



THETA TAU

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PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

Kappa Colony

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October 16, 2007

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

It is with great pleasure that I present the University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign Colony of Theta Tau petition for Chapter status. With the re-establishment of Theta Tau at the university, we feel this tremendous engineering school has gone too long without the presence of Theta Tau on campus. In keeping with Theta Tau's long tradition of professional and social service, Kappa Colony has worked to establish itself as a permanent member of the community on campus, and plans to one day provide a chapter house environment for its members.

At the University of Illinois, we have worked hard to grow as an organization. We have been accepted as members of the Engineering Council, the main student governing body of the College of Engineering. The Brothers also had a chance to visit a General Electric manufacturing plant in Bloomington, IL to gain better insight into the various paths their careers can take them. With our new pledge class, Kappa Colony is stronger than ever. Our foundation firmly established, we have also developed ourselves as a group. From intramural teams to dinners to camping trips, the Brothers of Theta Tau have gotten to know each other not only as fellow engineers but also as friends.

As we continue to grow as an organization, we see a long history of Theta Tau at the University of Illinois. It is inevitable that Brothers will come and go, leaving the student network to join the vast alumni network in either academia or industry. However, Kappa Colony will remain as a starting point for the careers of successful engineers.




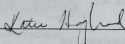


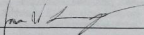




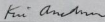
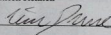
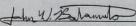



In closing, as members of Kappa Colony of Theta Tau at the University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign, we respectfully ask for your consideration for Chapter status. Kappa Colony has achieved much in the past few years and there is much that we can do as Kappa Chapter for our profession, our school, and our organization

In H&T,

Chen Xu
Regent
Kappa Colony of Theta Tau
University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign

We, the members of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign of Theta Tau, Kappa colony, do hereby petition the national brotherhood of Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity for chapter status.

We, the undersigned are all currently enrolled in the Engineering Department at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and have no affiliation with any organization considered to be competitive with Theta Tau.

Signature 	Signature 
Chen Xu	Irsilia Shkurti
Signature 	Signature 
Calvin Gudeman	Katie Hoglund
Signature 	Signature 
Ui Aik Cheah	Jae Hee Lee
Signature 	Signature 
Jason Lang	Eddie Saengvilay
Signature 	Signature 
Oksen Baris	Garrett Shaw
Signature 	Signature 
Sravan Mettupalli	Patrick Renken
Signature 	Signature 
Kai Amundsen	Timothy Ryan Dunne
Signature 	Signature 
John Balamuta	Yost Smith
Signature 	Signature 
Jimmie Price	Yen Shine Low

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Signature Amanda Pooley Signature James Polans

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Signature Jonathan Wan Signature Jun Bum Lee

Jonathan Wan

Jun Bum Lee

Signature Yaoshun Darren Ting Signature Michael Simon

Yaoshun Darren Ting

Michael Simon

Signature Matthew Foley II Signature Kawa Cheung

Matthew Foley II

Kawa Cheung

Signature Xavier Woo Signature Luis Carlos Cruz

Xavier Woo

Luis Carlos Cruz

Signature Michael Watson Signature Jasper Wan

Michael Watson

Jasper Wan

Signature Brian Lin Signature Jong Hwa Lee

Brian Lin

Jong Hwa Lee

Signature Daniel Wheaton

Daniel Wheaton

Member Information



Name: Chen Xu

Positions Held: Regent and Webmaster

Mentor: Steven Choi

Hometown: Rockville, MD

Major: Computer Engineering

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Name: Calvin Gudeman

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Mentor: Steven Choi

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Graduation Date: May 2008

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Name: Ui Aik Cheah

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Graduation Date: May 2010

Campus Activities: OTCR

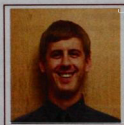
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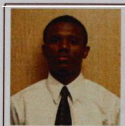
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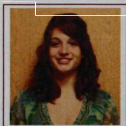
Name: Brad Kennedy
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Mentor: Chen Xu
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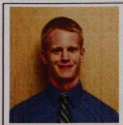
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Graduation Date: May 2010	Graduation Date: May 2011
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 Graduation Date: May 2011
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Name: Brian Lin

Mentor: Chen Xu

Hometown: Hinsdale, IL

Major: Materials Science and Engineering

GPA: 4.00/4.00

Graduation Date: May 2010

Campus Activities: Underwater Hockey, Wushu

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Graduation Date: May 2011

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Name: Daniel Wheaton

Mentor: Brad Kennedy

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Graduation Date: May 2011

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Alumni



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History of the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign



The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is the oldest, largest, and most prestigious campus in the University of Illinois system. It is one of America's most highly selective state schools with several of its popular undergraduate and graduate programs ranked first in the nation.

In 1857, the Morrill Act was introduced into Congress as a bill to create Agricultural institutes in every state. This act eventually passed in 1862, following a previous veto from the President, after incorporating military training and engineering in the curriculum.

The city of Urbana was eventually selected as the future site for what would be known as the Illinois Industrial University. With a modest group of students and faculty, the university opened for class on March 2, 1868. In 1885, the Illinois Industrial University officially adopted the University of Illinois name to reflect its now broad range of disciplines. This name was later appended with the twin cities of Urbana and Champaign in 1982 and is the current official name of the institution. This new official title also served to distinguish the main campus of the university system from its Springfield and Chicago counterparts.

In recent years, the University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign has emerged at the forefront of technology and innovation to become one of the most prestigious engineering institutions in the world. Revolutionary inventions have consistently come out of the research labs and project groups at the university such as the light emitting diode, concept of magnetic resonance imaging, and the plasma screen. Eleven alumni and nine professors have won Nobel Prizes while twenty have won Pulitzer Prizes. Similarly, the university has served as the launching point for some of the world's largest and most successful corporations and products such as Oracle, Youtube, Paypal, Netscape, and Siebel Systems.

Today, the university is divided into 18 separate colleges and institutes with over 150 combined areas of study. The student population stands at over 42,000 with students from all 50 states and more than 100 nations. The school has an undergraduate population of over 31,000 and graduate population of over 11,000. These students are members of over 1,000 student organizations. The campus spreads over 272 buildings that span over 1,458 acres of land in the twin cities of Champaign and Urbana. U.S. News and World Report has consistently ranked the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign as one of the top 10 public universities in the United States.



Students at the University of Illinois participate in over 34,000 on-campus job interviews per year with 95 percent of graduating seniors finding jobs within nine months of graduation. Among those 95 percent, 40 percent have jobs before graduation.

History of the College of Engineering



The College of Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is a world class institution. It opened along with the University in 1867 originally named the Polytechnic Department. The department by 1880 had approximately 400 students, this was considered very large for the time. It now has over 7,000 students enrolled across the various majors and graduate levels. The College is also consistently ranked in the top 5 among engineering schools in the nation. It is also home to two Nobel Laureates, and numerous other distinguished faculty members.

The College of Engineering prepares students for jobs in engineering and related fields in industry, commerce, education, and government by teaching skills like communication, teamwork, and individual professionalism. To aid students in their journey through the College of Engineering, many high tech facilities have been built. In 2004, the most successful and extensive center for learning, the Thomas M. Siebel Center (Department) opened. The Micro and Nanotechnology Laboratory advances education and research in microelectronics, photonics, biotechnology, and nanotechnology.

The undergraduate engineering program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has shown competitiveness with the overall ranked 5th in the 2008 America's Best College edition of U.S. News and World Report with the following rankings,

- Aerospace (6)
- Agricultural (1)
- Chemical (8)
- Civil (1)
- Computer Engineering (5)
- Electrical Engineering (4)
- Engineering Physics (3)
- Environmental Engineering (3)
- Industrial Engineering (12)
- Mechanical Engineering (4)
- Material Engineering (4)
- Nuclear Engineering (4)

Also the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign was ranked 16th among undergraduate programs at the 21st among graduate programs in the fifth annual ranking of the nation's top entrepreneurship educational programs by Entrepreneur magazine and the Princeton Review.

The University of Illinois Urbana Champaign currently has over 70,000 Engineering alumni around the globe that continue to impact humanity in ways too numerous to mention. Some of the notable alumni include, John Bardeen the only noble prize winner who won the noble prize twice from the academic perspective up to the recent You Tube

founders Steve Chen and Chad Hurley in the industry. The faculty of the College of Engineering has earned many honors over the course of the College's prestigious career. Currently 82 of the faculty hold named chairs or professorships, 34 are members of the National Academy of Engineering, 15 are members of the National Academy of Sciences, 15 are members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, two are Nobel Laureates, one is a National Medal of Science recipient, and one is a National Medal of Technology recipient.



Kappa Colony History

For the past 50 years, the Kappa chapter of Theta Tau at the University of Illinois has been inactive. In the Fall of 2005, brother Steven Choi, an alumnus and transfer from Zeta chapter, met Chen Xu and Joseph Cocco in an electrical engineering class. During their discussions, Theta Tau was brought up and the idea to reactivate followed suit. At the University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign, one of the leading institutions in engineering in the world with more than 8000 engineering students, there were already many established engineering organizations. Among those are professional and departmental groups (ASME, ASCE, IEEE, ISGE), social fraternities (Triangle, AΩE, Sigma Phi Delta), demographic societies (SWE, SHPE, NSBE), honor societies (TBII, HKN), and more. However, no groups were open to all engineers.

There were challenges ahead in reviving Theta Tau's presence at UIUC, and the group quickly began assembling a bigger group of motivated engineers. In a week, the colony's founding fathers were had established themselves.



Founders of Kappa Colony:

- Kai Amundsen
- Peter Ho
- Sranvan Mettupalli
- Calvin Gudeman
- Bertrand Tay
- Sean Safavinejad
- Chen Xu
- Joseph Cocco III

On September 2005 Executive Director Michael T. Abraham came to the University of Illinois and officially installed the colony. Mr. Abraham also provided useful information in preparation for the next steps to be undertaken by Kappa Colony. The University YMCA quickly became the unofficial house as half of the members lived there. It soon became the default venue for meetings and events.

The group began to prepare material for the 2006 recruitment. On November 2005 Brothers Peter and Calvin, accompanied brother Steven to the 2005 Great Lakes Regionals at Ann Arbor, Michigan, as a first step reaching out to other chapters. There, the colony representatives gathered valuable information in operations and procedures from the members, and had an opportunity to witness the vast networking of Theta Tau.



As the first group of colony members graduated in Spring of 2006, a new executive board and pledge class took control of the organization. In Fall 2007, following a particularly successful recruitment period, Kappa Colony is stronger than it has ever been. It has also been able to grow as an organization and strengthen the bonds between its members. Now in its second year, Theta Tau – Kappa Colony is prepared to take the next step and achieve Chapter status.

Notable Colony Events

Broomball Intramural Team



Bowling



General Electric Plant Tour



Volleyball



First Meeting with Abe



First Pledge Class Initiation



Spring 2007 Initiation



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AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

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To: Whom it may concern

October 25th, 2007

Ref: Application for Theta Tau Chapter Status at the University of Illinois

I am very pleased to write this letter of support for Chapter Status for the Theta Tau professional engineering fraternity at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Since 1872, fraternities and sororities have played an important role in campus life here at the University of Illinois. They have provided opportunities to make friendships grounded in common values such as leadership, scholarship, service, and social advancement, and we have a long tradition of support and encouragement for the social and professional development of our students through the extra-curricula activities of these student societies.

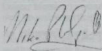
The College of Engineering at Illinois is among the world's most prestigious and largest engineering institutions, with undergraduate and graduate programs rated among the top five nationally. Approximately 6,000 undergraduates and more than 2,500 graduate students are divided within 12 specialized departments. While the size of our engineering campus has many positive attributes, it also presents a number of challenges to our students at the individual professional and social level.

In today's competitive, fast-moving, and energetic technical world, professional interaction and networking is particularly important. Students who learn communication and integration skills in a cross-discipline environment do well in their careers. I believe that the Theta Tau fraternity here on this large diverse engineering campus has a particularly important role to play, and the benefits to our student community are great. The fledgling colony has got off to a great start with growing membership, activities, and

the organization of social and professional committees. It is great to see engineering students from different disciplines interact, and this can only be a very positive and worthwhile endeavor!

I enthusiastically support the recognition of Chapter Status as an important milestone towards the development and growth of the Theta Tau engineering fraternity here that the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Sincerely,



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THETA TAU

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

October 30, 2007

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Dear Brothers:

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

In the Fall of 2005, I met with member of Kappa Theta Tau local professional engineering fraternity in Champaign-Urbana. The students knew each other well, have worked together on various other projects, and formed with the sole intent of re-establishing a Theta Tau chapter at the their fine institution. Their efforts have been nurtured by Steven Choi, Zeta '07, who has transferred there from KU.

In their short existence, they have visited other chapters at Regional Conferences and national events. They have become aggressively involved in the engineering student life through a variety of programs and activities. One of their colony members have even been instrumental in the establishment of a new group at Columbia University whose petition for colony status was approved earlier this Fall.

I am impressed with the ingenuity, enthusiasm, and effort of this group, and believe that they are a fine representation of Theta Tau. 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
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October 27, 2007

Dear Brothers,

I am eager to announce that University of Illinois Chapter (Inactive Kappa Chapter) is on the verge of reviving! I have been keeping in constant touch with Chen Xu (Illinois Colony Member) to start the Chapter process of University of Illinois which has grown to over 30 active participants.

I assure you they have a systematized structure within the organization along with quality members who are ambitious to continue its path of becoming a family of Theta Tau. The knit connected school atmosphere and the motivated student body only supplement future growth of Theta Tau Chapter of University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

It should be noted they have invited alumni's in the area to instigate alumni relations through their social and professional events. In addition, they have illustrated a strong presence within the University while competing fraternities like Triangle, Alpha Omega Epsilon, and Sigma Phi Delta's were present.

I ensure from my previous congregation with the colony members at University of Illinois they have a strict local policy along with its strong fraternal fellowship to sustain its membership at any given circumstances.

In H & T,

Steven Choi (Z' 989)
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October 30, 2007

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Dear Brothers:

I would greatly like to support the chapter petition from the University of Illinois Colony of Theta Tau (the inactive Kappa Chapter). I feel that they have shown great dedication to Theta Tau and have rebuild a good foundation that will keep the fraternity standing strong for years to come.

I have been in contact with Steven Choi, a member of my chapter (Zeta) who has transferred to the University of Illinois. He has kept me up to date on the progress of the Theta Tau Colony in Illinois. The colony seems to be well organized and have strong members. This is reflected in the growth of the colony with the presence of several competing fraternities. The Zeta Chapter of Theta Tau, as a whole, feels that the University of Illinois Colony has worked hard to establish a presence at the University of Illinois.

I strongly recommend the approval of this petition. The members of the University of Illinois Colony are dedicated and have shown they are not afraid to work hard at improving the name and character of Theta Tau.

In H and T,

Tina Coop (Z' 1005)



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October 30, 2007

Dear Brothers,

I have had the honor of reviewing the Kappa Theta Tau colony at the University of Illinois and I believe they would be a great asset to our fraternity. They have a very dedicated group of members and a strong recruitment effort which will continue to fuel the growth of the chapter. I have heard many good things about them from Brother Choi, Zeta '07. I recommend your approval of their petition for chapter status.

In H & T,
Patrick Liu
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October 30, 2007

Dear Brothers,

I pledge my full support for the installation of the University Of Illinois Colony Of Theta Tau.

On two separate occasions I had the opportunity to meet with a few of the Illinois colony members. The passion and respect that they have for the fraternity is admirable and refreshing – this is also reflective upon the 30+ active colony members currently present.

Having an established chapter at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will continue the valued growth of our fraternity. US News reports the distinguished university as the 5th best overall engineering college in their 2007 polls.

I am truly amazed at how this colony is able to grow at such a rapid rate when faced with adversity in all directions from competing fraternities and societies. This is a testament to the dedication and commitment these individuals have for our fraternity, a commitment that will be passed on for future Tau's to thrive off of.

I have no doubt that this group will develop and sustain a commanding spot among the elite chapters of this great organization, and I for one cannot wait to witness it.

In H&T,

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September 2007

Brothers,

It is my pleasure to recommend University of Illinois Kappa colony of Theta Tau to re-attain their chapter status. My experience with their members leads me back to the 2007 Leadership Academy and with their enthusiasm alone; I can attest that they will have no problem facing the challenges ahead of them. They were extremely friendly and open with our newly established chapter, and also, they seek knowledge by asking us for help without hesitation. Just the fact that they went out of their way to attend a Leadership Academy proves to me that they are not only willing, but *dedicated*, which is sometimes a rarity.

I am confident in their success mainly because another close interaction I have with them is through Steven Choi; undoubtedly the most notable character in Theta Tau's student body. His charisma and enthusiasm is so contagious, I believe he will go to great lengths to help the once-established Kappa chapter rise to its feet again.

Lastly, with such a diverse student body, I believe that this colony will reinforce that Theta Tau brings together the *entire* engineering community. With that said, I wholeheartedly see each one of these colony members as a fellow brother. I give my high recommendation to vote on re-instating their chapter status.

In H and T,

Alexander Ma OF 21
Regent



Brothers,

As a member of Xi chapter, I have interacted with members of Kappa colony a number of times over the past few semesters. Every time I have met a member of Kappa colony, whether it be at a national convention, a regional conference, or just a social visit, I have had nothing but positive experiences with them. I can genuinely say, that I would be proud to call these individuals brothers. It is therefore with great pleasure that I extend Xi chapter's recommendation that Kappa colony be installed as a full chapter.

In H&T,
Chris Bruno
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