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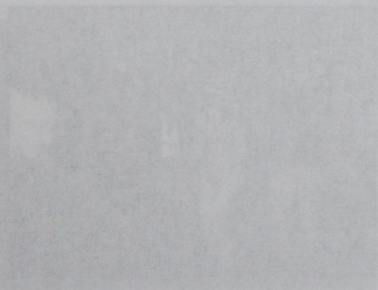
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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA COLONY OF THETA TAU

USF Colony of Theta Tau - 4202 East Fowler Ave, ENB 118 - Tampa FL 33620

January 31, 2008

Mr. Michael T. Abraham, Executive Director
Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity
1011 San Jacinto, Suite 205
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Abraham:

Saturday, June 17 2006, marked the beginning of what has now become a monumental force in the College of Engineering at the University of South Florida – the university's very first professional fraternity for engineers, Theta Tau.

Since then, we have spent an immeasurable amount of time, energy, and resources developing our organization from a colony to what we now believe to be Chapter status worthy. Over the past sixteen months, we have grown from fifteen committed founding fathers to thirty active members with a total of eight alumni.

Not only is our membership growing strong, but our organization has grown equally. Our brotherhood has proven solid, as it stands strong after three rush and pledge periods. Our presence amongst the College of Engineering is more prominent than ever and is no longer considered an idea, but a well known group on campus. I can say with confidence that we are the most organized and active engineering organization on campus. Among other goals for the future is the desire to seek and obtain chapter housing.

Without a doubt, the members of our colony have worked hard over the past months in preparation for this petition for Theta Tau Chapter status.

I now present you with the Theta Tau petition for Theta Tau Chapter status.

Sincerely,

Elijah Klay, Regent

USF Colony of Theta Tau

HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA



Founded in 1956, the University of South Florida was established to address the needs of Florida's burgeoning urban regions. Former State Representative Sam Gibbons was paramount in the creation of the university and is considered by many to be the school's founder. The school was built on the site of Henderson Air Field, a World War II airstrip, in west central Florida. The school came by its name because it was the southern most public university in Florida at the time of founding, though the school is not located in the southern region of the state.

John S. Allen, the first president of the university, and Governor Leroy Collins broke ground on the University of South Florida in September 1957. Three years later, on September 26, 1960, classes commenced for nearly 2,000 students in the university's five buildings. At this time, the university chose two words to guide its path: "Truth" and "Wisdom."

The university developed rapidly under the leadership of John Allen and in 1965 gained academic respect through its accreditation and the opening of the St. Petersburg campus. In 1967, enrollment passed 10,000 students and the next year was admitted to the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The 1970s brought the establishment of the College of Medicine, the development of a strong academic program in Sarasota/Manatee, and enrollment passed the 20,000 mark.

In the 1980s, under the presidency of John Lott Brown, Ph.D., two university hospitals, the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and USF Psychiatry Center, as well as the College of Public Health were built. Also in the 1980s, the graduate school was established, the Lakeland campus opened and enrollment passed 30,000.

The 1990s brought widespread recognition of the University of South Florida as a major research university when research funding passed \$100 million. The university was recruiting superb scientists, creative artists, and cutting-edge scholars in everything from social sciences to literature. USF played its first football game in 1997 and joined the Big East in 2005. After a series of upsets, the Bulls reached #2 in the BCS rankings, with eleven first place votes, in week seven of the 2007 season.

The University Lecture Series and the Campus Activities Board have been pivotal in creating a diverse environment for the students of the university. In 2007 The Stamped of Service, an annual campus wide volunteer project, drew over 1,300 volunteers to work on a variety of projects throughout the Tampa Bay area from working with children to environmental clean-ups. The University of South Florida is also one of three Florida universities classified by the Carnegie Foundation in the top tier of research universities and is the ninth largest public university in the nation.

The University of South Florida celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 2006 and as of 2007 enrollment at the university was 45,244. With students representing over 130 countries and with 200,000 alumni representing all 50 states the university is proud to be a diverse place where students from all walks of life can learn and grow together in the pursuit of truth and wisdom.

HISTORY OF THE USF COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Beginning in 1962, university officials and local industry leaders started planning for a college of engineering at the University of South Florida. Previously, the University of Florida had done an adequate job of meeting the need for engineering education for the state. However, the start of the "space race" in the early 1960s meant the need for qualified engineers grew tremendously, almost overnight. In 1963, USF President John Allen met with Edgar Kopp, the Assistant Dean of Engineering at the University of Florida, to discuss the possibility of becoming the first dean of the new engineering college at USF. Kopp accepted and officially began at USF on May 1, 1964.

Difficulty arose for the young college when the Florida Board of Control (later named the Board of Regents) approved the establishment of the USF College of Engineering with the provision that the new college couldn't duplicate programs in place at the University of Florida. Since the University of Florida already had many engineering departments and programs, the College's early leaders had to get creative in the development of the early departments. The solution was to develop departments that taught engineering fundamentals, but to call these departments and courses by unique names. Thus the USF College of Engineering began with the following departments: Structures, Materials and Fluids (Civil and Environmental Engineering); Energy Conversion (Mechanical Engineering); Industrial Systems (Industrial and Management Systems Engineering) and Electrical Systems (Electrical Engineering). Eventually the department names reverted to the more traditional designations.

The College started classes on September 8, 1964, with 240 students and the help of five Department Chairs. The founding faculty chairs were: Dr. Merle Donaldson, Electrical Engineering; Dr. John E. Griffith, Structures, Materials and Fluids; Dr. Linus A. "Scotty" Scott, Energy Conversion and Mechanical Design; Dr. Robert J. Wimmert, Industrial Engineering; and Professor John F. Twigg, Pre-Engineering. The faculty and students made due with nearby buildings until the new engineering building, renamed the Edgar W. Kopp Building, opened in 1967.

In November 1967, an engineering honor society called Lambda Alpha Chi was organized under the guidance of Dr. Donaldson. The name was changed to Tau Beta Phi in 1968. In February 1974, the College received its Charter for a chapter of the national engineering honor society, Tau Beta Pi. Based on activities in this charter year, the USF Chapter received the award for "Outstanding Tau Beta Pi Chapter" in the United States for 1974-75.

From the beginning, the USF College of Engineering had strong ties with the community. In 1967, the USF Student Chapter of the Florida Engineering Society started the College's outreach to local high schools by distributing flyers about the engineering profession. Local and national industrial firms were invited to set up exhibits at the school in 1973 and the annual "Engineering EXPO" was born. Meanwhile, the size and quality of the College's faculty and research activity grew steadily. Dean Kopp established a strong foundation for the College by developing programs and assembling outstanding faculty until his sudden death in 1979.

Dr. Glenn Burdick was chosen as the College's second Dean and quickly built on the foundation laid by his predecessor and guided the College as it underwent a growth explosion. During his tenure as dean (1979-1986), student enrollment went from 1,800 to over 4,000 while the number of faculty members doubled. To place USF at the forefront of the computer age, the College invested heavily in computer technology and was one of the first in the state to provide students modem access to mainframe computers via home computers. Planning began for a new building, Engineering Building II, which would provide state-of-the-art facilities for both computing and semiconductor research.

Dr. Michael Kovac, former Chair of the Department of Electrical Engineering and a key member of the College's early semiconductor research efforts, was Burdick's successor. He soon set up the Center for Microelectronics Research (CMR) and pioneered efforts to build coalitions between high-tech businesses and the College of Engineering that resulted in remarkable growth in microelectronics and nanotechnology efforts. Like his predecessor, Kovac also saw the need for another engineering building and the importance of computers to the future of engineering. While overseeing the rapid expansion of the Department of Computer Science Engineering, Kovac also secured funds for Engineering Building III, including a \$1 million donation from TECO Energy. An additional 26,000 sq. ft. building was completed in 1996 and serves as the home for CUTR (Center for Urban Transportation Research).

Dr. Louis A. Martin-Vega was appointed as the fourth Dean of the College of Engineering in 2001. Martin-Vega came to USF from the National Science Foundation (NSF), where he was the acting director for NSF's Engineering Directorate. Martin-Vega's goal is to make USF one of the top 50 colleges of engineering in the country. To do this, he advocates increasing research funding through grants and awards, increasing educational support for students in the K-12 grades, integrating research and education through such programs as Research Experience for Undergraduates, Research Experience for Teachers and YES! We Care, and ensuring the College is fully invested in key engineering growth areas.

John Wiencek is the current Dean of the College of Engineering. His prior position was Professor and Chair of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering at the University of Iowa. Prior to joining the University of Iowa in 1995, Wiencek started his academic career at Rutgers University in 1989. Dean Wiencek plans to build on the recent successful expansion of the college's faculty and research enterprise. The next phase of growth for the College will focus on student success at all levels, increasing research productivity, and increasing private donations to establish endowments and assist in capital projects (i.e. new building(s) to house the expanded research enterprise).

-Information from College of Engineering commencement program

HISTORY OF THE USF COLONY OF THETA TAU

On June 17, 2006, a group of ambitious engineers at the University of South Florida officially became recognized as a colony of Theta Tau. The fifteen founding members worked hard to write the local constitution and bylaws, and over the summer made plans for their very first rush, a completely new experience for everyone.

Alpha Rush was far more successful than any of the brothers expected. The fourteen candidates that were extended bids turned out to be excellent pledges, participating actively in the new colony's events. It didn't take long for the USF colony to become active with Habitat for Humanity, and they were very successful fundraising with Raymond James Stadium. At the end of the semester, twelve Alpha class members were inducted, raising the total colony membership to twenty-seven.

In the spring, the colony rushed Beta class, pinning nine new pledges. Volunteer USF provided a new service opportunity, the annual Stampede of Service, and the brothers and pledges enjoyed interesting plant tours of the Yuengling Brewery and Busch Gardens. Other professional development events included a resume workshop, courtesy of the USF Career Center, and a guest speaker, Dr. Stephan Athan, a past professor at USF, who gave an inspiring lecture on life-after-college for the engineer. By the summer, the USF colony of Theta Tau had four excellent new brothers.

Gamma rush was by far the most successful yet, with over thirty rush guests; in the end, twenty-one were given bids. Fall 2007 marked a milestone in the colony's growth at USF: the first annual Engineering Social BBQ, hosted by Theta Tau, and providing ten engineering student organizations and eight local engineering companies with the chance to interact and network. Another achievement of the Fall semester was the acquisition of a permanent office in the main engineering building on campus, which now stores all of our important documents and provides the members with quiet place to study and hold committee meetings. Of the twenty-one original pledges, eleven quality brothers were initiated at the end of the semester.

With an active membership of thirty, the USF colony is extremely excited to start another semester, and anxious to see what this next rush, themed Delta Force, will bring.

SPRING 2008 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Regent

Elijah Klay

Corresponding Secretary

Manfredo Nuñez

Vice-regent

Stephen Askew

Scribe

Danielle Perry

Treasurer

Valerie Tait

Student Member

Daniel McConnell

SPRING 2008 CHAIRMEN

Social Chair

Tyson Hunstman

Academics Chair

Kevin Holmes

Professional Development Chair

Danielle Perry

Fundraising Chair

Danielle Perry

Service Chair

Amy Hopp

Webmaster

Patrick McKinley

Rush Chair

Stephen Askew

Intramurals Chair

Patrick Tynan

Pledge Trainer

Dan McConnell

BROTHERS



Name: Roy Daniels
Class: Founding Class
Birth Date: 07/03/1984
Hometown: New Orleans, LA
Major: Computer Engineering
Graduation Term: Fall 2007



Name: Valerie Tait
Class: Founding Class
Birth Date: 10/20/1985
Hometown: Columbia, MO
Major: Computer Science
Graduation Term: Summer 2008
Other Activities: ACM Vice President,



Name: Elijah Klay
Class: Founding Class
Birth Date: 01/23/1986
Hometown: Tampa, FL
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Graduation Term: Fall 2008
Other Activities: TBII, ASME,
Honors College, ECC, EWB



Name: Andrew McEwen
Class: Founding Class
Birth Date: 08/16/1984
Hometown: Venice, FL
Major: Industrial Engineering
Graduation Term: Fall 2008
Other Activities: IIE President



Name: David Long
Class: Founding Class
Birth Date: 02/01/1985
Hometown: Tampa, FL
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Graduation Term: Spring 2008
Other Activities: ASME



Name: Shcila Moghadam
Class: Founding Class
Birth Date: 12/18/1986
Hometown: McLean, VA
Major: Industrial Engineering
Graduation Term: Spring 2009
Other Activities: IIE Secretary, PACC,
Make-A-Wish, ΣAA



Name: Steve Liparulo
Class: Founding Class
Birth Date: 11/15/1982
Hometown: North Port, FL
Major: Electrical Engineering
Graduation Term: Spring 2008
Other Activities: IEEE



Name: Melanie Warzala
Class: Founding Class
Birth Date: 08/29/1984
Hometown: Leavenworth, KS
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Graduation Term: Summer 2007
Other Activities: ASME



Name: Camilo Cortes
Class: Founding Class
Birth Date: 10/28/1983
Hometown: Bogota, Colombia
Major: Computer Science
Graduation Term: Fall 2007



Name: Daren Goldin
Class: Founding Class
Birth Date: 08/07/1985
Hometown: Ra'anana, Israel
Major: Civil Engineering
Graduation Term: Spring 2008
Other Activities: TBII, ASCE, Honors College



Name: Chris Carrera
Class: Founding Class
Birth Date: 02/03/1983
Hometown: Quito, Ecuador
Major: Computer Science
Graduation Term: Summer 2007



Name: Matthew Crosby
Class: Founding Class
Birth Date: 06/06/1984
Hometown: Tampa, FL
Major: Civil Engineering
Graduation Term: Fall 2007
Other Activities: ASCE



Name: Scott Evarts
Class: Founding Class
Birth Date: 09/30/1968
Hometown: Tampa, FL
Major: Electrical Engineering
Graduation Term: Fall 2007
Other Activities: EKN, IEEE

Other Activities: ASCE



Name: Tyson Huntsman
Class: Alpha Class
Birth Date: 08/1981
Hometown: Southeast Airizona
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Graduation Term: Fall 2009
Other Activities: ECC President

Graduation Term: Spring 2010



Name: Derek L. Kunkle
Class: Founding Class
Birth Date: 09/15/1984
Hometown: Tampa, FL
Major: Civil Engineering
Graduation Term: Spring 2007

Graduation Term: Fall 2009

Other Activities: AI



Name: Stephen Askew
Class: Alpha Class
Birth Date: 06/02/1985
Hometown: Lakeland, FL
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Graduation Term: Spring 2009
Other Activities: ASME, Cycling Team,
Mountain Biking Club, Electrathon



Name: Manfredo A. Nunez
 Class: Alpha Class
 Birth Date: 11/11/1987
 Hometown: Sarasota, FL
 Major: Civil Engineering
 Graduation Term: Fall 2009
 Other Activities: ASCE



Name: Laura Atherton
 Roll Number: 20
 Class: Alpha Class
 Birth Date: 09/30/1987
 Hometown: Orlando, FL
 Major: Chemical Engineering
 Graduation Term: Spring 2010



Name: Sydni Wassel
 Class: Alpha Class
 Birth Date: 08/06/1988
 Hometown: Melbourne, FL
 Major: Chemical Engineering
 Graduation Term: Fall 2009
 Other Activities: $\Delta\Gamma$



Name: Kevin Holmes
 Class: Alpha Class
 Birth Date: 02/05/1986
 Hometown: Tampa, FL
 Major: Mechanical Engineering
 Graduation Term: Spring 2008
 Other Activities: ASME, AIAA



Name: Matthew Small
Class: Alpha Class
Birth Date: 4/2/1984
Hometown: Syracuse, NY
Major: Computer Engineering
Graduation Term: Summer 2007

Other Activities: ASEE, IEEE, ECE, IEEE



Name: Andrew Ortoski
Class: Alpha Class
Birth Date: 05/06/1986
Hometown: Newport Richie, FL
Major: Film and Media in the Arts
Graduation Term: Spring 2009

Graduation Term: Spring 2009
Other Activities: CCC Vice President



Name: Elisabeth Jones
Class: Alpha Class
Birth Date: 11/05/1987
Hometown: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Major: Civil Engineering
Graduation Term: Fall 2010

Major: Mechanical Engineering
Graduation Term: Fall 2010
Other Activities: ECE, IEEE, IEEE



Name: Matthew D. Valladarez
Class: Alpha Class
Birth Date: 12/30/1986
Hometown: Tampa
Major: History
Graduation Term: Fall 2010

Major: Mechanical Engineering
Graduation Term: Spring 2009



Name: Danielle Perry
Class: Beta Class
Birth Date: 10/18/1987
Hometown: Boston, MA
Major: Chemical Engineering
Graduation Term: Spring 2009
Other Activities: AIChE, EWB,
SWE, SHPE



Name: Mohamad Khawaja
Class: Beta Class
Birth Date: 1/16/1989
Hometown: Palestine
Major: Electrical Engineering
Graduation Term: Spring 2010
Other Activities: ECC Vice President



Name: Dan McConnell
Class: Beta Class
Birth Date: 12/25/1987
Hometown: Ocala, FL
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Graduation Term: Fall 2010
Other Activities: EXPO Volunteer Director



Name: Chris DeRoma
Class: Beta Class
Birth Date: 01/28/1988
Hometown: Jacksonville, FL
Major: Chemical Engineering
Graduation Term: Spring 2010



Name: Emily Engstrom

Class: Gamma Class

Birth Date: 08/13/1984

Hometown: Lutz, FL

Major: Civil Engineering

Graduation Term: Spring 2010

Other Activities: ASCE, ΣAA, SWE, SPS



Name: Amy Hopp

Class: Gamma Class

Birth Date: 12/20/1986

Hometown: Tampa, FL

Major: Computer Science

Graduation Term: Spring 2010



Name: Allison Greene

Class: Gamma Class

Birth Date: 01/26/1988

Hometown: Sarasota, FL

Major: Civil Engineering

Graduation Term: Spring 2010

Other Activities: ASCE, SWE



Name: Chris Jones

Class: Gamma Class

Birth Date: 04/27/1987

Hometown: Palm Harbor, FL

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Graduation Term: Fall 2009

Other Activities: ASME



Name: Casey Forner
 Class: Gamma Class
 Birth Date: 05/04/1989
 Hometown: Lake Mary, FL
 Major: Civil Engineering
 Graduation Term: Spring 2011
 Other Activities: Honors College



Name: Patrick McKinley
 Class: Gamma Class
 Birth Date: 12/21/1975
 Hometown: Rancho Cucamonga, California
 Major: M.S. in Engineering Management
 Graduation Term: Fall 2009
 Other Activities: Verizon Telecom
 L.E.A.D. Program



Name: Patrick Tynan
 Class: Gamma Class
 Birth Date: 09/08/1972
 Hometown: Tampa, FL
 Major: Electrical Engineering
 Graduation Term: Spring 2008
 Other Activities: IEEE



Name: Jonathan Todd
 Class: Gamma Class
 Birth Date: 09/18/1984
 Hometown: Lake Charles, LA
 Major: Mechanical Engineering
 Graduation Term: Spring 2010



Name: Joseph Jonhson

Class: Gamma Class

Birth Date: 06/29/85

Hometown: Sarasota, FL

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Graduation Term: Fall 2009

Other Activities: BME, AICHE, EXPO,

Brain Bowl, College Ambassador



Name: Gary Spicer

Class: Gamma Class

Birth Date: 06/04/1987

Hometown: Largo, FL

Major: Civil Engineering

Graduation Term: Spring 2010

Other Activities: ASCE, TBPI Initiate



Name: Eric Davidson

Class: Gamma Class

Birth Date: 01/19/1984

Hometown: Vero Beach, FL

Major: Electrical Engineering

Graduation Term: Fall 2009

Other Activities: TBPI, HKN,

Honors College

Spring 2008 Pledges

Nicole Birchell

Patrick Brown

Christopher DeBona

Zachary Johnson

Adam Oldfield

Samuel Cesaire

Olivia Scheuer

Allen Smith

Kevin Stone

Jonathan Girwar-Noth

Christoph Schutze

Tom Martin

Lenny Valles

Chaz Jansen

Andrew Szatik

Kenza Mouttaki

Kevin Connor

Joe Robertson

David Boulware

Christian Giron

AFFILIATIONS

Here are some of organizations that we have affiliations with.



ENGINEERS
WITHOUT
BORDERS
USA



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

"...maintain a high standard of professional interest."



Marketing

Working with the Director of Recruitment & Retention

Personally introducing ourselves to Judy Genshaft, President of USF

Recruiting in classes

Brochures, business cards, flyers

Rush board, information board

Website

Press release



Networking

With corporate recruiters

Networking with other societies on campus

Career Center

Engineering EXPO

First Annual Engineering Social BBQ



Workshops

On engineering as a career with Dr. Athan

National Conference

Regional Conference

Leadership Academy

Financial Planning

Internship Experiences

Resume and Interview Workshops





Internal Affairs

Implementation of advanced communication system with integrated calendars, chat, files, discussion boards, and interactive spread sheets

Official theta Tau Office on Campus

Documentation of Minutes

Chairperson Shadowing

Executive Council Meetings

Committee Meetings

General Body & Emergency Meetings

Creation of Bylaws and Amendments



VOLUNTEERING



Community Services

Habitat for Humanity

Stampede of Service

Lowry Park Zoo

Children's Day Care Remodeling



Fundraising

Raymond James Stadium and St. Pete Times Forums
Concessions

Car Washes

SOCIAL EVENTS

"...unite them in a strong bond of fraternal fellowship."

Brotherhood

Brotherhood Retreats

Visiting Zeta Gamma Chapter

Camping

Bowling

Movie nights

Ice skating



Inter-Societal Socials

Engineers Without Borders

Institute of Industrial Engineers

ACM

Rush

Applebee's

Golfing

Billiards

Poker

Game Nights

Lan Party



FOUNDING FATHERS



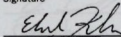
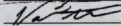
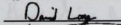
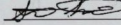
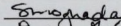
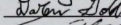
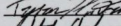
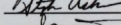
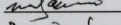
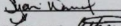
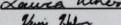
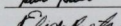

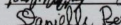
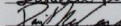
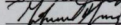
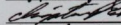
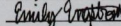
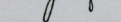
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From left to right (Front Row) Roy Daniels, Derek Kunkle, Steve Liparulo, Valerie Tait, Melanie Warzala, Sheila Moghadam, Chris Carrera, Andrew McEwen (Back Row) Scott Evarts, Matthew Crosby, Camilo Cortes, David Long, Daren Goldin, Elijah Klay

BROTHERS

We, the members of Theta Tau, Professional Engineering Fraternity at the University of South Florida, do hereby petition the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity for chapter status.

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

Roll #	Brother	Signature
2.	Elijah Klay	
3.	Valerie Tait	
5.	David Long	
6.	Steve Liparulo	
7.	Sheila Moghadam	
11.	Daren Goldin	
15.	Tyson Huntsman	
16.	Stephen Askew	
17.	Manfredo Nunez	
18.	Sydni Wessel	
19.	Laura Atherton	
20.	Kevin Holmes	
22.	Elisabeth Jones	
24.	Matthew Valladarez	
25.	Danielle Perry	
26.	Daniel McConnell	
27.	Mohamad Khawaja	
28.	Christopher DeRoma	
29.	Emily Engstrom	

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| 30. | Allison Greene | <u>Allison L Greene</u> |
| 31. | Amy Hopp | <u>Amy M. Hopp</u> |
| 32. | Christopher Jones | <u>Christopher P. Jones</u> |
| 33. | Casey Forner | <u>Casey Forner</u> |
| 34. | Patrick Tynan | <u>Patrick Tynan</u> |
| 35. | Patrick McKinley | <u>Patrick McKinley</u> |
| 36. | Jonathan Todd | <u>Jonathan Todd</u> |
| 37. | Joseph Johnson | <u>Joseph Johnson</u> |
| 38. | Eric Davidson | <u>Eric Davidson</u> |
| 39. | Gary Spicer | <u>Gary Spicer Jr</u> |

They continued with the collection and effort are members have shown. They have done a great job in the recruitment of members and representatives of new groups. They have worked diligently to achieve important goals for a new organization including completion of this petition in a short period of time. The entire law team very well represented at national and regional events including the 2006 Symposium and 2007 Leadership Academy, and has made the successful transition in leadership to new officers. It has become an integral part of the engineering school at UNH through activities detailed in this petition.

In short, I believe this group has the potential to be a valuable asset to Theta Tau, and I encourage your approval of this petition.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Abelson

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October 15, 2007

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Dear Brothers:

I am pleased to write in support of the petition for chapter status from the University of South Florida Colony of Theta Tau.

In early 2006, I began communicating via email with Theta Tau members from Zeta Gamma Chapter interested in starting a chapter at USF. It was clear that he was motivated and effective in pursuing many of the steps needed to start the local group with very little necessary oversight. With that school year quickly nearing its ends, a concerted effort was made to fulfill campus and Theta Tau requirements to move ahead. I had the opportunity to meet with those recruited to join the new group in late March. Theta Tau should look forward to expanding its presence in the South with the certification of this group as a Colony.

I am impressed with the enthusiasm and effort the members have shown. They have done a good job in the recruitment of members and organization of their group. They have worked diligently to achieve important goals for a new organization including completion of this petition in a short period of time. The colony has been very well represented at regional and national events (including the 2006 Convention and 2007 Leadership Academy), and has made the successful transition in leadership to new officers. It has become an integral part of the engineering school at USF through activities detailed in this petition.

In short, I believe this group has the potential to be a valuable asset to Theta Tau, and I recommend your approval of their petition.

In H and T,

Michael T. Abraham
Executive Director

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THETA TAU

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

October 28, 2007

Brothers,

I am writing on behalf of the University of South Florida colony's petition to become a chapter of our fraternity. I first met with the group the weekend of their colony certification in June 2006. Since that time, I have met with colony members at both the National Convention in Orlando in 2006 and the Leadership Academy in Chicago this past summer. Most recently I spent Founders Day weekend at USF, visiting the campus and meeting with the colony members and pledges.

The colony members have participated enthusiastically in both national meetings they have attended, and they have developed very positive relationships with the brothers of Zeta Gamma and Rho Gamma chapters. The weekend that I spent with them in Tampa, they hosted a Founders Day cookout for the brothers of Rho Gamma, and the two groups clearly work well together and enjoy each other's company.

On their campus, the colony has worked to find ways to contribute to the college. The USF engineering staff that I met with during my visit were very impressed with the group and their interest in professional development. The group has held several professional events as a colony and is actively working on more such events, both to increase their visibility and to give back to the college.

The group is now working with their third group of pledges since becoming a colony. They have shown the ability to recruit well and encourage new members to step up to take active leadership roles. They have a strong foundation on campus as a colony, and the ability to handle growth and incorporation of new actives will serve them well as a chapter. I highly recommend approval of this petition so that we may welcome them into our fraternity.

In H & T,

Brandon Satterwhite
Grand Marshall

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



THETA TAU

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

October 20, 2007

To all my Brothers in Theta Tau:

It is my pleasure as Southeast Regional Director to recommend that the University of South Florida Colony of Theta Tau petition for chapter status be approved. The colony has grown in many aspects over the past year and this growth shows that they are ready for chapter status. After visiting with many of the members of the colony in October of 2007, I feel confident that they will make a great chapter.

This group started out on a long journey more than one year ago as individuals and in that time, they have come together to form a Fraternity on their campus. My first contact with the colony occurred as I became regional director at the National Convention in Orlando, FL in 2006. Their enthusiasm for the Fraternity was clearly apparent. In February of the following year, a few colony members were able to attend the Southeast Regional Conference where they were able to meet other chapters in the region.

The USF Colony is a diverse group of students with all the necessary tools required to build a great chapter of Theta Tau not only for themselves, but for the University and the community of Tampa, FL. They should have no problem in making the transition from colony to chapter and I personally feel that they would make an excellent addition to our Fraternity.

I again recommend that this petition be approved, and I look forward to the installation of a chapter at the University of South Florida.

In H & T,

Amar Amin, Kappa Beta '06
Southeast Regional Director

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November 15, 2007

Attention: Brothers of Theta Tau

Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity
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Reference: **University of South Floriday Colony Recommendation**

Brothers:

I am honored to have been asked to write this letter of recommendation for the University of South Florida Colony of Theta Tau. Since before its inception as a colony, I have been meeting with its founding fathers to discuss Theta Tau as an organization and to determine if they could carry champion the Hammer and Tongs spirit as brothers of Theta Tau. I am pleased to say that in the time that I have spent meeting with or speaking with members of the USF Theta Tau Colony they have developed into fine examples of what members of Theta Tau should be.

As a colony USF's members have dealt with situations which test the mettle of even the strongest chapter, specifically trust in the chapter room and a President stepping down (unrelated incidents). Through these trials and tribulations the members of USF's Colony have worked together to build a stronger brotherhood and I am confident that as members they all understand what it means to be a brother in their Colony of Theta Tau which they will carry with them if they become brothers of Theta Tau. The colony's leadership is strong and as the founding fathers begin to venture off into their professional careers the colony will soldier on without faltering.

In closing I feel that the members of the USF Colony of Theta Tau have met not just the written requirements to become a Chapter of Theta Tau but have also formed the bonds of brotherhood which we so greatly value, and which differentiates Theta Tau from other engineering organizations. I herewith recommend that the Theta Tau Colony at the University of South Florida be granted the privilege to become a Chapter of Theta Tau.

In H&T,

Sean-Paul Ferrera



January 16, 2008

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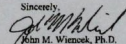
Dear Sirs,

As Dean of the University of South Florida College of Engineering, it has been my pleasure to speak with the USF Colony of Theta Tau in the interest of growing their colony to a chapter here at the University of South Florida. I believe in their efforts to unify all disciplines of engineering through social, service, academic, and professional development events. I think the establishment of the Theta Tau colony is a great asset to the College of Engineering and it is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of recommendation in support of their petition to achieve chapter status.

The USF colony of Theta Tau was formed less than 2 years ago, and already I can see they have overcome great obstacles, achieved many goals, and have great plans for the future of their organization. In a very short amount of time they have achieved so much, including numerous meetings, social events, seminars, constructing their constitution, networking, and creating a business plan, just to name a few. With that said, it is clear that Theta Tau is an organization of passion and I believe they have the skills and determination to successfully carry the name Theta Tau.

As Dean of the University of South Florida College of Engineering, I am very excited to see this organization grow. As I said before, I truly believe Theta Tau is going to be a great asset to our university and so I fully support their petition to become a chapter of Theta Tau. With an exciting summer approaching, I highly recommend your approval for their petition to receive chapter status.

Sincerely,



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Professor and Dean

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