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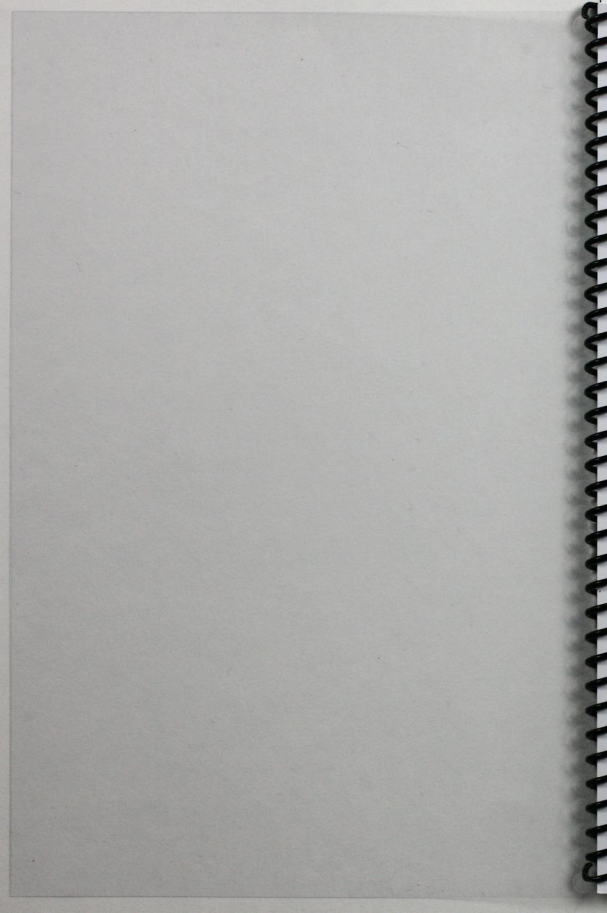
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A Professional Engineering Fraternity

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April 8, 2007

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

Over the past two years, a group of passionate individuals have come together to create something spectacular. We have committed countless hours to establishing local traditions while adhering to the regulations of more than one hundred years of legacy. We have dedicated our time and energy to developing relationships that will last a lifetime. We have brought Theta Tau to the University of Rhode Island.

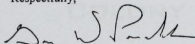
Though the rewards of being a part of such a meaningful organization are presently very eminent, our efforts have not come easily. We have earned every bit of respect that our members and our community have for us. Through exploring different styles of leadership and various methods of motivation, we have reached stability within our colony. We have been able to maintain the good name of Theta Tau at the University of Rhode Island while adding our own style of innovation and creativity. We have formed loyal friendships with each other and with our national brothers, and hope one day to maintain a permanent headquarters for the benefit of our members.

At the University of Rhode Island, Theta Tau has become an integral part of the College of Engineering. We uphold a very close relationship with the Dean and the Chairs of each department of engineering. This has proven to be a valuable asset to our success. We have responded to their calls for help in every way possible, and they have continued to return the gesture. We are known for our commitment to bettering our university at large, particularly its engineering department. Our services include but are not limited to tutoring, event coordinating, recruitment efforts, etc.

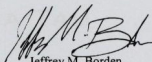
We approach the academic feature of Theta Tau by mandating study sessions as well as requiring high-quality grade levels. We put forth much effort toward organizing professional events involving active members of the engineering industry accompanied by well respected guest lecturers.

Thank you for allowing us to take part in this incredible establishment. Our goal is to continue growing within Theta Tau and to continue to advance what we offer for our members. Please review our documented milestones in consideration for attaining the status of a chapter of Theta Tau.

Respectfully,



Gregory W. Parascandolo



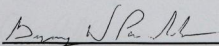
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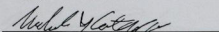
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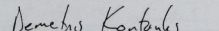
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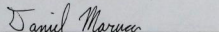
We, the members of the University Of Rhode Island Colony Of Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity, do hereby petition for chapter status.

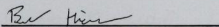
We, the undersigned, pledge our commitment, dedication, and desire to promote and maintain a high standard of professional interest among our members and to unite them in a strong bond fraternal fellowship. All of whom sign declare his or her major as engineering at the University of Rhode Island and in addition, have no affiliation with any organization competitive with Theta Tau. It is also stated we all are in compliance with all eligibility requirements for membership of Theta Tau and the University Of Rhode Island Colony Of Theta Tau meets the requirements to proceed onto chapter status.

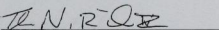

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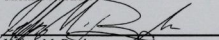

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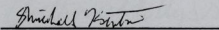

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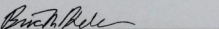

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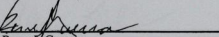

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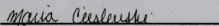

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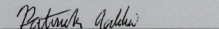

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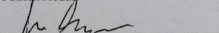

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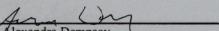

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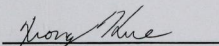

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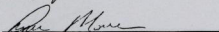

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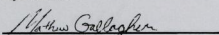

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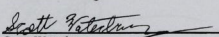

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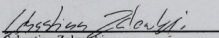

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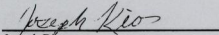

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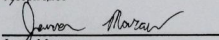

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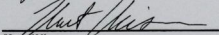

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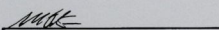

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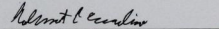

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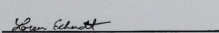

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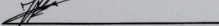

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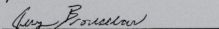

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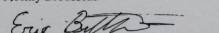

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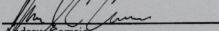

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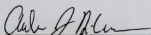

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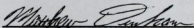

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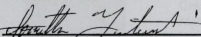

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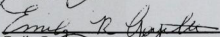
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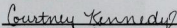
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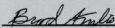
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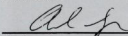
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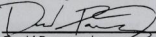
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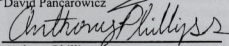
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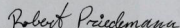
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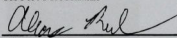
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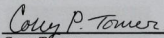
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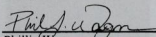
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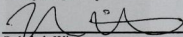
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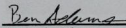
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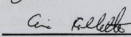
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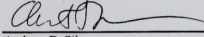
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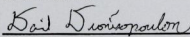
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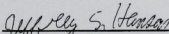
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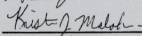
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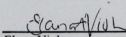
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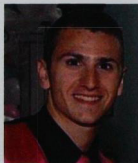
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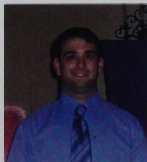
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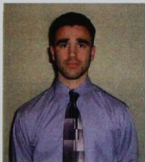
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Associate Dean Raymond Wright, P.H.D., P.E.

Dean Raymond Wright has been our faculty advisor since the spring 2007 semester. He replaces former Dean Thomas J. Kim, our original faculty advisor, who is currently retiring from the University of Rhode Island.

The impact Dean Wright has had on the fraternity has been immeasurable thus far. He is extremely dedicated, often inconveniencing himself, without a second thought, to assist the fraternity in any way imaginable. He is a vital part of our operational structure, staying well past normal office hours to attend our chair meetings, often giving members' advice on fraternal activities, professional and career consultations, and personal issues alike.

HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND KINGSTON, RI

The University was chartered as the state's agricultural school in 1888. The Oliver Watson Farm was purchased as a site for the school, and the old farmhouse, now restored, still stands on the campus. The school became the Rhode Island College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in 1892, and the first class of 17 members was graduated two years later.

The Morrill Act of 1862 provided for the sale of public lands. Income from these sales was to be used to create at least one college in each state with the principal purpose of teaching agriculture and mechanic arts. From this grant of land comes the term "land grant," which applied to the national system of state colleges. In a later adaptation of the concept, federal funds given to colleges for marine research and extension are called "sea grants."

In 1909 the name of the college was changed to Rhode Island State College, and the program of study was revised and expanded. In 1951 the college became the University of Rhode Island by an act of the General Assembly. The Board of Governors for Higher Education appointed by the governor became the governing body of the University in 1981.

The University of Rhode Island is the principal public research and graduate institution in the State of Rhode Island with responsibilities for expanding knowledge, for transmitting it, and for fostering its application. Its status as a land grant, sea grant, and urban grant institution highlights its traditions of natural resource, marine, and urban related research. The University is committed to providing strong undergraduate programs to promote students' ethical development and capabilities as critical and independent thinkers. To meet student and societal needs, it offers undergraduate professional education programs in a wide range of disciplines. Graduate programs provide rigorous advanced study and research opportunities for personal and professional development. With undergraduate and graduate programs in the liberal arts and sciences and focus programs in the areas of marine and environmental studies; health; children, families, and communities; and enterprise and advanced technology, the University strives to meet the rapidly changing needs of the State, the country, and the world.

To help achieve the teaching, research, and service objectives referred to above and to extend intellectual, cultural, and social horizons, the University offers a variety of special programs, including opportunities for learning outside the classroom and for community service. Committed to effective learning, the University encourages close student-faculty interaction. Distinctive programs such as interdisciplinary research partnerships involving faculty, students, and practitioners from within and outside the University are supported. It collaborates with governmental and other agencies, with other educational institutions, and with industry. It maintains extensive outreach and continuing education programs. The University sponsors an extensive array of concerts, performances, and exhibitions in music, theater, and other fine arts, and maintains

significant recreational facilities and notable programs in intramural and intercollegiate athletics.

The University seeks talented undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff from a wide array of cultural, economic, and ethnic backgrounds who collaborate in an intellectual and social community of mutual respect to learn, to be enriched, and to produce significant research and scholarly and creative works. Its students, in all their diversity from Rhode Island, across the country, and around the globe, are expected to be active participants both in and beyond the classroom. Their performance, potential, and commitment mark them as capable of advanced study and as future leaders.

To fulfill its special obligations to the State of Rhode Island, the University cooperates in offering programs with other Rhode Island institutions of higher education, public and private. It is committed, through cooperative governance, to an on-going evaluation of programs, priorities, and processes in order to improve existing programs and to anticipate changing needs and new challenges. Aspiring to have a quality and extent of influence beyond the state, with breadth of vision and boldness of approach, the University of Rhode Island strives for excellence for Rhode Island and for the country.

THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

The College of Engineering offers undergraduate majors in biomedical, chemical, chemical and ocean, civil, computer, electrical, industrial, mechanical, and ocean engineering. In addition, an ocean option is available in mechanical engineering. Because the same fundamental concepts underlie all branches of engineering, the freshman-year courses are quite similar for all curriculums, and the choice of a specific branch of engineering may be delayed until the beginning of either the second term or the second year of study. Students electing one of the programs that include ocean options follow the curriculum for chemical or mechanical engineering for two or three years and enroll in many ocean engineering courses in the junior and senior years.

The College of Engineering also offers a five-year International Engineering Program (IEP) in which students earn two degrees: a Bachelor of Science in engineering and a Bachelor of Arts in a foreign language. The foreign languages currently offered by the IEP program are German, French and Spanish. In addition to their engineering courses, students study the foreign language, business, and culture. Students spend six months abroad in a professional internship in a European, Latin American, or Caribbean country. Upon graduation, students are well prepared to compete in the global marketplace.

All of the engineering curriculums are based on an intense study of mathematics, the basic sciences, and the engineering sciences common to all branches of the profession. On this base is built the in-depth study of the important principles and concepts of each separate discipline. These principles are applied to the understanding and solution of problems of current interest and importance in the field. Each curriculum is designed to provide the knowledge and ability necessary for practice as a professional engineer, or for successful graduate study, which may include law, business administration, or medicine, as well as the normal engineering and science disciplines.

The college's goal is to stimulate our students to become creative, responsible engineers, aware of the social implications of their work and flexible enough to adjust to the rapid changes taking place in all branches of engineering. Engineers from all fields are heavily involved in the solution of technological and socio-technological problems.

The following curricula at URI are accredited by the Engineering Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET):

- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Ocean Engineering

Biomedical Engineering is in the process of being accredited and will be evaluated in fall 2012 by ABET.

THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND COLONY OF THETA TAU

The colony of Theta Tau at the University of Rhode Island was established upon the same principles and ideas as that of the national fraternity. These are the ideals of brotherhood and unity, shared from the heart of the national fraternity out to all of its chapters. Friendship and camaraderie in engineering were the basis for the creation of Theta Tau Rho, the official title given to the local fraternity established at the University of Rhode Island. We have maintained this ideology since our inception, which has served to guide us forward on the path to chapter status, as well as kept the members of the colony focused on the importance of maintaining their values and a strong commitment to themselves, to their brothers, and to the noble profession of engineering.



Group photo at our colony initiation on February 25, 2006.

The spring season of 2005 brought change to a group of friends originally brought together by the purpose of study engineering. For these young men, the first year of their college experience at the University of Rhode Island was coming to a close; all of them eager and excited to complete their initiation as new college students. One friend, Greg Parascandolo, proposed the idea of founding a group, a fraternity, whereby all of them could come together to study and socialize. The others expressed their enthusiasm for this proposed institution that, by its creation, would draw them together in both academia and brotherhood. The fall season of 2005 brought Michael Abraham of the Theta Tau Central Office to the University of Rhode Island where he presented these students with a proposition to form a colony with Theta Tau, a professional engineering fraternity. Under the direction of Michael Abraham and the leadership of Greg Parascandolo and a select few others, Theta Tau Rho was created. Positions were formed and officers were appointed, and a plan to reach the goals of colony and then chapter status was developed. The group approached the Dean of the College of Engineering at URI and made it known that the brothers of Theta Tau Rho were available to assist the college, its staff and faculty, and students with various events and programs. During the 2005-2006 academic year following the visit of Michael Abraham, the Grand Regent of Theta Tau, Mike Livingston, and other associates visited the group at URI to meet with the members and

engage in discussions dealing with the true meaning of brotherhood, the values represented in Theta Tau, the goals of the colony and chapter, and how a colony can accomplish their goals. During the second semester of that academic year, Theta Tau Rho was officially recognized by Theta Tau and initiated into the fraternity as a colony. Eleven founding fathers were acknowledged followed by the remainder of the Alpha Class, the first pledge class of the colony. The new colony held formal elections soon after and the first official regent (Greg Parascandolo), vice-regent (Filip Losowski), Scribe (Michael Centazzo), and treasurer (Jean-Paul Vandeputte) were elected by the other members.



Photo at Gamma initiation banquet, December 2, 2006.

The spring semester at URI during the 2005-2006 year provided the URI colony of Theta Tau with its first experience of fraternity tradition. Committees for pledging and rushing were established to plan and complete the pledging and initiation of the Beta pledge class. During this time, the colony began establishing committees and chairs in order to delegate responsibilities and improve bureaucratic efficiency. Although much responsibility still fell on the president, Greg Parascandolo, the colony was slowly moving towards self-sufficiency rather than a reliance on one individual. The Professional Development Committee, as well as the Community Service Committee, scheduled various events. The brothers of the URI colony of Theta Tau attended the Relay for Life at the University of Rhode Island, as well as gathering speakers sponsored by the College of Engineering to speak before the students within the college. The Professional Development Committee also took it upon itself to be the bearer of responsibility for such programs as "Making a Case for Engineering", as well as several others. Besides the professional importance of these events, a stronger fraternal bond developed among the members and a closer trust was instilled in the brothers. In addition to committees the frequency of meetings, open discussions, and the introduction of bylaws and statutes helped the colony mature and develop a more professional mindset and appearance. The end of the 2005-2006 academic year ended with the successful initiation of the colony's first formal pledge class, Beta. Constant meetings throughout the year helped shape the vision of the colony's members and assisted in keeping the members focused and on track with the goal of becoming a chapter.



Gamma class at their initiation banquet, December 2, 2006.

The start of the 2006-2007 academic year brought elections of new officers to the colony; although Greg Parascandolo remained as colony regent, the elected board brought a new atmosphere to the colony. Contrasting the previous year, the new year brought a stronger officer presence with very capable members taking responsibilities that were previously left unattended. Over the months, a small number of members left the colony, leaving a void that was soon to be filled by the Gamma pledge class. The growing experience of the colony members and officers was reflected in the rush for new members and organization of pledge events. The pledge class, inspired by the current members, eagerly participated in events and programs provided by the brothers, such as creating a Rube Goldberg machine, developing community service events, and electing officers within the pledge class. The brothers, on the other hand, were inspired by the fervor and passion with which the Gamma class completed their pledging process. The colony, still struggling with leadership and responsibility, was soon rejuvenated with the new members of the Gamma class who were soon elected and appointed to various positions within the colony bureaucracy. A new structure was formulated and implemented within the colony, with two distinctly separate branches (professional and social) each headed by a separate vice-regent, which helped outline the colony's commitments and renewed the members' interest in reaching the goal of chapter status.

The University of Rhode Island colony of Theta Tau has established itself as an important aspect to the College of Engineering and to URI as a whole. From participating in "Meet the University" events held by URI all the way to calling prospective engineering freshmen to discuss their acceptance to URI to organizing the colony's own events and social outings, the members have grown as individuals and as a group and gained valuable experience for their careers and professional endeavors. The colony has matured into a dedicated group of engineering students devoted not only to their values, families, and communities but also to the distinguished profession and the venerable fraternity they represent.



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March 21, 2007

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Dear Brothers:

I am pleased to encourage your favorable vote on the petition from the University of Rhode Island Colony to become a Chapter of Theta Tau.

Since its certification in February 2006, the Colony has diligently pursued its objective of successfully petitioning about a year later to become a chapter. During that time, I believe it has functioned far above our expectations of an established chapter.

My first personal contact with the group was the Fall of 2005 at the time of the organizational visit in advance of the colony's formation. At that time, I also met with their adviser Dr. Kim and engineering school Dean Nassersharif. From the onset, the engineering college has fully supported the Theta Tau local and colony. Then, and since, I have been impressed by the members, their activities, and the fact that they appropriately enjoy the fun and fellowship of fraternity life.

The Colony has established good rapport with other chapters of Theta Tau and has regularly attended other regional and national events. More importantly, the colony has been fully involved and engaged as an organization within the school of engineering and University of Rhode Island. Their activities and involvement are too extensive to list here, but are mentioned elsewhere in this petition. Their overwhelming recruitment success, sustained over several consecutive semesters, is the clearest measure of their success in all other areas of operation. I heartily support their petition and look forward to their installation as a chapter of Theta Tau.

In H and T,

Michael T. Abraham
Executive Director

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Dear Brothers:

It is with great pleasure that I write in support of the petition for chapter status from the University of Rhode Island Colony of Theta Tau.

Over the past year, I have interacted with the colony on a few occasions. After attending their installation, I could tell right away, that this was a group that would be able to attain the lofty goals set before them to achieve chapter status. Their numbers have grown to over 50 strong in the last year, and throughout their rapid growth they have been able to maintain a close knit group. They have attended the National Convention, the Regional Conference that was held last semester and are planning on sending more members to the upcoming conference. Their close ties to their Engineering Department have yielded three offices for them to conduct business, as well as the full support of the Dean's Office.

In balancing out their Theta Tau colony program, they regularly participate in professional development events as well as brotherhood events. They seem to grasp the full concept of what a chapter should strive for.

I believe this group will make an excellent addition to our brotherhood of Theta Tau, and I highly recommend your approval of their petition to become the next chapter of Theta Tau.

In H&T,

Jamey Vann
Northeast Regional Director



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BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

Nu Gamma Chapter of Theta Tau

April 6, 2007

Dear Brothers,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend the Colony at the University of Rhode Island for chapter status.

These men and women have thus far proved they have the dedication and unity to be granted the privilege. I first had the opportunity to meet them during our Northeast Regional Conference hosted by Nu Gamma Chapter. I was immediately taken back by their willingness to drive more than seven hours to attend the conference. It was more impressive considering they had only achieved colony status the previous semester. Since then, I have seen them at every regional conference and even the past National Convention in Florida. Their dedication to the fraternity could not be more obvious.

It's also important to note the progress they have made within their own colony. They have grown to over 50 members in their short duration as a colony. They have strengthened their relationship with URI's engineering school going as far as attending faculty dinners with the dean. They have also secured rooms for brothers within their freshman engineering dormitories that they hope will help them recruit members. They have grown as individuals and have shown true brotherhood throughout.

I believe that a chapter at Rhode Island will not only be an asset to our Northeast Region, but Theta Tau as a whole. I wholeheartedly hope that all the Brothers of this grand fraternity will join me in accepting URI as our newest Chapter!

In H & T,
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April 10, 2007

Dear Members of Theta Tau Executive Council,

I have been requested to write a letter of support for the establishment of a Theta Tau Chapter at the College of Engineering at the University of Rhode Island. I have been their faculty advisor since the Fall 2006.

As the Associate Dean of Engineering, I have the responsibility of organizing and executing all recruitment activities for the college. I could not accomplish this without the help and service of the Theta Tau colony. In addition to assisting me with the set-up of each program, the Theta Tau members meet with prospective students and their families and provide tours of our facilities. They are fantastic ambassadors of the college; professional and enthusiastic.

I have had the opportunity to work closely with other student organizations in our college. These organizations traditionally involve only junior and seniors and typically include a particular academic area (ASCE, ASME, IEEE etc.) or a particular group (SWE, HSPE, NSBE). Theta Tau has no bounds within the college. They involve all engineering students. Their membership truly represents the entire college.

It is interesting to watch the dynamics of the colony. All members are given opportunities to participate on any committee. Work and responsibility is shared by all. Students, who have been leaders in their high schools, find an opportunity in Theta Tau to continue this role. Seniors and juniors mentor sophomores and freshman. Activity of all members is required.

I am very proud of our Theta Tau colony. I strongly support its petition to become a Chapter. If you should require any other information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Dear Members of Theta Tau Executive Council:

It is with great pleasure I write this letter of support for the establishment of a Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity Chapter at the University of Rhode Island.

The University of Rhode Island is the principal public research and graduate institution in the State of Rhode Island with responsibilities for expanding knowledge, for transmitting it, and for fostering its application. Its status as a land grant, sea grant, and urban grant institution highlights its traditions of natural resource, marine, and urban related research. The University is committed to providing strong undergraduate programs to promote students' ethical development and capabilities as critical and independent thinkers. To meet student and societal needs, it offers undergraduate professional education programs in a wide range of disciplines. Graduate programs provide rigorous advanced study and research opportunities for personal and professional development. With undergraduate and graduate programs in the liberal arts and sciences and focus programs in the areas of marine and environmental studies; health; children, families, and communities; and enterprise and advanced technology, the University strives to meet the rapidly changing needs of the State, the country, and the world.

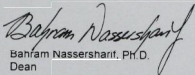
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I am very proud of the accomplishments of the the Theta Tau Colony at URI. The organization has flourished since its inception in fall 2005 and completely fulfills its mission as the foremost fraternity for engineers. I am very enthusiastic about the students who have become members of this fraternity. They have demonstrated their seriousness and enthusiasm by helping with the coordination of the College of Engineering Awards Banquet (which is our premier event for celebrating excellence in engineering at URI), student recruiting events, outreach projects with the middle schools and high schools, and engineering career fair, to mention a few..

April 9, 2007

I strongly support the creation of this Theta Tau Chapter at URI. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bahram Nassersharif". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Bahram Nassersharif, Ph.D.
Dean

Cc:

Dr. Ray Wright, Associate Dean and Faculty Advisor to Theta Tau
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