

PETITION TO  
THETA TAU NATIONAL FRATERNITY

from  
THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA COLONY OF THETA TAU



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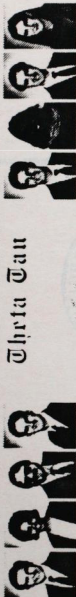
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University of Virginia



We, the undersigned, all active members or alumni of the University of Virginia Colony of Theta Tau, do hereby petition the Theta Tau National Professional Engineering Fraternity for a charter as an active chapter.

We hereby pledge that the undersigned are all presently enrolled in, or have graduated from, the University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Science and have no affiliation with any organization competitive with Theta Tau.

John Foyett	Michael P. Wiersch	Dan Chipman
Thomas S. Affetto	Randall T. Teast	Danugo Valenz
Stanley H. K.	Graig K. Rogers	Joyce Brown
Michael E. T.	Robert R. Desai	Dawn Thandiel
Norma Callahan	Dana Uleas	Lee
Lee Shumwood	Clyde Linnick	Jeff George
Bryan R. Chapman	Michael French	Long
W. Kent Demaree	Robert B. B.	Scott Hoffman
Rhonda Overman	Susan Day	
Jim Trumme	Jennifer Y. Lee	
Sean Hunt	Sarah E. Moore	
Dolores J. Shugart	Kimberly H. H.	
Ann M. H.	Mark Meron	
Melissa M. H.		
Gregory L.		

# THETA TAU ACTIVE MEMBERS

## BROTHERS

1. Thomas Afferton  
Third Year  
Electrical Engineering  
May 1989  
GPA - 3.86
2. Ingram Brown  
Fourth Year  
Chemical Engineering  
May 1988  
GPA - 2.3
1. Joyce Brown  
Fifth Year  
Applied Math  
May 1988  
GPA - 2.8
4. Dennis Joseph Callahan  
First Year  
Mechanical Engineering  
May 1991  
GPA - 3.29
5. Bryan R. Chapman  
Second Year  
Chemical Engineering  
May 1990  
GPA - 3.94
6. Daniel Chipman  
Third Year  
Mechanical Engineering  
May 1989  
GPA - 2.67
7. Susan Ann Day  
Third Year  
Mechanical Engineering  
May 1989  
GPA - 3.2
8. Kent Demaine  
Fourth Year  
Computer Science  
May 1989  
GPA - 3.0

## ACTIVITIES/HONORS

- Colony Treasurer  
Eta Kappa Nu  
Tau Beta Pi  
First-year Advisor  
Former Colony Regent
- Resident Coordinator  
Girl Scouts  
AICHE
- Black Engineering Society
- Pledge Trainer  
Navy ROTC  
Suite Activities Representative
- AICHE  
Intramurals
- Delta Tau Delta  
Intramurals
- Corresponding Secretary  
ASME  
ABATE of Virginia  
Former Pledge Scribe
- Uva Swim Team  
Western Albermarle Triathlete  
Rescue Squad

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| 9. Nirav Ramesh Desai<br>Second Year<br>Systems Engineering<br>May 1990<br>GPA - 3.6       | Engineering Council<br>Indian Student Association<br>Sports  |
| 10. Timothy Sean Dunne<br>Fifth Year<br>Computer Science<br>May 1988<br>GPA - 2.4          | Intramurals<br>Former Pledge President   |
| 11. Harriett Evans<br>Fifth Year<br>Electrical Engineering<br>May 1988<br>GPA - 2.47       | National Society of Black<br>Engineers<br>Engineering Council<br>Council of Black Student Leaders                                    |
| 12. John Thacker Fossett<br>Third Year<br>Mechanical Engineering<br>May 1989<br>GPA - 3.73 | ASME<br>Tau Beta Pi<br>Pi Tau Sigma<br>Former Pledge Trainer   |
| 13. Richard Franck<br>Fourth Year<br>Aeronautical Engineering<br>May 1989<br>GPA - 3.3     | Sigma Gamma Tau<br>AIAA<br>EMSA  |
| 14. Scott Hoffman<br>Fourth Year<br>Aeronautical Engineering<br>May 1988<br>GPA - 3.0      | Big Brother<br>AIAA<br>Intramurals   |
| 15. Sean Hunt<br>Third Year<br>Systems Engineering<br>May 1989<br>GPA - 2.5                | Engineering Council<br>Former Vice-Regent  |
| 16. Stanley Hyun Kim<br>Second Year<br>Electrical Engineering<br>May 1990<br>GPA - 3.3     | Hospital Volunteer<br>Photography<br>Cycling   |
| 17. Ann Marie Kratz<br>Third Year<br>Electrical Engineering<br>May 1989<br>GPA - 3.58      | Tau Beta Pi, IEEE<br>Eta Kappa Nu<br>Society of Women Engineers<br>Migrant Aid Volunteer<br>Engineering Council Service<br>Committee |

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| 10. Dana A. Lee<br>Third Year<br>Electrical Engineering<br>May 1989<br>GPA - 2.4             | National Society of Black<br>Engineers<br>Intramurals   |
| 19. Jennifer Yunjung Lee<br>Fourth Year<br>Electrical Engineering<br>May 1989<br>GPA 2.0     | Scribe<br>IEEE<br>Former Corresponding Secretary  |
| 20. Mark Ernest Merrow<br>Third Year<br>Mechanical Engineering<br>May 1989<br>GPA - 3.3      | Regent<br>ASME<br>AIAA<br>Sigma Gamma Tau<br>Former Pledge Trainer  |
| 21. Melissa Michaud<br>Second Year<br>Chemical Engineering<br>May 1990<br>GPA - 3.2          | Vice Regent<br>Student Advisor, AICHE<br>Society of Women Engineers<br>Madison House Volunteer<br>Former Scribe |
| 22. Geoff Monge<br>Fifth Year<br>Electrical Engineering<br>May 1988<br>GPA - 3.2             | Engineering Council<br>Omicron Delta Kappa<br>President Student Council<br>IEEE                                 |
| 23. Sarah Elisabeth Moore<br>First Year<br>Aeronautical Engineering<br>May 1991<br>GPA - 2.0 | Service Chairman<br>Catholic Student Association  |
| 24. Rhonda Gail Overman<br>Third Year<br>Computer Science<br>May 1989<br>GPA - 2.8           | Engineering Council<br>Former Pledge Trainer  |
| 25. Gregory S. Palmer<br>Third Year<br>Electrical Engineering<br>May 1989<br>GPA - 3.9       | Social Chairman<br>Tau Beta Pi<br>Eta Kappa Nu<br>Intramurals   |
| 26. Kimberly Ann Passarella<br>Second Year<br>Computer Science<br>May 1990<br>GPA - 2.3      | Pledge Trainer<br>Alpha Omicron Pi<br>Production Staff on <u>The Forum</u><br>ISC Judge                         |

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| 27. Craig Kevin Rogers<br>Third Year<br>Mechanical Engineering<br>May 1989<br>GPA - 2.71       | ASME<br>AIAA<br>AAAS<br>Engineering Council   |
| 28. Richard W. Rydin<br>Third Year<br>Mechanical Engineering<br>May 1989<br>GPA - 3.1          | Engineering Council<br>ASME<br>Intramurals<br>Former Pledge President                   |
| 29. Jill Karen Sherwood<br>Second Year<br>Chemical Engineering<br>May 1990<br>GPA - 2.9        | Student Advisor<br>Contact Program<br>Society of Women Engineers                        |
| 30. Michael Frank Josef Spitzer<br>Third Year<br>Engineering Science<br>May 1989<br>GPA - 3.68 | Air Force ROTC  |
| 31. Bobbie L. Sturgill<br>Second Year<br>Electrical Engineering<br>May 1991<br>GPA - 3.04      | Historian<br>Madison House Volunteer<br>FCA<br>Engineering Council Service<br>Committee |
| 32. Dawn Trandel<br>Third Year<br>Mechanical Engineering<br>May 1989<br>GPA - 3.0              | ASME<br>Lutheran Student Group  |
| 33. Randall Troy Trost<br>Third Year<br>Systems Engineering<br>May 1989<br>GPA - 2.5           | Engineering Council<br>Transfer Student Advisor<br>Former Treasurer                     |
| 34. Elizabeth Ann Twichell<br>Fourth Year<br>Electrical Engineering<br>May 1988<br>GPA - 2.3   | IEEE<br>Former Pledge Trainer   |
| 35. Santiago Velasco<br>Fourth Year<br>Nuclear Engineering<br>May 1988<br>GPA - 2.4            | ANS<br>Engineering Council<br>Sports<br>Intramurals                                     |

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| 16. Michael Patrick Wiersch<br>Fourth Year<br>Nuclear Engineering<br>May 1988<br>GPA - 3.2 | ANS<br>ASME<br>Intramurals |
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# PLEDGES

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| 1. Delaina Amos<br>Third Year<br>Chemical Engineering<br>May 1989<br>GPA - 3.16               | AIChE<br>Alpha Angel<br>National Society of Black<br>Engineers |
| 2. Charles Cockrell, Jr.<br>Second Year<br>Aeronautical Engineering<br>May 1990<br>GPA - 3.11 | AIAA<br>International Relations<br>Organization<br>Intermurals |
| 3. Mark E. Glass<br>Second Year<br>Electrical Engineering<br>May 1990<br>GPA - 2.88           | Student Advisor  |
| 4. Robert Jones<br>Second Year<br>Electrical Engineering<br>May 1990<br>GPA - 3.6             | Pledge Class Vice-President<br>Madison House Tutoring          |
| 5. Joel Korzun<br>First Year<br>Chemical Engineering<br>May 1991<br>GPA - 2.3                 | Intramurals  |
| 6. Pamela Marston<br>Second Year<br>Electrical Engineering<br>May 1990<br>GPA - 2.0           | IEEE<br>Intramurals  |
| 7. Yvette Murley<br>Second Year<br>Chemical Engineering<br>May 1990<br>GPA - 2.81             | AIChE<br>Intramurals   |

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| <p>8. Michael Rendino<br/>Second Year<br/>Electrical Engineering<br/>May 1991<br/>GPA - 2.5</p>   | <p>Pledge Class President<br/>Catholic Students Association</p>  |
| <p>9. Faith A. Saunders<br/>Second Year<br/>Computer Science<br/>May 1990<br/>GPA - 2.0</p>       | <p>National Society of Black<br/>Engineers<br/>Student Council<br/>BAC<br/>Black Student Association</p> |
| <p>10. Susan Stillwell<br/>First Year<br/>Chemical Engineering<br/>May 1991<br/>GPA - 3.4</p>     | <p>Pledge Class Scribe<br/>Rodman Council<br/>AICHE<br/>Intramurals<br/>Monroe Society</p>               |
| <p>11. Jonathon Thomas<br/>First Year<br/>Systems Engineering<br/>May 1991<br/>GPA - 3.06</p>     | <p>Fly Fishing Club</p>  |
| <p>12. Jeannette Wellons<br/>Third Year<br/>Mechanical Engineering<br/>May 1989<br/>GPA - 3.0</p> | <p>Student Pilot</p>   |

#### ALUMNI

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| <p>1. Mary Ann Kerr</p> | <p>Graduated May 1987<br/>Electrical Engineering</p> |
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### The History of the University of Virginia

The University of Virginia was founded by Thomas Jefferson in 1819. It opened for classes in 1825 and offered a broader range of courses than was currently being offered at other colleges and universities at that time. Sixty-eight students were enrolled in the first session on March 7, 1825. By the end of the first session, that number increased to 123.

Instruction was given at the graduate level in eight schools: ancient and modern languages, mathematics, natural philosophy, natural history, moral philosophy, anatomy and medicine, law, and engineering. In 1829, the first M.D. degrees were awarded to graduates in the School of Medicine. In 1831, the Rector and Board of Visitors set up the master of arts degree. In 1840, the first law degrees were granted. The bachelor's degree became a prerequisite for the master's degree in 1899.

In 1904, Edwin A. Alderman was elected the University's first president. Since that time, five other presidents have been inaugurated to supervise the growth and development of the University. Robert M. O'Neil is the sixth and current president of the University of Virginia.

Today, the University's faculty numbers around 1,700. Over 225 endowed professorships have been established. The University of Virginia now has about 17,000 students on the Grounds (not campus). The bachelor's degree is offered in fifty-seven fields and programs, the master's in sixty-four, educational specialties in six, first professional in two, and the doctorate in fifty-two.

### The History of the School of Engineering and Applied Science

The University of Virginia takes pride in its continued development of a modern engineering education. This development was anticipated in Thomas Jefferson's proposed curricula for military engineering and civil architecture in the original draft for the founding of the University.

In 1825, military and civil architecture formally became part of the education program at the University of Virginia and in 1827 courses in mathematics were offered. In 1836, the University's Board of Visitors approved the establishment of the School of Engineering. Courses were first offered by such notable members of the faculty as Charles Bonnycastle, trained in military engineering at Woolwich Arsenal in England, and William Barton Rogers, later a co-founder of MIT. As Virginia turned inward to agricultural development and welcomed extension of its highway to the Mississippi River, the high potential for the development of the first U.S. School of Civil

Engineering was not realized. By 1850, class enrollment declined because engineering instruction was not sought by young men in the South and the school disappeared from the catalogue offerings.

A new and more successful beginning was made in 1865 by Professor Scott Venable, a former graduate student under Rogers. He revived the School of Engineering and under his guidance, the University awarded its first degrees in civil and mining engineering in 1869. Venable also began establishing new chairs in natural and applied sciences. Following Venable was William Mynn Thornton. Thornton worked to improve the quality and scope of the engineering curriculum. He raised private monies for new degree programs, classes and laboratories. Thornton himself became the first Dean of Engineering in 1905. Three new programs were added under Thornton's leadership: mechanical engineering in 1891, electrical engineering in 1897, and chemical engineering in 1908.

In the first quarter of the 20th century, expansion became necessary and planning and construction of the Thornton Hall complex occurred and was completed in 1935. In 1936, the Humanities program was launched in an effort to broaden the education of the young engineer. The school continued to expand as it started to offer advance degrees - the Master of Science degree in 1948 and the Doctor of Science degree in 1955. Two new degree, aeronautical and nuclear engineering were also offered in 1955. Thornton Hall was expanded in 1950 and again in 1960.

Further emphasis in applied science took place with the establishment of the Applied Mathematics and Computer Science Department in 1964, the Biomedical Engineering Department in 1967, and the Materials Science Department in 1963. To reflect these new programs the name of the school was changed to the School of Engineering and Applied Science in 1963. In 1975, the Systems Engineering Department was formed to provide the instruction and research in the knowledge-base discipline of Systems Engineering.

In the next ten years, the student body became more varied as the University shifted from a predominately white, male institution to one that included minorities, women and foreign students. In 1983, the school initiated the Extended Classroom, using advanced telecommunications to broadcast graduate engineering courses to sites around the state. In 1984, Edgar A. Starke, Jr. became Dean and expressed a commitment to research and graduate education at the engineering school.

Today there are a total of ten undergraduate and thirty-two master and doctoral degree programs. Currently the School of Engineering and Applied Science is involved in a major renovation of laboratories, classrooms and offices in Thornton Hall expected to be complete in 1990. Development still continues as televised engineering classes expand coverage through a satellite uplink as the Engineering School celebrates 150 years of engineering education.

## The University of Virginia Colony of Theta Tau

### History

The original Pi chapter of Theta Tau was installed at the University of Virginia in 1923 and was in existence until 1976, at which time the chapter went inactive. The all male membership policy at that time caused problems with the administration, which led to the demise of the chapter.

In the fall of 1986, a group of upperclassmen headed by Zell Murphy founded the Epsilon Society, a local organization, with the purpose of reestablishing Theta Tau at UVA. The minutes of this important meeting are enclosed as part of the petition. The founding members were John Callahan, Jennifer Clasby, Sean Hunt, Mary Anne Kerr, Geoff Monge, Zell Murphy, Louis Park, Ron Sigworth, Matt Witsil and Lori Zack.

The founding members worked hard to secure funds and advertise the initial rush, which yielded a pledge class of twelve members. The first pledge class helped bring visibility to the group through its projects and hell week activities. The motivation of pledge trainer Mary Anne Kerr spilled over to the pledges, allowing this group to start many of the activities that are now part of every colony pledge's training program.

In the spring of 1987, the first pledge class was initiated, and a second successful rush brought in a group of sixteen enthusiastic pledges. With the local firmly established and membership grown to over thirty, including pledges, the Epsilon Society submitted its colony petition, which was accepted in April, 1987. Over the summer, plans were made for the fall ceremony, and the colony sent delegates to the National Conference in Detroit.

On September 25, 1987, the Virginia colony was certified and the second pledge class initiated at a ceremony attended by national officers, including Robert Pope and Grand Regent Scheetz, members of Rho chapter and alumni from several chapters. Mary Anne Kerr and colony regent Tom Afferton accepted the petition on behalf of the colony.

Since certification, the colony has initiated another pledge class, a hard working, close-knit group of ten. The current pledge class consists of twelve pledges, all but one of which are underclassmen. The total current membership is forty-eight.

The University of Virginia colony is recognized by the University administration and is an Contracted Independent Organization, as required by University policy. Our faculty advisor is Applied Math Professor J.G. Simmonds.

### Organization

The Virginia colony is run like most chapters with the executive board consisting of a Regent, Vice Regent, Scribe, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. Service/Professional and Social Chairpersons and Historian are also elected positions. Rush chairmen and pledge trainers are appointed by the board with the consent of the membership. Elections are held biannually.

Meetings are held weekly during the school year, and attendance is usually over 80%. In addition, pledges meet weekly with their pledge trainer, with attendance mandatory. Semesterly dues are \$60. The group is certainly co-ed, with close to half of its membership female, and it intends to stay this way. Our colony is proud of its diversity, as it is one of the most integrated and diverse groups in the engineering school.

### Activities

#### Service/Professional

At the University, Theta Theta competes with two local engineering societies, so we have had to work particularly hard to attract new members and gain notoriety. Since our certification as a colony, we have strived to fulfill the minimum goals for colonies and have, in fact, exceeded these goals quite frequently.

Professional development has been an important emphasis since the colony was only a local. Biannually, the brotherhood participates in the Virginia Engineering Foundation phonation, raising money for the Engineering School by contacting alumni. In November, the colony co-sponsored a majors night with the Society of Women Engineers, where upper-classmen from Theta Tau provided information for freshman on how to choose a major. More recently, the colony sponsored a trip to the North Anna nuclear power plant and helped with crowd and traffic control for the Charlottesville 10-miler.

Pledge class projects have been geared towards service to the Engineering School. In the spring of 1987, the fall pledges, led by pledge trainer Mary Anne Kerr, shot all the pictures and were responsible for the printing of a Senior Engineering class directory and picture book. Every member of the graduating class received a copy of this book which included addresses and photos of the seniors. In the fall of 1987, the Spring '87 pledge class, under the direction of John Fossett and Rhonda Overman, manned the registration tables for two days, distributing registration materials to all engineers.

This spring, the Fall '87 class constructed three heavy duty picnic tables for the Engineering school's courtyard. These tables have been used for cookouts and even outdoor classes. The Fall '87 pledge class was led by pledge trainers Mark Mellow and Elizabeth Twichell, who established a structured program that resulted in the most enthusiastic pledges to date. The current pledge class is putting out the Fourth-Year book for this years graduating class, securely establishing a new tradition.

The Theta Tau Colony at UVA plays a significant role in University and E-school leadership. Colony members currently hold the positions of Student Council President, Engineering Council Chairman and Treasurer, ASME President and Vice-President as well as board positions in other technical and honor societies.

### Extension

The Virginia colony has done its best to interact with other chapters and the national officers. Last summer, before the colony was officially certified, we sent three members to the National Conference in Detroit. Our delegates, John Fossett, Tom Afferton and Greg Palmer, learned a lot about the functioning of a chapter through seminars and discussions and enjoyed meeting Theta Taus from around the country. The colony plans to send a large delegation to the National Convention this summer.

In November, fifteen colony members and pledges traveled to Rho chapter at NC State for the NCSU-UVA football game. This trip established friendship between the chapter and colony and showed us the value of national affiliation. Also in the fall, the colony sent out our first newsletter to all national officers and chapters, as well as to all of the alumni from the old Pi chapter at UVA. This proved rewarding since we have since received letters in response from over twenty five alumni. A second newsletter, with a reduced alumni mailing, was sent out in the late spring.

The colony has also helped with extension by travelling to George Washington University, where we met students who are trying to reestablish a Theta Tau chapter there. Colony members met Grand Regent Scheetz for dinner in Georgetown and then attended the meeting at GW. We assisted the group in getting started by telling them about our activities and how we got started. We hope to stay in close contact with the group as it works toward becoming a chapter.

Our location in Virginia puts us close to another local starting with the intentions of becoming a colony of Theta Tau. A group at Old Dominion University, in Norfolk, was formed in April with the assistance of Bob Pope and Art Partin. Although other commitments prevent us from attending the start-up meetings, our close proximity will no doubt allow us to provide motivation and assistance as this group progresses towards becoming a colony and chapter.

### Brotherhood/Social

The UVA colony has promoted brotherhood through its pledge program, colony activities and social events. Pledges are required to keep an information booklet with data on each of our brothers and our faculty advisor. This information is gathered through informal interviews, thus insuring one-on-one contact between all pledges and members. The integration of the pledge class is enhanced by the big brother program, which has led to close friendships and more active pledges. Other pledge activities, like carrying around two foot long Theta Tau hammers, are geared towards giving the group visibility.

The colony participates as a team in both intramural coed basketball and softball and individuals have competed in several sports. Social events have included mixers with the other

engineering societies, a Theta Tau night in Georgetown pub-hopping, tailgating at the Foxfield Steeplechase horse races, and regular Friday afternoon happy hours. We have also held open Engineering school study breaks in the study room, providing free donuts and drinks for overworked engineers.

This spring, the colony was brought closer by having a composite photograph taken. Current regent Mark Merrow ran the project and insured 100% participation by driving one member to JMU, an hour away, to have his picture taken a day late.

All of our activities have helped establish the colony as a prominent group in the engineering school. Furthermore, by promoting interest in engineering and brotherhood among members, we have followed the ideals established by the Theta Tau Founders.

### Housing

To satisfy current needs for a permanent location, four colony members will be renting a house for the '88-'89 school year, which will be the colony headquarters. This will be the second year that we have had a member in this house, so the relationship with the owner is such that renting the house yearly until we can purchase one should be no problem. We hope to use the house to host rush activities, meetings and social events to bring the colony closer together. A second group consisting only of colony members is also renting a house, giving us two places next year to get together.

For the long range goal of purchasing a house, a housing corporation has been proposed. The actual corporation will be legally established, apart from the colony treasury, next year when funds start to accumulate. Donations into the fund will be regulated by promissory notes signed by all new initiates. The note states that each member promises to contribute \$250 to the housing corporation within three years of graduation or the completion of graduate school. Although this contract is nonbinding to current members, they have been strongly encouraged to participate, so funds should start to accumulate as early as 1989.

The corporation will be governed by a Board of Trustees. The board will be composed of the current regent and faculty advisor, and a representative from each of the five most recent graduating classes. These representatives will be chosen by vote before graduation by the seniors, and will also serve as alumni contact for their class. The current Board members are Mary Anne Kerr ('87), Santiago Velasco ('88) and Elizabeth Twitchell ('88).



## Recent Activities of the UVA Colony of Theta Tau

### Professional/Service

- Constructed three picnic tables for the Engineering School courtyard.
- Participated in the Virginia Engineering Foundation Phonathon to help raise money for the Engineering School.
- Helped with traffic/crowd control for the Charlottesville 10-miler.
- Currently putting together a 4th-Year class directory/photo book.
- Took down old posters after elections.
- Sponsored a trip to the North Anna nuclear power plant.

### Brotherhood/Social

- Participating in intramural co-rec basketball and softball.
- Mixer with Omicron Xi. (local engineering society)
- Sponsored donut study break.
- Plan to attend Foxfield Steeplechase races.
- Members met in Georgetown over spring break.
- Big brother program with pledges.
- Composite photo taken of entire membership.

### Extension

- Newletters in the Fall and Spring.
- Travelled to Rho chapter at North Carolina State University for the UVA/NCSU football game.
- Travelled to George Washington University to visit students in a local society that plans to petition for colony status.



Minutes from the Epsilon Society Founding Meeting

September 7, 1986 - 1:00 p.m.

Present: Geoff Monge, John Callahan, Louise Park, Zell Murphy, Jennifer Clasby, and Lori Zack

There was a motion by Zell Murphy to establish the Epsilon Society at the University of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Louise Park. John Callahan was unanimously voted President. Lori Zack was elected to the office of Secretary.

There was a motion by Louise Park to nominate Professor Avery Cummings as an advisor for the organization. There was a general consent for the motion.

Adjourned: 1:30 p.m.

Minutes from the Colony Meeting to Vote to Petition  
for Chapter Status

April 5, 1988 - 8:00 p.m.

Not Present:

Ingram Brown

Dan Chipman

Harriett Evans

Rich Franck

Joyce Brown

Kent Demaine

Geoff Monge

There was a motion by Tom Afferton for a colony vote on whether or not to petition the Theta Tau National Fraternity for chapter status. After the financial obligations and the advantages of becoming a chapter were clearly presented, the group unanimously voted to petition to become a chapter.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
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April 19, 1988

Mr. Robert Pope  
Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Pope:

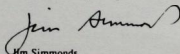
I write to you as the faculty advisor of the UVA Colony of Theta Tau to recommend that this fine group of young men and women be awarded full chapter status.

Although other commitments have prevented me from attending all the functions of the Colony, I can report that at those at which I was present (including the initiation on March 3), the turnout of the students was impressive and their dedication to the success of the Colony sincere and enthusiastic.

The attached is a list of recent activities by the Colony. As a faculty member, I can tell you, in particular, how much the efforts under "Professional/Service" are appreciated. I also admire the willingness of the members of the Colony to reach out over 120 miles to help their cohorts at George Washington University to found their own Colony.

Please call me if I can supply any further information.

With best wishes,



Jim Simmonds  
Charles Professor of Engineering  
and Applied Science  
Faculty Advisor to UVA  
Colony of Theta Tau

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Attachment

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE  
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN  
THORNTON HALL

April 22, 1988

CORRESPONDENT'S PHONE  
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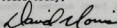
Mr. Robert Pope  
Executive Director  
Theta Tau Central Office  
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Dear Mr. Pope:

This is to recommend that the Epsilon Society of the University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Science be established as a chapter of the National Theta Tau Fraternity. During the past year, the members and officers of Theta Tau have been very impressive and the Dean and I are delighted to have such a fine organization contributing to student life. Among the many activities they have engaged in this year are the construction of picnic tables for our courtyard, participation in our annual phon-a-thon, helping with crowd control in the local 10-mile race for charity, assisting in the 4th Year class directory/photo book, and a Big Brother program. They have also published newsletters, visited with the Rho chapter at North Carolina State University, and made contacts with George Washington University for the purpose of starting a chapter there. They have been prominent in social activities.

We will be happy to furnish further information and hope that, with this endorsement, we can see early recognition as a full fledged chapter.

Yours truly,



David Morris  
Associate Dean

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## THETA TAU

NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

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April 26, 1988

Theta Tau Fraternity  
9974 Old Olive Street Road  
St. Louis, MO 63141

Dear Brothers:

I am writing on behalf of the University of Virginia Colony of Theta Tau. I have had the good fortune to have associated with these students since August of 1986, when they re-established the University of Virginia, Epsilon Society.

I have visited the Society and now Colony several times. They have progressed exceedingly well. Everything they have done has been accomplished through their own motivation. They are a thriving, well established organization, with many members involved in campus activities.

So, it is with great personal pleasure that I recommend we approve this petition for Chapterhood.

In H and T,

*Arthur M. Partin*  
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Grand Outer Guard

Box 1818  
Chicago, Ill. 60690  
April 23, 1988

Mr. Robert E. Pope  
9974 Old Olive St. Rd.  
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Dear Brother Pope:

"The Germans are going to bomb the vital railroad track crossing of the Southern RR and the C & O RR in Charlottesville and tie up rail traffic along the east coast!" That was the scare story circulating around town 45 years ago. The war was on, the draft was breathing down our necks, people were getting killed. We were on an accelerated school year, our class graduated in December of 1943. We were nervous.

The tensions showed up in our QT house out on Frys Spring Rd. and other fraternities nearby. Our conduct was not exemplary. I don't think we did anything really constructive in those years. It certainly would not have had a chance in the world of changing from a colony to a chapter.

But zounds, what a comparison between this new bunch of pledges and us old timers. What dynamics, what esprit de corps. They're out there doing things to help the school and community; they're learning about teamwork, organization, leadership and cooperation to get things accomplished. They've just dipped into the professional end by sponsoring a field trip to a nuclear plant. They could do more in that line with lectures, movies, school projects, engineering fairs and the like but I am sure that will come later. They put out a very credible news report mailed to all interested parties.

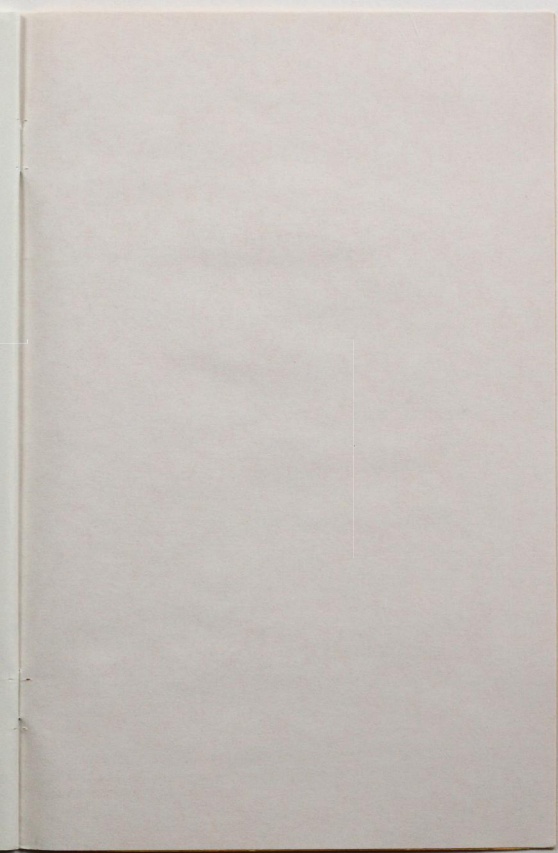
It seems to me this all points to a group that is truly committed, is eager and raring to go; one that will form a chapter that will rise to claim a solid position in the fraternity. I applaud the leaders in this effort so far.

I will cast my one vote (the pledge won't allow me to stuff the ballot box!) for the change of U.Va. Colony of Theta Tau into the full status of Pi Chapter of Theta Tau - University of Virginia. This reinstated chapter should grow and prosper and become a strong force for turning out mature and well rounded engineers in the future.

In H & T,

*Stuart Talbot*  
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Arthur H. Talbot  
Grand Master





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