

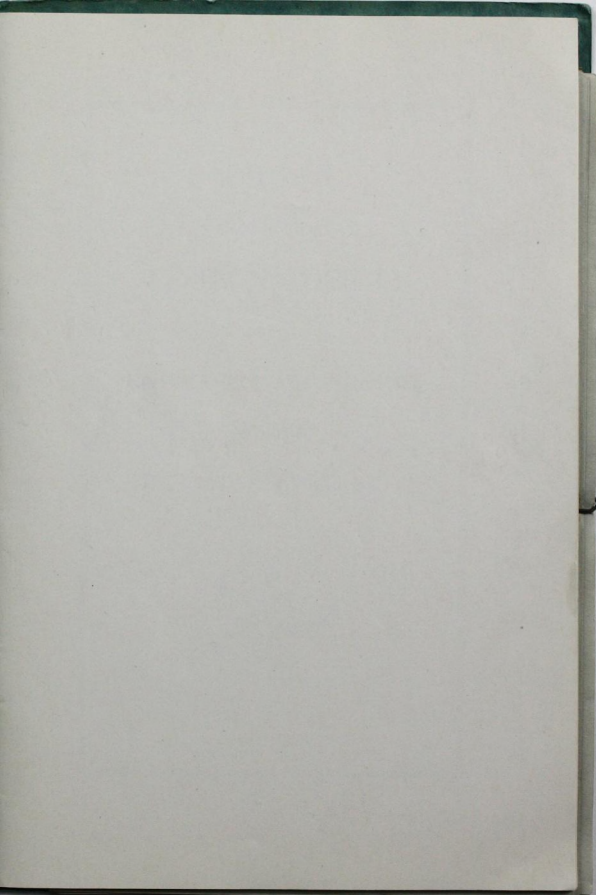
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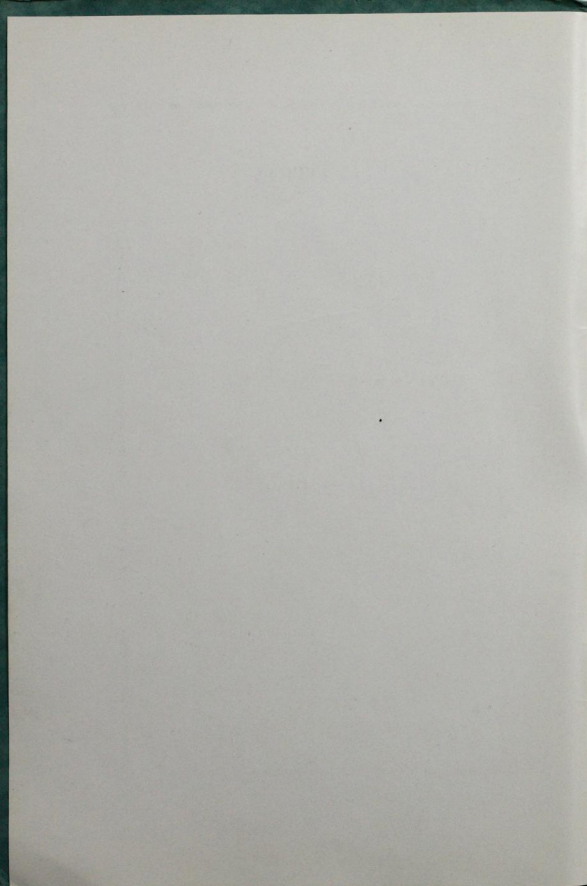


UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

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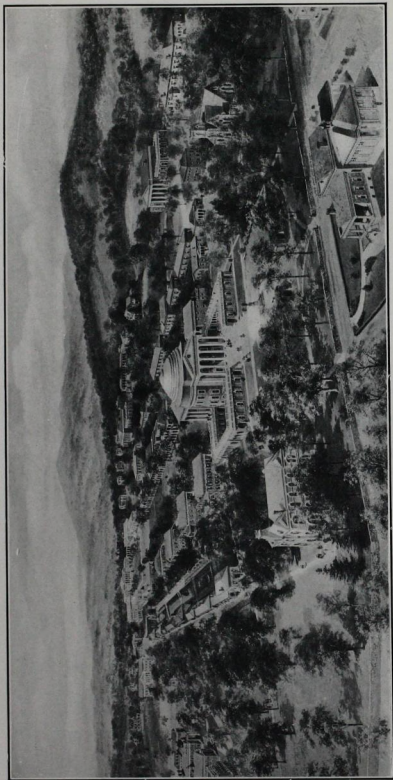






PETITION
OF THE
EPSILON SOCIETY
OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
TO THE
THETA TAU FRATERNITY





BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Epsilon Society University of Virginia

Charlottesville, Va.,
Nov. 30, 1922.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
THETA TAU FRATERNITY.

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned active members of the Epsilon Society,
do hereby formally petition the Executive Council of the Theta
Tau Fraternity for a charter.

THEODORE ROBERT BUNTING
EDGAR WILSON DARE
LEROY CRAUN HARMAN
TYLER BAINBRIDGE KIENER
ELMER MORTON KNIGHT
WILLIAM WINSTON PARKINSON
BEAUFORT SELDEN RAGLAND
EDMUND ADDISON SMITH
WILLIAM THOMAS STRALEY
THOMAS AUSTIN SYDNOR
FRANCIS WILLIAM TAYLOR
EARL HAMPTON VIA
KENNETH SEWELL WINGFIELD

History of the University of Virginia

The University of Virginia was founded by the illustrious Virginian, Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson, for forty years previous to the official opening, had entertained the project of establishing a great center for higher education. He had clung to his guiding idea, in face of great opposition. His unceasing efforts in this work have endeared his name as well as the name of the University of Virginia in the hearts of all Virginians, and all Americans who respect foresight, tireless endeavor, and achieved purpose.

Jefferson's first idea was to transform William and Mary, his alma mater, into a University. After further consideration he gave up this idea, deciding that a more central location was advisable. It happened at this time that in the town of Charlottesville, situated just at the foot of the little mountain on which Jefferson had built his beautiful home, trustees were appointed and Charlottesville Academy came into being. Time passed and the project seemed about to fail and a new board of trustees with Jefferson as chairman was appointed. The Academy at once gave way to a more pretentious foundation to be known as Central College. By another coincidence in the very year that Central College was established (1816) a bill was brought before the Virginia Assembly for the foundation of a



MONTICELLO—THE HOME OF THOMAS JEFFERSON

university, called for the first time University of Virginia. This bill was defeated by a very narrow margin but one of its supporters, Joseph Cabell, not satisfied with conditions, led the fight anew. The outcome of this debate was the appointment of a commission to make a report on the proposed university and its site. Among the commissioners were Jefferson and Madison and many other notables. Jefferson, by very ingenious arguments, convinced the commission that the site of Central College at Charlottesville was the logical one. The report was made and after another legislative battle the University of Virginia was chartered, to be located at Charlottesville, on January 25, 1819. This is truly its natal day.

Jefferson at once began to make plans for its grounds and buildings. These plans were drawn almost entirely by Jefferson and it is said that the plans themselves were almost as dear to him as the idea of the University. The grounds and buildings are conceded by all to be an architectural triumph. The impression of the intelligent visitor may be gathered from Ticknor's letters (1824). "They have a mass of buildings more beautiful than anything architectural in New England and more appropriate to a University than can be found, perhaps, in the world."

The next thing of note was the fact that Jefferson had a faculty imported from England for his University. This gave rise to much censure but on March 7, 1825 the doors of the new University were thrown open.

The students and the English faculty, however, did not agree on everything, as evidenced by an open rebellion the first year. After a conference with the board of visitors the students made their confession. Stricter government was resorted to with increasing resentment by the students until 1842, when Mr. Tucker proposed the honor system of conducting examinations which met with hearty endorsement by all. This is without a doubt the greatest step made since the founding of the University. Today it is the life and soul of the Institution.

The session of 1861 found six hundred students in attendance. Military training was taken up now, not as a mere physical exercise but as a serious preparation for war. Two companies, the Southern Guard and the Sons of Liberty were formed, but the

Confederate Government would not recognize them so they were forced to disband and scatter among the various Southern States. Of the alumni 463 gave their lives in the struggle.

Throughout the civil war classes continued, a few faithful professors remaining to instruct about 50 students. The university seemed not to be in the path of army movements and escaped without the least injury.

On Sunday, October 27, 1895 a seeming disaster occurred, the burning of the Rotunda. This beautiful work of art became a mass of ruins. Classes were conducted Monday as though nothing had happened. With this great loss came an even greater gain, for within the next three years the sum of about \$450,000 was expended in restoring, and in adding the three new buildings that complete the quadrangle.

In this restoration period of the University the subject of changing the form of government was brought up. Up to this time there had been no real head. The faculty had always elected its presiding officer for the term of one year and during that time he was the executive head with no powers except those delegated him by his colleagues. Now the University after years of growth and development, with enlarged executive duties, seemed to need the services of a president. Finally the board of visitors decided upon this course and elected Dr. Edwin Anderson Alderman to the office of the first president. He was formally installed April 13, 1905.

This has proved to be a very wise step as the new régime has been all that could have been hoped for. Under Dr. Alderman's influence the University of Virginia has become one of the leading universities of the country.





CABELL HALL AND SOUTH LAWN

Endowments and Statistics

STATE APPROPRIATIONS

1905	\$ 50,000
1921-22	340,000

TOTAL BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES

1905	\$ 180,000
1922-23	1,038,000

ENDOWMENT

1905	\$ 600,000
1922	3,565,250

ATTENDANCE

YEAR	COL.	ENG.	LAW	MED.	GRAD.
1910-11	344	91	183	78	30
1911-12	383	100	204	84	38
1912-13	375	99	229	91	41
1913-14	407	101	268	104	47
1914-15	432	100	266	108	45
1915-16	523	115	242	114	47
1916-17	575	133	228	107	51
1917-18	439	103	95	99	16
1918-19	793	255	96	111	20
1919-20	838	242	295	103	26
1920-21	931	220	297	130	44
1921-22	943	188	313	155	59

Athletics

The University of Virginia has recently joined as a charter member the new Southern Intercollegiate Conference. This organization includes most of the leading Southern universities and its purpose is to maintain an increasingly high and standard athletic relationship between its members.

The major sports, Football, Baseball, Basketball and Track are creditably conducted. Games are arranged with representative universities and colleges. Track is especially encouraged and under the able tutelage of H. H. Lannigan, the veteran trainer and coach, very large squads and very successful teams are trained each year.

The present football squad is under a new coaching system and although the team is without great experience, it may be expected to attain a fair share of success.

Recently the Athletic Association has sponsored tennis, wrestling and boxing and a minor sport monogram will be awarded to successful team applicants.



CHAMBERLAIN JUMPING 6 FT. 5¾ IN.

The Honor System at the University of Virginia

To understand thoroughly and to be able to digest the Honor System at Virginia, one must make a study of that great statesman and scholar, Thomas Jefferson. The spirit of Jefferson is still found amongst the Colonnades, and the Honor System is only a part of the plan set down by our great and loved father. It is beyond the hope of this paper to even begin to expatiate elaborately on our Honor System that has been supreme for seventy odd years and which is dear to the hearts of all Virginia men.

Before we go further let us pause for a moment to see some of the more predominate principles held by Jefferson. First of all he said, men should discipline themselves firmly and unselfishly, thereby doing away with the need of a central power. The supreme object of the central power, being not the curbing of bad instincts and impulses of mankind, but the bestowal of the highest degree of happiness. His hatred for tyranny in all forms is very evident throughout the entire history of his life. For example his bill in the General Assembly for abolition of entail and primogeniture—his efforts in behalf of separation of Church and State—the suppression of the harsh features of criminal law—reduced the number of capital punishment from twenty-nine to two. In addition to these Jefferson was the only statesman of his time that expressed the firmest confidence in the virtue and wisdom of the people at large.

Next in order come the aims of higher education, by this we mean the aims as seen by the Father of the University of Virginia.

"To mould the characters of statesmen, legislators and judges of men, on whom the prosperity and happiness of the individual, were later to depend. To expand the spirit and frame work of government—to interpret the laws regulating the intercourses of nations. To harmonize and nourish the growth of agriculture, manufactures and commerce. To develop the reasoning faculties of the young—to enlarge their minds, cultivate their morals, and instill in them the principles of virtue and order.

To instruct them in mathematics and physical science, which foster the arts and contribute to health, support and comfort of human life. To mould them to habits of reflection and honorable conduct, so as to raise them up to be the exemplars of the highest virtue to their neighbors, and of rational happiness to themselves."

With the above things well fixed in your mind one does not have to tax his thinking ability, to reach the conclusion that the honor system at the University of Virginia is sacred. 'Tis not a mechanical system that automatically expels the evil and retains the good. The system is not a system in reality at all, but an innate parole of the spiritual life of every student. As it now exists, it is but the natural outgrowth and living embodiment of Thomas Jefferson's ideal of Academic discipline.

In the beginning, here at Virginia, as now at other institutions of learning there was no Honor System. Professors watched over the students, as the guard at a jail, keen and alert always to detect cribbing of any kind. This would never do. If we are to be watched, then are we not just a bit sharper than the watcher, if we put something over on him? That is exactly the sentiment taken by both Faculty and Student and before long both were tired of a system where gentlemen had to be watched.

The seeds of the Honor System had been sown by Jefferson, and bore fruit some years later in the following resolution, presented in 1842 by Prof. Henry St. George Tucker of the faculty, and immediately adopted:

RESOLVED, That in all future written examinations for distinction and other honors of the University, each candidate shall attach to the written answers presented by him on such examinations, a certificate in the following words:

"I, _____, do hereby certify upon honor that I have derived no assistance during the time of this examination from any source whatever, whether oral, written or in print, in giving the above answers."

Concerning the early successes and failures with which the resolution of 1842 met, we are unable to speak for lack of information. But the fact that the substance of it has remained with us for seventy odd years is evidence that the honor system is not a vain chimera, but a very practical and feasible thing.

The safeguards of the system are two in number. The first, though not a tangible one, is yet a very powerful one and rests on the empirical principle that to trust a man is to make a man worthy of your trust. The generally friendly terms on which professor and student stand at Virginia are perhaps the result of the assumption on the part of both, at the very outset, that each is man and gentleman, and this mutual relation of truth and friendship, in our minds, is one of the chief guarantees of our honor system and the fulfillment of Jefferson's ideal of Student Government. The second safeguard rests in the fact that any offender of the honor code, when detected by another student, is reported by that student. This reporting of one student by a fellow student is not in the sense of "squealing," but with the idea of protecting a system adopted by the student



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body for their common good and protection. As long as a man remains a gentleman he is welcome at the University. When he proves himself otherwise he leaves and leaves quickly.

Honor violations though infrequent are met with, and the method of dealing with them must be told.

At Virginia there is nothing that corresponds to class divisions, the only divisions being into departments, such as the college, the department of graduate studies, of medicine, law and engineering. Each department has its class officers, and the five presidents of the several departments, together with the vice-president of the department of the accused, constitute the honor committee. If at any time a student conducts himself in such a manner as to cause suspicion, he may be asked by another student seeing such conduct to explain his actions fully. If the explanation of the accused is satisfactory the question is dropped and mention never again made of it. If his explanation is unsatisfactory, there are one of two alternatives left for the accused. He may leave school at once, or he may have his case tried before the honor committee. From the decision of the honor committee there is no appeal. A student found guilty by the honor committee leaves school at once, his name is dropped from the register of the University, and his case is stated briefly before his department. If acquitted the matter is dropped forever, and all records thereof are destroyed. We might say at this point that the members of the honor committee are elected by popular vote of each department yearly.

Originally the honor code applied only to the class room. To-day it is applied to every case of student life involving a question of promise made and broken. Such things as drunkenness, cutting classes and the like do not come under the honor code.

In conclusion, may we add, that if more information in regard to our honor system be desired, refer to Bruce's History of the University, and to the many addresses and periodicals on the subject now in circulation. The scope of this paper was merely to outline our honor system about which the whole of our student life revolves. We sincerely hope that our purpose has been accomplished, even in so short a space.

A List of Fraternities at the University of Virginia

NATIONAL FRATERNITIES

Delta Kappa Epsilon	Kappa Sigma
Phi Kappa Sigma	Delta Upsilon
Beta Theta Pi	Alpha Tau Omega
Chi Phi	Zeta Psi
Pi Kappa Alpha	Phi Kappa Psi
Delta Sigma Phi	Sigma Nu
Zeta Beta Tau	Delta Tau Delta
Phi Epsilon Pi	Phi Sigma Kappa
Theta Chi	Delta Psi
Phi Delta Theta	Alpha Chi Rho
Sigma Chi	Sigma Phi Epsilon
Theta Delta Chi	Phi Alpha
Kappa Alpha	Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Delta Chi	Phi Gamma Delta
	Delta Phi

CLUBS AND LITERARY SOCIETIES

Colonnade Club	Jefferson Literary Society
Cosmopolitan Club	Washington Literary Society

NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITIES

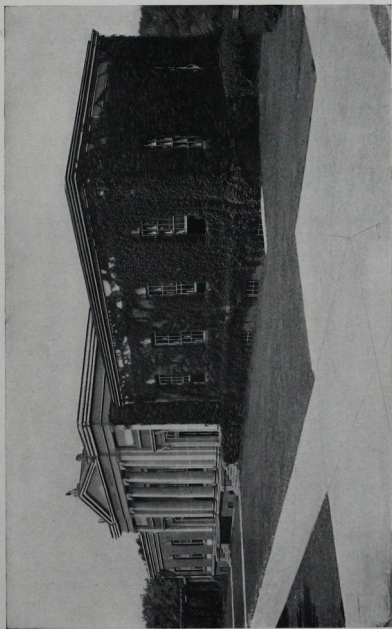
Phi Delta Phi—Law	Phi Rho Sigma—Medical
Phi Alpha Delta—Law	Phi Beta Pi—Medical
Delta Theta Phi—Law	Alpha Kappa Kappa—Medical
Phi Chi—Medical	Alpha Kappa Psi—Commercial
Nu Sigma Nu—Medical	Alpha Chi Sigma—Chemical
Epsilon Society—Engineering (Local)	

CLASS FRATERNITIES

Lambda Pi	Skull and Keys (Both Academic)
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HONORARY SOCIETIES

Raven Society—(Local)	Phi Beta Kappa—Academic
Tau Beta Pi—Engineering	Sigma Upsilon—Journalistic
Alpha Omega Alpha—Medical	Sigma Delta Chi—Journalistic



MECHANICAL LABORATORY



NORTH VIEW OF ROTUNDA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN
THE THETA TAU FRATERNITY.

Gentlemen:

One of your members who visited this University a short time ago, met a group of students in the Department of Engineering who have organized themselves into what is called the Epsilon Society. They are all, as far as I can recall the names, students of exceptional merit. Their purpose is to build up in the Department of Engineering a fuller community of spirit, extended not simply to college affairs and their undergraduate days but to their relations in their future professional lives. I cannot speak too highly of their native force, their intelligence, their devotion to their chosen profession, their gentlemanly spirit and high personal ideals. They desire to merge the Epsilon Society into a chapter of Theta Tau, believing that in union with such a national fraternity their own purposes can be more effectively accomplished. It gives me great pleasure to recommend them to your favorable consideration. You will not find anywhere a group of abler and more pleasing and promising young men. They have asked me also to say something about the general purposes of the Department of Engineering as conducted here. The development of this Department has been based upon the conviction that the only proper basis for Engineering studies is

to be found in thorough and broad conceptions of the sciences which underlie the professional disciplines which make up an Engineering course. Scrupulous care has been exercised to make the work in Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Geology and Mechanics solid and sure. The Engineering courses developed on this foundation have been characterized by the same thoroughness in the exposition of the principles of Engineering Science. It has been our conviction, strengthened by years of experience and observation, that details in professional practice are constantly altered and that principles are the only things which endure. At the same time in all the divisions of the course these principles are illustrated by examples drawn from the latest and best practice of the great modern engineers. The same ideas have controlled the organization of our shops, of our laboratories, of our drafting rooms, and of our field work. In each division of the work the constant effort has been to make practice the handmaiden of a thorough scientific and well grounded theory. We feel confident that this policy has justified itself in the success of our graduates. We hear of them everywhere as men, not governed by rule of thumb, but quick and capable in meeting novel problems and solving them by sound, and often novel methods.

A word ought also to be added on the general ethical standards of this University. You perhaps know it already as the Mother of what is called the Honor System. This System originated in the conviction that University honors would be worthless unless based upon tests of indisputable veracity. Our students have taken the administration of this system into their own hands, and have conducted it with distinguished success. They have extended it not only to the examinations, but to all the relations between the students and their professors. Such things as falsehood, evasion, cheating, lying in this University are practically unknown. Offenders against the Code of Honor are most rare and we believe they seldom, if ever, escape detection. The few who are detected are at once expelled from the University by their fellow-students. This feature gives to our work a somewhat unusual excellence. Every student knows that he must win by his own desert all the honors he will ever receive. This assurance makes them value the distinctions of this University more highly, and makes them strive more earnestly to win them. On the other

hand the members of the Faculty feel a most undoubted security in the honesty of all work offered to them, and a certainty based upon long experience that the students in their classes will conduct themselves like gentlemen, and be worthy of their full confidence.

If I can furnish you with any additional information as to the young men here who are interested in Theta Tau, or as to the plans of this University, I shall be glad to do so.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM M. THORNTON,

Dean.



REAR OF MECHANICAL LABORATORY AND AMPHITHEATER

Prominent Alumni

In bringing to your attention a group of our present student body for your consideration we desire also to mention a few of our alumni and professors who have become prominent in various fields of endeavor. The following brief facts relate to some of the more prominent:

William Mynn Thornton, Dean of the Engineering Department of the University of Virginia, widely known as an engineer, author, and educator.

William Holding Echols, Professor of Mathematics, University of Virginia, prominent as practicing engineer, Ex-director of the Missouri School of Mines, and author of many books and papers on Mathematics.

Thomas L. Watson, Professor of Geology, University of Virginia, Virginia State Geologist, Member of Peary's Arctic Expedition to North Greenland, author of many books and papers on Geological Subjects.

Gaetano Lanza, thirty years professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, author of many texts and technical articles, now Consulting Engineer for the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

*Hamilton Barksdale, for a number of years was Chief Chemist for the E. I. DuPont de Nemours Co.

William C. Lancaster, Electrical and Mechanical Engineer who has had charge of important projects in Cuba, Canada, and the United States.

*Samuel Spencer, prominent in the Railroad World and best known as the President of the Southern Railroad.

Richard K. Meade, widely known as an expert in Portland Cement.

Charles Hancock, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, University of Virginia, prominent on Governor's board of Mechanical Survey.

Matthew O. Troy, now chief of transformer sales for General Electric Company.

*Henry G. Lofland, Chief Engineer of the American Bridge Co.

*Deceased.

Charles L. Reese, now chief chemist for E. I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co.

F. P. Dunnington, retired professor and expert on Analytical and Industrial Chemistry.

Charles Puryear, Dean of Engineering at Texas A. & M.

John A. Mason, Vice-President Bartlett Haywood Co. of Baltimore, Md.

Jefferson C. Grinnalds, Secretary of the City Planning Commission of Baltimore, Md.

Merritt T. Cooke, Consulting E. E. in Philadelphia, Pa.

Jared S. Lapham, formerly professor of Experimental Engineering at the University of Va., now the head of the Jared S. Lapham Co. of Detroit, Mich.

John F. Gallalee, formerly professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Alabama, now associate professor in same subject at the University of Wisconsin.

Henry Taylor and Herbert A. Claiborne, Engineering Contractors in Richmond, Va.

The foregoing names and facts are by no means exhaustive. They may serve however to illustrate the achievements and standing of our professors and other alumni of the University of Virginia.



INTERIOR OF EDGAR ALLAN POE'S ROOM
PARVUM DOMUM MAGNAE POETAE



*Top Row—*WILSON, PAINTER, WHITE, MARTIN, McDAVITT, RAWLS
*Middle Row—*HENDERSON, KNIGHT, SMITH, *V.-Pres.*, SYDNOR, PARKINSON, RAGLAND, *Treas.*, MURPHY
*Bottom Row—*WINGFIELD, KIENER, *Sec'y*, BUNTING, STRALEY, HARMAN, *Pres.*, TAYLOR, VIA, DARE

History of the Epsilon Society

The Epsilon Society was founded at the University of Virginia in September, 1920, by a group of seniors who felt the pressing need for a social and fraternal society in the Engineering Department. The department had its honorary society, but nothing of a social and professional nature, and lack of harmony was becoming more and more apparent as the school grew. In every move it made the department showed its lack of organized leadership; and so, to fill this need, a group of the more prominent upper classmen met at intervals to discuss the situation. The outgrowth of these meetings was the formation of the Epsilon Society.

Although a new organization, the appreciation and support received from both faculty and students has been unqualified, and most gratifying to its founders. At the outset it received recognition from the character of the men who founded it and a bid from the society has always been accepted gladly. The society does not place a man's scholarship above all other qualifications but selects men who show themselves to be well rounded in activities and attainments. Probably the traits most stressed are leadership and personality, but naturally a high scholastic record is a strong asset in considering prospective members.

Last spring the society had its first opportunity to exert its influence on the department by effectively opposing an organized political machine in the election of departmental officers, and electing officers suited to the positions which they were to fill. This fall it entertained the whole department with a social and smoker at which an open discussion of questions affecting the department was held. At this meeting members of the faculty and of the society spoke in detail on the various departmental activities in an effort to bring the freshmen into active understanding with the whole department. By thus crystallizing public opinion, it succeeded in changing a constitution which had stood over the department for fifteen years as a thing antiquated and totally unsuited for the needs of the present student body. The results of this meeting received the hearty congratulations of the department and a request was made by the secretary of the faculty that such meetings be made an annual custom of the society.

This is only a beginning, but serves to illustrate the aims of the society; to be of real service to the department, to further its growth, and uphold its dignity and honor.

Policy of the Epsilon Society

The policy of the Epsilon Society has been one of conservative bidding and pledging. The man must have been registered in the Engineering Department for a definite time and be pursuing a course leading to an engineering degree. The majority of members have been selected in the past from the Junior or Senior classes and only one Sophomore and no Freshmen have been taken. The size of the school and conditions make it possible for personal contact between practically every man in the department. This makes the solution of personal qualifications exceptionally simple and if a man shows promise of leadership, he is usually known intimately by everyone in the Epsilon Society for a year or more before he is considered as a possible member. This naturally makes the personnel of the organization very high and the internal organization itself very strong. Proof enough of this is the place the Society occupies in the eyes of the Faculty and a bid from the Epsilon Society has never been turned down.

The Epsilon Society requires the prospective pledges to qualify according to the following:

First—He must be of white birth.

Second—He must have been registered in the engineering Department at least four months.

Third—He must be pursuing a course leading to an Engineering degree.

Fourth—He must show promise, through his scholarship of making an engineer, and through his leadership and interest in student activities of success in the future.

Personnel

BUNTING, THEODORE ROBERT

Age, 26 years; Year in college, 5th; Home address, Norfolk, Virginia; Degree now striving for—E.E.; College activities—Associate member of I. R. E.; Chairman of U. of Va. Student Branch of A. I. E. E.; Chief operator of U. of Va. Radio Club; German Club; Adjutant of Jim McConnell Post American Legion; Young Men's Business Club, Charlottesville, Va.; Librarian, U. of Va. Y. M. C. A.

DARE, EDGAR WILSON

Age, 19 years; Year in college, 4th; Home address, Alexandria, Va.; Degree now striving for—C.E.; College activities—Student member A. S. C. E.; Raven; Tau Beta Pi.

HARMAN, LEROY CRAUN

Age, 24 years; Year in college, 5th; Home address, Basic, Va.; Degree now striving for—Mining; College activities—Business Manager, Journal of Engineering; Instructor in Geology and Plane Surveying; American Legion; Delta Sigma Phi.

KIENER, TYLER BAINBRIDGE

Age, 22 years; Year in college, 4th; Home address, Washington, D. C.; Degree now striving for—C.E.; College activities—Student member A. S. C. E.; Art Editor, "Corks and Curls;" Assistant Art Editor, Virginia Reel.

KNIGHT, ELMER MORTON

Age, 21 years; Year in college, 5th; Home address, Reidsville, N. C.; Degree now striving for—C.E. and E.E.; College activities—Student member A. S. C. E. and A. I. E. E.

PARKINSON, WILLIAM WINSTON

Age, 21 years; Year in college, 4th; Home address, Warrenton, Va.; Degree now striving for—E.E.; College activities—Assistant Business Manager, Journal of Engineering; Student member A. I. E. E.

RAGLAND, BEAUFORT SELDEN

Age, 25 years; Year in college, 7th; Home address, Richmond, Va.; Degree now striving for—M.E.; College activities—President of Department of Engineering, 1922-23; Fencing Team.

SMITH, EDMUND A.

Age, 23 years; Year in college, 4th; Home address, Richmond, Va.; Degree now striving for—C.E.; College activities—Vice-President of Department of Engineering, 1922-23; President of Student Chapter, A. S. C. E.; Business Staff, Journal of Engineering; Fraternity Representative, "Corks and Curls;" Instructor in Plane Surveying; American Legion; Jefferson Society; Theta Chi.

STRALEY, WILLIAM THOMAS, B.A., E.E.

Age, 28 years; Year in college, 4th; Home address, Lynchburg, Va.; Degree now striving for—M.A.; College activities—President of G. A. A. Board; President of Tau Beta Pi; Instructor in Mathematics; Raven.

SYDNOR, THOMAS AUSTIN

Age, 20 years; Year in college, 3rd; Home address, Richmond, Va.; Degree now striving for—M.E.; College activities—"Skull and Keys;" German Club; Adjunct Manager, Football; Delta Tau Delta.

TAYLOR, FRANCIS WILLIAM

Age, 20 years; Year in college, 3rd; Home address, Pensacola, Fla.; Degree now striving for—E.E.; College activities—President of Radio Club; Historian of Department of Engineering, 1922-23, Assistant Business Manager, Journal of Engineering; Librarian, Engineering Library; Fraternity Representative, "Corks and Curls;" Student member A. I. E. E.; Sigma Chi.

VIA, EARL HAMPTON, M.E.

Age, 28 years—Year in college, 6th; Home address, Charlottesville, Va.; College activities—Varsity Basketball Team; Military Service; Mason; Phi Kappa Psi; Sigma Beta Phi.

WINGFIELD, KENNETH SEWELL, E.E., M.E.

Age, 23 years; Year in college, 6th; Home address, Richmond, Va.; Degree now striving for—B.A.; College activities—Associate Editor, Journal of Engineering; Student member A. I. E. E.; Instructor in Electrical, Mechanical and Experimental Engineering; Vice-President of Raven Society; Vice-President of Tau Beta Pi; President of Cosmopolitan Club; Raven; Cosmopolitan Club; Colonnade Club; Delta Sigma Phi; Tau Beta Pi; Sigma Beta Phi.

PLEDGES

HENDERSON, T. H.

MARTIN, T. S.

MCDAVITT, M. B.

MURPHY, T. H.

PAINTER, N. J.

RAWLS, R. R.

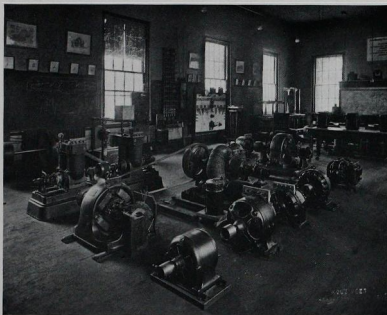
WHITE, H. L.

WILSON, M. A.

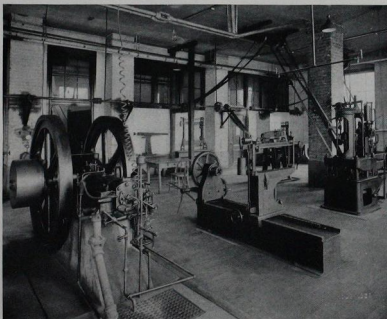
Alumni

ALL EPSILON ALUMNI ENGAGED IN ENGINEERING WORK.

- J. O. R. Coleman: Instructor in E. E. at M. I. T. and graduate studies.
- G. P. Gamble: With G. E. Co. at Schenectady, N. Y.
- E. F. Blake: Engineering Contractor for himself in N. C.
- R. A. Brown: Graduate studies in E. E. at M. I. T.
- M. H. Morgan: With Westinghouse Co. at Pittsburgh, Pa.
- C. V. Holland: Graduate studies in Ch. E. at Johns Hopkins University.
- P. C. Kuhn: With Truscon Steel Co. at N. Y. C.
- J. T. Alsop: With C. & P. Telephone Co. at Washington, D. C.
- C. L. Saunders: In charge of Birmingham office, Brown Ins. Co. of Philadelphia.
- G. K. Shands: Graduate studies in E. E. at M. I. T.
- J. M. Porter: Ch. E. with Bureau of Standards at Washington, D. C.
- G. H. Gildersleeve: With G. E. Co. at Schenectady, N. Y.
- H. M. Howard: With Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co. of Pittsburgh.
- H. M. Shuff: With Westinghouse Co. at Pittsburgh, Pa.
- H. W. Roberts: With city engineer at Richmond, Va.
- G. E. Clark: Inspector, Dep't. Grounds and B'd'g., Washington, D. C.
- G. L. Goudy: With C. & P. Tel. Co. at Washington, D. C.
- H. B. Eskridge: With city engineer at Richmond, Va.
- W. M. Smith: With Va. Bridge & Iron Co. at Roanoke, Va.
- J. P. C. Peter: Ch. E. with Drug Manufacturing Co. at Charleston, W. Va.
- H. G. Preston: Engineering Dep't. of Melcroft Coal Co., Coxton, Ky.
- R. M. Trimble: Instructor in Mechanics at Yale.
- W. M. Gilchrist: With Water & Light Co. as E. E. in construction, Orlando, Fla.
- S. G. Wise: With Bartlett Haywood Co. at N. Y. C.
- W. H. Hendren: With Packard Motor Co. as M. E. at Detroit, Mich.
- H. F. Bauserman: Will return next year for his degree.



CORNER OF THE ELECTRICAL LABORATORY



CORNER OF THE EXPERIMENTAL LABORATORY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THETA TAU.

Gentlemen:

The Epsilon Society of the University of Virginia Engineering School, I am informed, is making application to you for a Charter as a Chapter in your National Organization.

The Epsilon Society includes only students who have matriculated through the Engineering School and its members comprise the prominent men of this department.

It is with great pleasure that I endorse their petition and sincerely hope that the National Organization will give it favorable consideration.

Yours very truly,

E. A. ALDERMAN,
President.

University, Virginia,
November 16, 1922.

MR. E. J. SCHRADER,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

I beg to advise that the contemplated granting of a charter for a chapter of Theta Tau at the University of Virginia, said chapter having been requested by the local Epsilon Society, has the approval of the Engineering Faculty of the University of Virginia.

Very cordially yours,

WALTER SHELDON RODMAN,
Secretary of the Engineering Faculty.

OFFICE OF STATE GEOLOGIST

Charlottesville, Va.,
November 15, 1922.

THETA TAU FRATERNITY.

Gentlemen:

I beg to testify to the high character of scholarship of the young men in the Department of Engineering, University of Virginia, who are members of Epsilon Society. It gives me pleasure, therefore, to indorse the accompanying application.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS L. WATSON,
Professor of Geology and State Geologist.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

November 18, 1922.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that the petitioners for the establishment of a Chapter of Theta Tau at the University of Virginia are students of the Engineering Department of this institution, and are all, personally, well known to me. I am convinced that in personality, character and scholarship they are eminently fitted for membership in that distinguished and meritorious organization. It gives me great pleasure to cordially recommend them for favorable consideration and action.

J. L. NEWCOMB,
Professor of Civil Engineering.

Pittsburgh, Pa.,
November 9, 1922.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
THETA TAU FRATERNITY.

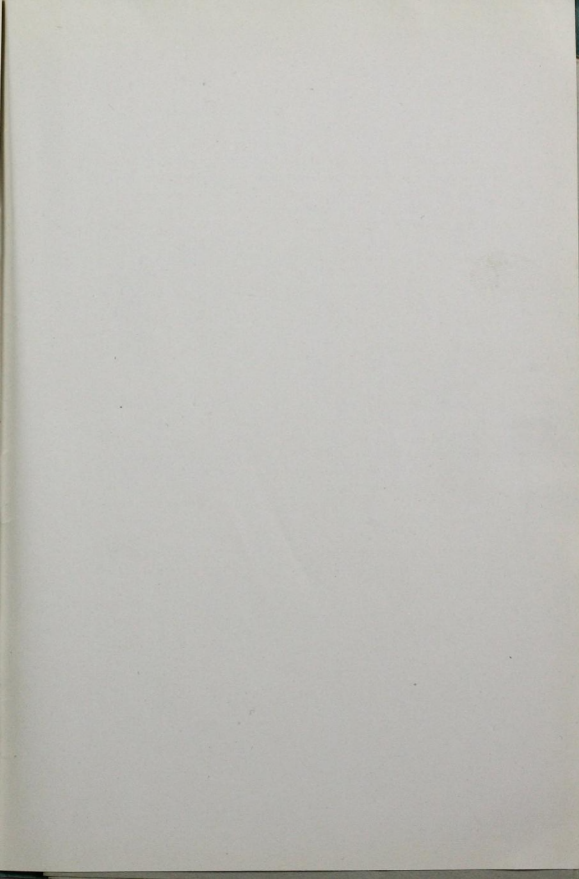
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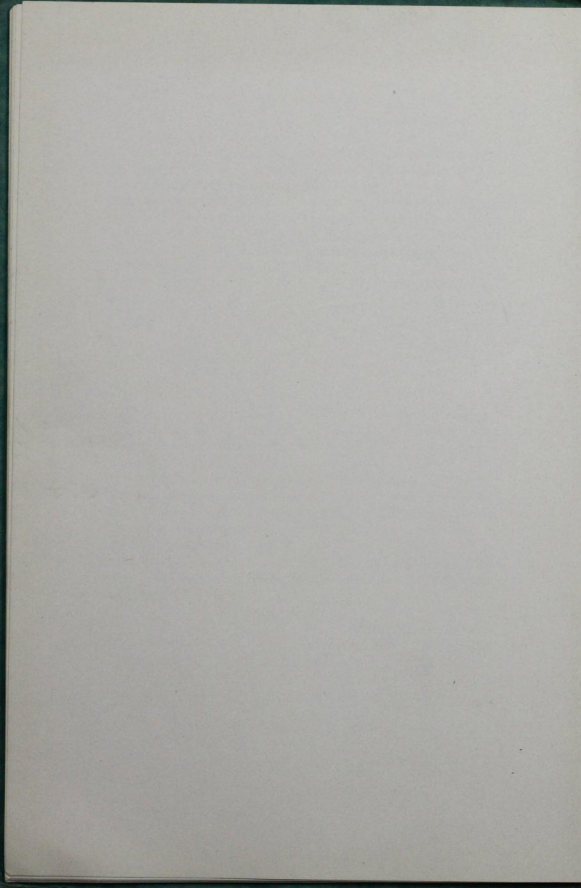
Referring to the petition of the Epsilon Society, an engineering fraternity at the University of Virginia, for a chapter in the Theta Tau Fraternity, I have investigated the petitioning group and am very glad to indorse their petition.

I met all the men at Charlottesville in the spring of 1922 and reported favorably to the fraternity on the petitioners at that time. I have further information that the petitioners comprise the most representative men at the University of Virginia in the engineering courses and that the Epsilon Society selects its men on a basis in general accordance with the principles of Theta Tau. I am very much pleased to recommend this petition to your consideration.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT J. ANDERSON,
Metallurgist.





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Hotel Golden,
Reno, Nevada.
January 18, 1933.

To all chapters,
National Officers,
Alumni Associations.

Greeting:-

Attached hereto is the formal petition from the University
of Virginia (Epsilon Society) together with the following:

Exhibit "A" - Letter from Bro. J. Sidney Marine, Grand Vice Regent.
" B - Report by R. J. Anderson, Grand Inner Guard.
" C - " by Bro. Geo. A. Deib, Capt. U.S. Engres.
" D - Letter from the petitioners.

I quote also from a letter dated Feb. 11, 1933, by Bro. Milo
P. Fox, Major U.S. Eng. Corps., Alpha '09, now stationed at
Wilmington, North Carolina.

"The University of Virginia has not a strong engineering
College. The other colleges, especially law, are reputed to be
excellent, and the university has a tremendous prestige through-
out the south, perhaps greater than any other school. The
number of engineers is limited - as I recollect the 1919
engineer enrollment was only about 125, - and for that reason
I did not give particular study to the school, as it would not
be a desirable place for an engineering unit of the R.O.T.C.
It might however be desirable to grant a charter there because
of the University's very considerable influence. This is, of
course, an entirely personal opinion and is written without having
had reference to any data. I believe it is nearly correct for I
did have access to all the data the government has collected."

You will note from Brother Anderson's report that the school has
nearly double in engineering enrollment. The fact mentioned by
Geib that most of the men are in experimental or research work
may be a recommendation and not a detriment.

Your attention is called to Chapt. I-Art. VIII-Secs. 5, 6, 27.
Alumni associations should refer also to Chapt. I-Art. VI-Sec. 31.
Confine your notice about your vote TO THAT SUBJECT ALONE.

Fraternally yours,

E. J. Schrader,
Grand Scribe.

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Exhibit "A".

Jan. 25, 1922.

Mr. E. J. Schrader,
2201 Princeton Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Bro. Schrader:

Replying to your inquiry regarding the Engineering College at the University of Virginia, would say that reliable information here is lacking. However, from various sources, I have concluded that the college is a small one, though of fair standing and that few of those entering remain to be graduated. It is not in a class with Georgia Tech., which seems to enjoy the highest reputation in the South.

I have no information on the Epsilon Society itself, but if it satisfies our requirements, believe I would favor entering University of Virginia, as the University itself stands high in the South.

I regret the delay in answering your inquiry but have been out of town for ten days, returning yesterday.

Fraternally yours,

J. Sidney Marine.

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Exhibit "B"

Executive Council,
Theta Tau.

SUBJECT: Inspection of Epsilon
Society of University
of Virginia.

Brothers:-

1. In accordance with the inspection authorization given by Dr. Leuderbach, Grand Regent, examination was made of the Epsilon Society at the University of Virginia on April 28, 1922.

2. It will be recalled that Epsilon Society is a local engineering fraternity which sent a petition to Theta Tau, and that this petition was tabled at the last convention until one or more Theta Tau men could make examination in person of the petitioners and the institution. The committee on extensions was favorable to the petitioning group (Epsilon Society) but felt that we should have further data.

3. I visited Charlottesville on April 27 and 28, 1922 and have gone into the whole situation at length, and the main results of my investigation are embodied in this report. Full details will be made available in the new petition which will be prepared and presented by the Epsilon Society shortly.

4. In looking over the petitioning group, I found that they were entirely representative of the engineers at Virginia, being drawn without respect to other associations (social activities, and other campus organizations.) There is no other group on the campus, and the best men appear to be in Epsilon Society. The men seemed to measure up to Theta Tau Standards. I feel that there is no room for any competing organization other than in the chemical division where a local chemical organization has petitioned Alpha Chi Sigma.

5. The engineering department runs about 200 men yearly, but the men are of excellent grade, and I feel that there is sufficient good material. Moreover, it is expected that the engineering school will double or triple in size before many years have passed. The engineering school has been in operation for about 50 years, and the university is over 100 years old, so I feel that there is no danger of the institution discontinuing engineering work. The department is fairly small, as indicated, but then the total enrollment of the university is only 1800, and the officials of the institution feel that they would not want it to be more than twice as large as at present.

6. The engineering department is in charge of Dean Thorton, a versatile and able engineer, who built up the division, and the heads

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of the various departments appear to be able and personal men. I talked with the president (Dr. Alderman), the dean (Dr. Thorton), Prof. Raymond (head of the electrical engineering dept.), Prof. Newcomb (head of the mechanical dept.), and other members of the faculty. The total engineering faculty numbers 20, or 1 instructor to 10 students.

7. Prof. Raymond is especially interested in the possible entrance of Theta Tau into Virginia through Epsilon Society, and while he is not a member of Epsilon, it is the intention of the petitioners to invite him to join provided they obtain a charter. All the faculty men whom I met were very favorably inclined toward the petitioners and expressed the wish that we would grant a charter to Epsilon Society. About 40 per cent of the petitioners are Tau Beta Pi men.

8. The buildings are good and the equipment satisfactory, and while funds provided by the state are not any too ample, considerable money comes in from wealthy alumni, and I feel that engineering is taught at Virginia on a par with other first-rate institutions.

9. Dr. Thomas Watson is professor of geology and state geologist, and he may possibly be known to Dr. Louderbach. If so, I would suggest that Dr. Louderbach communicate with him. Dr. Watson was the only prominent faculty member whom I did not see as he was out of town at the time.

10. I advised Epsilon Society that it should prepare a new petition and left copies of the Carnegie and Iowa petitions with the secretary for guidance. It is expected that the new petition will be distributed this year before the close of school or else at the beginning of the next fall term.

11. Epsilon now has 33 members of whom 13 will be lost by graduation, but three or four of these are to be at Virginia next year for post-graduate work.

12. At a dinner on Friday April 28th, attended by Dean Thorton, Profs. Raymond and Newcomb, members of the society, and the writer, I met all the members, and from talks by the faculty men and the officers of the Society I was able to form an opinion as to what the aims and ideals of the organization are. I feel that the group measures up to Theta Tau standards and that the University of Virginia is of sufficiently high grade to warrant our entering. In short, I recommend that the chapters and executive council favorably entertain the Epsilon Society petition, and I personally hope this organization is granted a charter, I would vote yes on this petition.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT J. ANDERSON,
Grand Inner Guard.

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Exhibit "C"

Camp Humphreys, Va.,
May 16-1922.

Mr. Eric Schrader,
2201 Princeton Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.,

Dear Eric:-

Wish to inform you that I returned last evening from a week end visit to Charlottesville where I met most of the petitioners of the Epsilon Society.

Upon arrival I was met by Mr. Morgan and several other members. We went to the University grounds which are small when compared to our northern institutions. I met Dean Reynolds of the engineering college and altho my talk with him was quite short, on account of a previous engagement, I learned enough to know that the members of the society are respected very much by him.

After conversing with the Dean I was introduced to about 20 members, about 10 being on the petitioners list, the balance being initiates of the Epsilon Society. I gave them a short but serious talk on what Theta Tau is, what her men are doing, what its benefits and pleasures are and the type of men wanted. They were very attentive and seemed to like what I had told them, as I impressed upon them the necessity for "mixing" in college affairs and activities. From what I learned later, it appears that the members are very much alive.

Sunday was spent hobnobbing with the men, to get a line on their actions.

Conditions at the University of Virginia are very different than our northern institutions. They haven't the money at the present time to put into buildings and equipment, consequently, the training of engineers is limited to a great extent in experimental and research work. However, I understand the State Legislature is waking up and plans are under way for a building for such purposes. Also the men all eat at boarding houses, they allow no tables at the fraternity houses, so a sort of general mixing results, which is a good thing. I also brought up the point of the necessity for a room or small building for a hangout and meeting place for the members of the chapter and the Dean assured me that such a room would gladly be furnished when the new engineering building was finished, which they expect in a few years. I was not able to meet any of the professors, but the Dean's attitude satisfied me and besides what I wanted mostly was to make a study of the men.

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I noticed that they were a fine looking and capable looking bunch of fellows. They, as a whole, impressed me very favorably. They were well balanced in having political, athletic and scholastic prestige. Their leaders are exceptionally good men such as Morgen, Wingfield, Owens, Bunting and others.

Now about the school. Of course it does not compare, as I stated before, with the larger Universities. The curriculum includes all the subjects carried by other institutions, but how well the subjects are put over is another thing. Frankly I have never heard of a Virginia engineer and also not having met one, I can't judge their quality, so as far as the school is concerned, I am somewhat skeptical. I heard no one remark on what engineering work he had done and few had anything definitely in view after school is finished, which however, cannot be considered on account of the scarcity of work on the outside. I guess I am prejudiced, but of the few men I met, those of the Epsilon society really have the outward appearance and makings that I am used to.

In conclusion I will say this, that the men I met, seeking a chapter of Theta Tau, are very fine, capable fellows, active and well balanced and I would recommend them as members of Theta Tau. The school does not impress me so much, but perhaps with the new buildings that they hope to build shortly, this will be great help to improving the facilities for engineering education. I would have to be "shown" more on the institution and its products before I could recommend it. I will caution you however, not to weigh this too heavily, as you know my visit was on a Saturday afternoon and Sunday, during which time I had little opportunity to determine accurately or very fully on the engineering educational facilities. Perhaps Bro. Anderson's report will clear up this point more fully.

I trust this report will clear the atmosphere for you and if there are any points I have failed to cover, I shall be pleased to have you let me know. Due to the rush of my own student activities, I had to make this out in a hurry and possibly neglected to cover some desired points. If so, let me know and I'll answer immediately.

Fraternally,

Geo. Geib,
Capt. U. S. Eng.

Alpha '16.

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Exhibit "D"

December 19, 1922.
University, Va.
P. O. Box 54.

Dear Mr. Laurence:-

I mailed you under separate cover thirty copies of the formal petition of the Epsilon Society of the University of Virginia to the Theta Tau Fraternity. You remember we petitioned you last December at the Convention and were told later in the year by Mr. Anderson, when he visited us, to submit a formal petition this Fall. The only requirement we were unable to meet last spring was that of having our own individual chapter room, but at present we have that. The petition was completed and sent to the printer before final negotiations about the room, consequently no mention of this is made in the petition. I would greatly appreciate it if you would make note of the fact that we are now meeting in our own chapter room and upon the distribution of our petitions necessary information regarding this feature be given the chapters and national officers.

If there is any further information necessary concerning the University or the Society, I would be ready to furnish it almost immediately. We are very anxious to have our petition granted this year, if possible, as we believe we will be made stronger and better organized by such a union.

If you can do so, we would like to know how our petition is being received by the different chapters, as we have gone to considerable expense to edit a successful pamphlet and everyone here is naturally very much interested.

Sincerely,

K. S. Wingfield,
Chairman of Petitioning Committee.

