraternity) to become a chapter of Theta Tau. Individually, and as a group, members of Epsilon Nu Gamma are above average. The grade point average is well above the all men's average for the University. They are active in the student chapters of the professional societies and have taken on a project which will mean much to the future development of the Cullen College of Engineering.

I hope that Theta Tau will act favorably on the petition of Epsilon Nu Gamma.

Sincerely yours,

*Wm. J. Leach*

Wm. J. Leach  
Assistant to the Dean

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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING  
HOUSTON 4, TEXAS

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

6 December 1960

Executive Council  
Theta Tau Fraternity

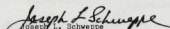
Gentlemen:

The officers of the local engineering association, Epsilon Nu Gamma, have told me that they plan to petition for affiliation with Theta Tau Fraternity. As chairman of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, I strongly endorse their petition.

The engineering students included in the membership of Epsilon Nu Gamma are active supporters of our college and student organizations. In addition they have maintained high academic standards.

I believe that they are an exceptionally fine group of young men and that they will reflect credit upon Theta Tau Fraternity.

Very truly yours,

  
Joseph L. Schweppe  
Chairman

JLS rg

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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING  
COLLEGE BOULEVARD  
HOUSTON 4, TEXAS

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

December 6, 1960

Executive Council  
Theta Tau Fraternity

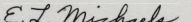
Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to give my full support to Epsilon Nu Gamma, a local professional engineering fraternity on this campus, in its desire to become affiliated with Theta Tau fraternity.

The membership of Epsilon Nu Gamma fraternity consists of very earnest young men who have been carefully chosen for membership on the basis of good moral character, high scholastic achievement and strong participation in extra curricular activities. It seems to me that such a group of high caliber students, who have proven themselves mature, hard-working, serious minded and intelligent, would be an asset to Theta Tau fraternity or to any other such group with high professional standards.

I therefore recommend Epsilon Nu Gamma fraternity to you without qualification as an outstanding group of engineering students who will be a great benefit to your organization.

Very sincerely yours,

  
E. L. Michaels, Chairman  
Electrical Engineering Department

elm/ms

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING  
CULLEN BOULEVARD  
HOUSTON 4, TEXAS

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

December 2, 1960

Executive Council  
Theta Tau Fraternity

Gentlemen:

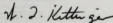
I have been asked by the Epsilon Nu Gamma local engineering fraternity at the University of Houston to support their petition for membership in Theta Tau.

I have been faculty sponsor for this group since its inception and have been very pleased with its philosophy and spirit. This group was originally organized by a group of young men of above average scholastic achievement who desired something more in an organization than that provided by the professional societies. The high caliber of these young men is evidenced in their membership by the high percentage of professional society student officers; a high percentage of academic scholarship winners; and an overall grade point average higher than the average for men's student organizations. Several of the members are on the Dean's Honor List. They are active as a group in student affairs including student government and are highly responsible for the election of their candidate for Homecoming Queen on a campus predominately non engineering.

I personally think very highly of each of the original forming group and although I do not yet know some of the newer members I feel that in the selection of the new members they have striven to maintain their high quality of membership.

I sincerely believe that this group of young people is a credit to the University of Houston, the engineering profession, and will be so to Theta Tau if their petition is acted upon favorably.

Sincerely,



W. T. Kittinger  
Associate Professor of Electrical  
Engineering

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December 6, 1960

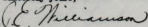
Executive Council  
Theta Tau Fraternity

The University of Houston is anxious to build a more representative family of professional student organizations. Theta Tau will enhance our group.

Our engineering students participating in this request are outstanding examples of our student body.

I am happy to recommend that their application meet your approval.

Sincerely yours,



J. E. Williamson  
Dean of Men

JEN:jh

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING  
HOUSTON 4, TEXAS

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

November 30, 1960

Executive Council  
Theta Tau Fraternity

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that the local Epsilon Nu Gamma is preparing to make application for affiliation with the national Theta Tau Fraternity, and I have been advised that a letter from each engineering department is pertinent to this application.

I am personally acquainted with most of the members of this local organization, and they are engineering students of fine character and with average or better scholastic records. Also, they participate in the activities of the university as a whole as well as those of the engineering school.

I believe their affiliation with a national fraternity will be mutually beneficial, and I recommend your favorable consideration of their application.

Yours truly,

*John E. Hoff*

John E. Hoff, Chairman  
Civil Engineering Department

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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING  
HOUSTON 4, TEXAS

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

November 30, 1960

Executive Council  
Theta Tau Fraternity

Gentlemen:

It is my privilege to endorse the petition of Epsilon Nu Gamma, the University engineering association for affiliation with Theta Tau Fraternity. The members of the local organization have shown a high degree of interest in various school activities, academic standards, and professional and social development.

This affiliation with Theta Tau would, to my mind, be of real benefit to the University of Houston and its Cullen College of Engineering, and of a mutual benefit to Theta Tau and Epsilon Nu Gamma. It would be a significant step in the growth and development of the engineering student body, and reflect credit upon Theta Tau Fraternity.

Sincerely,

*J. T. Elrod*  
J. T. Elrod, Chairman  
Industrial Engineering

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cc: Dr. J. E. Williamson  
Dean of Men



center for research in business and economics

college of business administration, university of houston

December 13, 1960

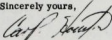
Executive Council  
Theta Tau Fraternity

Gentlemen:

I have been asked by the Epsilon Nu Gamma engineering fraternity at the University of Houston to recommend them for membership in Theta Tau.

I have had only a small chance to work with this group, however, I have found them to be resourceful, of higher than average academic status, mature, hard-working and serious minded. Their organization is such that I am sure they will be an asset to any organization with which they might become associated.

Sincerely yours,



Carl P. Houston  
Research Associate and  
Associate Professor

CPH:dd

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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
CUTLAW COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING  
HOUSTON 4, TEXAS

DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM ENGINEERING

December 2, 1960

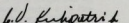
Executive Council  
Theta Tau Fraternity

Gentlemen:

This letter has reference to the petition of the local engineering association, Epsilon Nu Gamma, for affiliation with Theta Tau Fraternity. As Chairman of the Division of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, I should like to highly recommend their petition.

The membership group is highly active and represent a number of outstanding young engineers with a high future potential. As an organization they are quite active in the College and University affairs. I believe they will reflect credit upon the Theta Tau Fraternity.

Yours very truly,



G. V. Kirkpatrick, Chairman  
Division of Chemical &  
Petroleum Engineering

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cc - Dr. J. E. Williamson  
Dean of Men





**BROWN & ROOT, INC.** *Engineers - Constructors*

POST OFFICE BOX 3, HOUSTON 1, TEXAS - CABLE ADDRESS: BROWNRLT

January 17, 1961

Executive Council  
Theta Tau Fraternity

Gentlemen:

It has come to our attention that the local professional engineering fraternity at the University of Houston, known as Epsilon Nu Gamma, wishes to secure a charter from Theta Tau and become a chapter of this national group.

In this connection we should like to say that quite a few engineering graduates of the University of Houston are employed with our company in various capacities. We find them to be men of good character, of serious mind, capable and with a desire to advance professionally.

Based on our contact with these engineers we feel that a chapter at the University of Houston would be a credit to Theta Tau Fraternity.

Very truly yours,

BROWN & ROOT, INC.

*F. W. Bell*

F. W. Bell, Manager  
Petroleum & Chemical Division



1901, 1902, 1903

March 23, 1961

SUBJECT: Petition from Epsilon Nu Gamma, University of Houston

EXCERPTS FROM THE THETA TAU CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Article VI, Section 11: "Whenever the Constitution or the Bylaws call for a vote taken at a Convention, it is understood that between Conventions a vote may be taken of the active Chapters, the Alumni Associations, and the Executive Council, and such vote shall have the same force as if taken at a Convention. A favorable vote by four-fifths of the active members of an active Chapter shall be considered a favorable vote of that Chapter. A favorable vote of an Alumni Association shall be a favorable vote of four-fifths of the members attending that meeting."

Article X, Section 5: "A four-fifths vote of the Convention shall be required to accept a petition for a charter."

Chapter II, Part G, Section 2: "On receipt of a petition for a charter, a Chapter, after investigation, shall express its opinion by ballot. A four-fifths majority of all the active members for granting the petition shall constitute a favorable vote of the Chapter. The result shall be transmitted to the Grand Scribe immediately."

Chapter II, Part G, Section 3: "Alumni Associations shall have a vote in the granting of charters to petitioners, but the vote of such Alumni Association shall have only one-half the weight of the vote of an active Chapter."

BALLOT

Proposal: That Epsilon Nu Gamma at the University of Houston, Houston, Texas, be granted a charter as a Chapter of Theta Tau.

Vote: Yes 27... No 0... Abstain 3...

Comments:

..... 12 April 1961 .....  
Date

..... Daniel B. Hauer .....  
Signature

..... Regent .....  
Office

..... ETA .....  
Chapter or Association

(Each Chapter, Association, and Officer will please give immediate attention to this proposal, indicate the vote, and promptly mail the signed ballot to the Grand Scribe.)



**THETA TAU**  
NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

ROBERT E. POPE  
667 WEST CANTERBURY ROAD  
SAINT LOUIS 32, MISSOURI

March 23, 1961

To: Regents of the Chapters  
Presidents of the Alumni Associations  
Members of the Executive Council  
Delegate-at-Large

It is a pleasure to present, for your consideration, the petition of Epsilon Nu Gamma, a local at the University of Houston, in Houston, Texas. From its beginning in the fall of 1959, this fraternity has included student engineers of high caliber several of whom have distinguished themselves also in other campus activities.

The proposed affiliation of Epsilon Nu Gamma with Theta Tau has the endorsement of the administration of the University and of the administration and faculty of the Cullen College of Engineering.

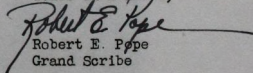
We have been in contact with this organization since November, 1959. Just last month, I returned to Houston to inspect this group in accordance with the Constitution, Article X, Section 4. In the report to the Executive Council following this visit, I concluded:

I am pleased with the way ENG resolved the problems I cited in June as needing attention. I believe the members, individually and collectively, would be an asset to Theta Tau; and I shall recommend approval of the petition this spring when it is received.

I do so now, urging you to give its petition your immediate and favorable consideration in accordance with the Theta Tau Constitution and Bylaws. In order that the installation (assuming petition approval) may be scheduled for the best time this spring, each vote must be cast as soon as possible. The enclosed ballot should be mailed promptly after the next meeting of your Chapter or Association.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Yours in H and T,

  
Robert E. Pope  
Grand Scribe

Encl.  
copies: Extension Comm. Members  
Other National Officers  
Founders, Past Grand Regents

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