Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Petition for Chapter Status



Virginia Tech Colony of Theta Tau

318 Pheasant Run Ct.

Blacksburg, VA 24060

Fall 2009



Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Petition for Chapter Status



Virginia Tech Colony of Theta Tau

318 Pheasant Run Ct.

Blacksburg, VA 24060

Fall 2009

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Letter from the Regent	. 3
History of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	4
Engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	7
History of the Virginia Tech Colony of Theta Tau	9
Current Executive Officers	12
Current Chairmen	13
Brothers	14
Professional Development	28
Volunteer Work	30
Social Events	31
Founding Fathers	33
Final Statement and Signatures	34
Letters of Recommendation	39

1

November 2, 2009

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

Dear Mr. Abraham:

Greetings from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Colony of Theta Tau. In 2006, a group of engineering students who had met that previous summer dreamed of a way to not only keep their friendship strong, but also to encourage professional growth in engineering. The result was an organization that has expanded considerably from the dreams of its fourteen founding fathers. Since our birth as a colony on March 24, 2007, we have strived to create an association that embodies the spirit of Theta Tau.

We have carved an honorable name for ourselves on campus through various career fairs and organization showcases and by participating in community service activities such as Relay for Life and The Big Event. For our brothers we host regular professional development and social events. Over the past two years, we engaged in time management, goal-setting, and resume workshops and fostered brotherhood by starting movie nights and game tournaments. We also participate regularly in campus intramural sports. To promote a sense of family with our brothers outside of our colony, we visited our brothers at the Kappa Gamma chapter of Virginia Commonwealth University, attended the 2008 National Conference in Washington, D.C., and hosted the 2008 Atlantic Regional Conference one year ago. In the future, we hope to obtain a permanent headquarters or chapter house to further this sense of brotherhood.

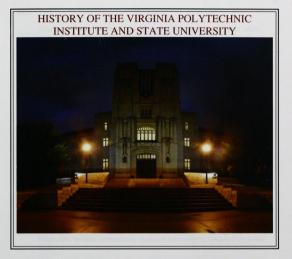
Due to our constant presence and spirit, we've grown to fifty-five active members with a current pledge class of ten. We are a close-knit group despite our large number. Each of our members has dedicated large amounts of time and has invested much of his or her self to build an organization whose future is exceptionally bright. I am extremely proud to be a part of this and I am very excited about where we are heading. It is our hope that you will recognize our commitment and achievements by viewing this petition in a favorable light.

Sincerely,

than Johnso

Kara Johnson, Regent Virginia Tech Colony, '09





1851

Olin and Preston Institute established, a Methodist academy

1862

Morrill Land Grant Act passed by Congress. Much debate takes place over the next few years as to which school would receive the money. Many schools claimed the money, and a multitude of options were taken into consideration. Since the Olin and Preston Institute was struggling financially, its representatives asked Senator John E. Penn, who represented the Blacksburg District, for the grant. Penn agreed to give them the money under the terms that the institute reorganized itself into an agricultural and mechanical college. 1872

After many years, Penn finally gained support in getting the bill passed which gave one-third of the money to Hampton Normal and Industrial Institute for blacks, and two-thirds to the Olin and Preston Institute. Governor Walker signed the bill on March 19, and the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College was born.

1875

Twelve students are awarded three-year diplomas

Alumni Association is established

1886

The legislature establishes the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station at VAMC

1891

Athletic Association is established

1892

Beginnings of intercollegiate football

1896

A change of name to Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute (immediately shortened informally to Virginia Polytechnic Institute)

VPI motto adopted: "Ut Prosim" ("That I May Serve")

New school colors-Chicago maroon and burnt orange

1907

Entrance to VPI in 1907 (The Preston and Olin Building)

1921

University president Julian Ashby Burruss convinces the board of visitors to permit white women to enroll at VPI, and five full-time women students do so

1936-40

The completion of massive new construction (of what would later be named Burruss Hall, Squires, Eggleston, Owens, Smyth, Hutcheson, Hillcrest, Holden, and other buildings), financed in large part by New Deal programs, transforms the VPI campus

1947-48

Enrollment first tops 5,000, propelled by the GI Bill

1953

Irving L. Peddrew III enrolls as Tech's first African American student (and the first black undergraduate at a white land-grant school in the former Confederate South)

Betty Delores Stough, Tech's first female Ph.D., in parasitology

1960

War Memorial Chapel is completed to honor the fallen VPI soldiers of World War II-and later of all wars

1966

Six black women enroll at VPI

1970

New name: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Bachelor's degrees first top 2,000

1972

BOV approves recognized sorority-fraternity system

1983

Blacksburg bus system begins operation, reflecting the much larger numbers of students living off-campus First on-campus fraternity-sorority houses completed

1997-98

Virginia Tech, land-grant university and research institution, celebrates its 125th anniversary

ENGINEERING AT VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

Virginia Tech's College of Engineering is comprehensive. We are the home to a fourteen departments with some 300 faculty, 5,500 undergraduate majors, and almost 2,000 graduate students. We have a strong reputation among our peers, and one reason is our innovative leadership in engineering education. In 1984 we became the first public institution to require our entering engineering students to own desktop computers. In 2003, the computer requirement was changed from a desktop to a laptop, leading to many innovations in classroom instruction and team projects. Beginning with the freshman class of 2006, engineering students are required to own Tablet PCs. Our students and faculty have been taking great advantage of the Tablet PC's many advanced teaching features such as the ability to receive a copy of the instructor's notes, including in-class electronic ink annotations.

Our Engineering Education research program was featured along with Purdue's in the ASEE Prism Summer 2006 edition.

We are constantly exploring the frontiers of computer technology in education. You may have heard of Virginia Tech's Math Emporium or System X, one of the top 15 fastest supercomputers in the world, and the first such computer to run at speeds faster than 10 teraflops.

Integrating concepts of green engineering into our curriculum started more than a dozen years ago when only a handful of engineering colleges in the country (public or private) included aspects of sustainable engineering in coursework.

Virginia Tech student teams participate in many exciting design competitions and we tend to do extremely well. For example, the Virginia Tech aerospace and ocean engineering students have won more aircraft, spacecraft and ship design awards than any other students in the country at the international group design competitions sponsored by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, major aerospace industries, and the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. For three years in a row, a team of Virginia Tech engineering students won first place in the national Material Handling Student Design Competition for their design of an industrial facility. Sponsored by the College-Industry Council on Material Handling Education and *Modern Materials Handling* magazine, the competition challenges students to solve a case-study facility design problem in only five weeks.

Instead of starting a bioengineering department, we've hit on a very powerful and innovative way to engage in the fields of bioengineering and biotechnology. About four years ago, we established a joint School of Biomedical Engineering and Sciences with Wake Forest University, which has a premier medical facility. The school offers MS and Ph.D degrees.

Virginia Tech is part of a consortium of schools creating the National Institute of Aerospace (NIA), a major research and education collaboration supported by NASA through the Langley Research Center in Hampton. Other members of the consortium are University of Virginia, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Foundation, Georgia Tech, North Carolina State University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, and University of Maryland-College Park. Enrolled students may take classes from any of the participating universities.

Here on campus we're building the Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science (ICTAS) targeted to become a major, nationally prominent "home" for high-end, interdisciplinary research in the physical and engineering sciences. The first ICTAS building will open in 2007. Academic programs and research focus areas are being assembled in temporary space in the interim.

U.S. News & World Report typically ranks our undergraduate programs between 5th and 15th among all accredited engineering schools, and in the Top 10 among those at public universities.

Among the great polytechnics of the US, an impressive list with schools such as MIT, Caltech, Georgia Tech, and RPI, known for their depth and breadth of technical education, Virginia Tech ranks in the top five.

This is only a few of the many exciting things going on in our college of engineering and on our campus.



August September 7, 2006 marked the first meeting of Theta Tau Delta and the birth of a fellowship that will last its members for the rest of their lives. A group of young people aspiring to become engineers in their first year at Virginia Tech came together to establish a support group and to develop a lasting bond. As word spread more members were found and accepted into the group.

As a group we were fortunate to receive the help and support from many. First of all our group had the privilege of hosting Mr. Michael T. Abraham in September 2006. He helped to guide us along the path that we would need to follow in order to become the next colony of Theta Tau. This was an amazing opportunity and we were very appreciative.

The Kappa Gamma chapter was also been an indispensable asset in the progress of our young group. They went out of their way to provide information and guidance, aside from multiple trips to our campus to visit and encourage us. Since that time, we have returned the favor by paying them a visit at their institution. We hope to do this many more times in the future.

We immediately began to organize more social, professional, and philanthropy events to raise campus awareness of Theta Tau. Also, we were preparing the frameworks to provide brothers with support during their process of becoming full fledged engineers. Although we had been together just a few short months, our combined efforts had made the goal of colony and chapter status a possibility.

On March 24, 2007, all of our work was proven its worth when we were initiated as an official colony of Theta Tau. Gratitude, excitement, pride, and joy were just a few of the many emotions we were feeling that day. Following that day, we have only continued to work harder and grow as a group.

Shortly after the sixteen founding fathers were initiated, the colony was expanded by the addition of the Rizzo Class. Although only two members, it was the beginning of something great. Then the fall of 2007, the Garrison Class was added to the prestigious group. With six members in this group, the improvement was very apparent. Because we were such a new organization, there was so much upon which we had to improve. Our greatest strength at this time was realizing this and striving to make those improvements. In the spring of 2008, our colony went on to add another pledge class, the Valeri Class. With five members, this was a very impressive pledge class with its participation and determination.

With each passing semester, there were so many lessons learned and knowledge gained. As a result of our hard work and determination, word about Theta Tau has begun to spread around our campus. This was evident in the fall 2008 semester when we had a very large number of students interested in joining. We went on to have a pledge class of fifteen members. This is a very exciting time for us not only because of the number of interested students but also because of the potential our most recent pledge classes, the Faucher and Dowden Classes. They have shown great enthusiasm and worked very hard to earn the respect of the brothers. Several of them have already assumed chair positions in the short time they have been brothers.

Through all of this, we have grown in a multitude of other ways. We have become more involved in community service and other philanthropic activities. We have grown professionally with the professional development events we have held. We have become involved in intramural sports on campus. On top of it all, we matured incredibly and grown much closer as a group. Because of all this, we now feel that we are ready to become an official chapter of Theta Tau.

Inerentry:

CURRENT EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Regent Kara Johnson

Vice Regent Matthew James

Corresponding Secretary John Draminksi

<u>Scribe</u> Stephen Valeri

<u>Treasurer</u> Angela Walker Fundralser

Stephanic Briteon

Sindant's

Michael Henley

Append Reper

Dag Rizz

Athletics Stephon Voleti

CURRENT CHAIRMEN

<u>Pledge Director</u> Mallory Barkdull

Î

Professional Development Matthew Dowden

Rush Ashley Faucher

Petition Alex Tucker

Event Planning Kimberly Wenger

Community Service Tricia Middleton

Publicity Abby Watson Webmaster Matthew Dowden

Brotherhood Anneke Nelson

Fundraiser Stephanie Butron

Academics Michael Henley

Annual Report Dan Rizzo

Athletics Stephen Valeri

BROTHERS



Name: Daniel W. Rizzo Hometown: Buffalo, NY Class: Founding Class, 2010 Major: Civil Engineering E-mail: <u>danrizzo@vt.edu</u>



Name: Kevin L. Garrison Hometown: Bridgeton, NJ Class: Founding Class, 2010 Major: Mechanical Engineering E-mail: kg5kg@vt.edu



Name: Ashley E. Faucher Hometown: Winchester, VA Class: Founding Class, 2010 Major: Industrial Systems Engineering E-mail: <u>afaucher@vt.edu</u>



Name: Stephen M. Valeri Hometown: Bridgeton, NJ Class: Founding Class, 2010 Major: Civil Engineering E-mail: svaleri@vt.edu



Name: Matthew R. Dowden Hometown: Falls Church, VA Class: Founding Class, 2010 Major: Mechanical Engineering E-mail: <u>dowdenm@vt.edu</u>



Name: John J. Draminski Hometown: Lansing, MI Class: Founding Class, 2010 Major: Civil Engineering E-mail: <u>minski@vt.edu</u>



Name: Alex M. Tucker Hometown: Pennington Gap, VA Class: Founding Class Major: Biological Systems Engineering E-mail: altuck@vt.edu



Name: Dominic A. Liss Hometown: Birmingham, MI Class: Founding Class, 2010 Major: Chemical Engineering E-mail: liss@vt.edu



Name: Patrick H. Drury Hometown: Alexandria, VA Class: Founding Class, Transfer to U.S. Naval Academy, 2011 Major: Ocean Engineering E-mail: <u>pdrury@vt.edu</u>



Name: Jason M. Zengulis Hometown: King George, VA Class: Founding Class, 2010 Major: General Engineering E-mail: <u>zengulis@vt.edu</u>



Name: Matthew R. Clark Hometown: Woolford, MD Class: Founding Class, 2010 Major: General Engineering E-mail: <u>mrclark@vt.edu</u>



Name: Jos Barna Hometown: Mooresville, NC Class: Founding Class, 2010 Major: Civil Engineering E-mail: josbarna@vt.edu



Name: Rick Salaverria Hometown: Somers, NY Class: Founding Class, 2011 Major: Computer Science E-mail: <u>rds181@vt.edu</u>



Name: Kimberly Wenger Hometown: Jacksonville, FL Class: Rizzo Class, 2010 Major: Mechanical Engineering E-mail: kawenger@vt.edu



Name: Caitlin McManus Hometown: Fairfax, VA Class: Rizzo Class, 2010 Major: Chemical Engineering E-mail: <u>cmcma06e@vt.edu</u>



Name: Brittany A. Barnes Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA Class: Garrison Class, 2011 Major: Chemical Engineering E-mail: <u>babarnes@vt.edu</u>



Name: Al Cavitt Hometown: Ticker, GA Class: Garrison Class, 2010 Major: Civil Engineering E-mail: <u>wacavitt@vt.edu</u>



Name: Matt W. James Hometown: Severna Park, MD Class: Garrison Class, 2011 Major: Electrical Engineering E-mail: <u>mjames11@vt.edu</u>



Name: Jeannie Hofmeister Hometown: Ridge, MD Class: Garrison Class, 2011 Major: Civil Engineering E-mail: jhofm07@vt.edu



Name: Kara A. Johnson Hometown: Spotsylvania, VA Class: Garrison Class, 2011 Major: Electrical Engineering E-mail: kjohn89@vt.edu



Name: Angela D. Walker Hometown: Philadelphia, PA Class: Garrison Class, 2011 Major: Mechanical Engineering E-mail: <u>awalk07@vt.edu</u>



Name: Brett Heim Hometown: Mechanicsville, VA Class: Valeri Class, 2010 Major: Civil and Environmental Engineering E-mail: <u>bjheim06@vt.edu</u>



Name: Mallory Barkdull Hometown: Midlothian, VA Class: Valeri Class, 2011 Major: Civil and Environmental Engineering E-mail: mbarkdu@vt.edu



Name: Lindsay Hockensmith Hometown: Jamestown, KY Class: Valeri Class, 2010 Major: Materials Science and Engineering E-mail: <u>Ihock@vt.edu</u>



Name: Paul Melin Hometown: San Diego, CA Class: Valeri Class, 2010 Major: Civil and Environmental Engineering E-mail: <u>pmelin@vt.edu</u>



Name: David Bae Hometown: Fairfax, VA Class: Faucher Class, 2011 Major: Civil Engineering E-mail: <u>dbae@vt.edu</u>



Name: Nick Polliard Hometown: Westminster, MD Class: Valeri Class, 2011 Major: Electrical Engineering E-mail: polliard@vt.edu



Name: Michael Henley Hometown: Poquoson, VA Class: Faucher Class, 2010 Major: Aerospace Engineering E-mail: <u>cmhenley@vt.edu</u>



Name: Allison Hoyt Hometown: Boyds, MD Class: Faucher Class, 2011 Major: Mining and Minerals Engineering E-mail: <u>ahoyt@vt.edu</u>



Name: Erin Mazza Hometown: Northport, NY Class: Faucher Class, 2011 Major: Electrical Engineering E-mail: <u>emazza@vt.edu</u>



Name: Marwan Mahmoud Hometown: Alexandria, Egypt Class: Faucher Class, 2010 Major: Civil Engineering E-mail: <u>mahmoudm@vt.edu</u>



Name: Julia Michel Hometown: Fairview Park, OH Class: Faucher Class, 2012 Major: Aerospace Engineering E-mail: juliagm@vt.edu



Name: Leemay Nassery Hometown: Fairfax, VA Class: Faucher Class, 2011 Major: Computer Science E-mail: <u>leemin11@vt.edu</u>



Name: Joseph Taylor Hometown: Chesterfield, VA Class: Faucher Class, 2011 Major: Computer Science E-mail: joseph.taylor2007@vt.edu



Name: Brandon Smith Hometown: Jacksonville, FL Class: Faucher Class, 2010 Major: Computer Engineering E-mail: <u>bsmith04@vt.edu</u>



Name: Koray Tosunoglu Hometown: Izmir, Turkey Class: Faucher Class, 2011 Major: Biological Systems Engineering E-mail: <u>korayt@vt.edu</u>



Name: Katelyn Waldeisen Hometown: Davidson, NC Class: Faucher Class, 2012 Major: Engineering Science and Mechanics E-mail: kmwald@vt.edu



Name: Rebecca Zapata Hometown: Arlington, VA Class: Faucher Class, 2011 Major: Engineering Science and Mechanics E-mail: <u>rgzapata@vt.edu</u>



Name: Kenzie Welch Hometown: Pittsford, NY Class: Faucher Class, 2011 Major: General Engineering E-mail: <u>kenzie@vt.edu</u>



Name: Benjamin Anderson Hometown: Chesapeake, VA Class: Dowden Class, 2011 Major: Civil Engineering E-mail: <u>croft920@vt.edu</u>





Name: Vivian Bui Hometown: Mclean, VA Class: Dowden Class, 2012 Major: Biological Systems Engineering E-mail: <u>vivbui@vt.edu</u> Name: Natalie Forella Hometown: Annadale, VA Class: Dowden Class, 2010 Major: Mechanical Engineering E-mail: <u>natcfor@vt.edu</u>



Name: Stephanie Butron Hometown: Springfield, VA Class: Dowden Class, 2012 Major: Aerospace Engineering E-mail: sbutron@vt.edu



Name: Angie Foy Hometown: Roanoke, VA Class: Dowden Class, 2012 Major: Chemical Engineering E-mail: angie27@vt.edu



Name: Brian Graeser Hometown: Dayton, OH Class: Dowden Class, 2011 Major: Chemical Engineering E-mail: <u>bgraeser@vt.edu</u>



Name: Patricia Middleton Hometown: New Orleans, LA Class: Dowden Class, 2012 Major: Ocean and Aerospace Engineering E-mail: <u>pmiddleton@vt.edu</u>



Name: Brendon Kargl Hometown: Hebron, CT Class: Dowden Class, 2012 Major: Mechanical Engineering E-mail: <u>bkargl79@vt.edu</u>



Name: Anneke Nelson Hometown: Lexington, VA Class: Dowden Class, 2012 Major: General Engineering E-mail: <u>aknelson@vt.edu</u>



Name: Katie Reekes Hometown: Blackstone, VA Class: Dowden Class, 2012 Major: General Engineering E-mail: <u>katie02@vt.edu</u>



Name: Melinda Stallings Hometown: Smithfield, VA Class: Dowden Class, 2012 Major: Mechanical Engineering E-mail: melin08@vt.edu



Name: Chris Stack Hometown: Montpelier, VA Class: Dowden Class, 2012 Major: Computer Engineering, Economics E-mail: <u>cstack12@vt.edu</u>



Name: Rob Starego Hometown: Bayville, NJ Class: Dowden Class, 2011 Major: Civil Engineering E-mail: <u>rstarego@vt.edu</u>



Name: Abigail Watson Hometown: Alexandria, VA Class: Dowden Class, 2012 Major: Civil Engineering E-mail: abbyw89@vt.edu

Faculty Advisor



Scott L. Hendricks 330 Norris Hall Blacksburg, VA 24061 (540) 231-7154 <u>hndrxsl@vt.edu</u>

Education B.A., Physics, University of Utah, 1974

Ph.D., Engineering Physics, University of Virginia, 1979

Interests Dynamics, Vibrations, System Identification, Hydrodynamics, Stability, Chaos

Tucker Pledge Class

Jacob Buttz Gina Cruz Vanessa Davis Shawn Furrow Ahed Gondal Chris Reddersen Chip Senkbeil Avneet Singh Nathan Thomas Matt Topping

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Workshops

Interview Workshop

Parliamentary Procedure

Resume Workshop

Self Evaluation: Personal Goals

Time Management

Preparing for Career Fairs

Professional Attire

Note-taking

Procrastination

The Final Stretch

Marketing

Summer engineering program Announcements in classrooms Setting up table on campus Information sessions Organization showcase Gobblerfest 2008







Networking

Association with other organizations

Participation in Engineering EXPO and other career fairs

Campus career center

Close ties with engineering faculty and staff



Other Professional Development

Study sessions

General meetings

Committee meetings

Creation of colony bylaws

Speaker series

Fundraisers



VOLUNTEER WORK

Community Service

Campus clean-up

Big Event

Engineering EXPO

Moving and sorting books for local middle school

Pen pals

Habitat for Humanity

Tutoring at elementary school

Clothing drive

Fundraising

Relay for Life

Fundraiser for Relay for Life

"Take it to the Max"

Date auction







SOCIAL EVENTS

Brotherhood and Bonding

Movie nights

Camping

Dodgeball

Skating/laser tag

Board game/poker nights

Visiting other chapters

Regional Conferences

National Conference

Fraternity formal

Intramural sports

"Guys Night"

Barbeques

Tailgating

Rock Band competition

Paintball

Wing Nights







Rush

Movie nights

Lunch/dinner outings

Themed parties

Visual resumes

Ice cream social

Hot cocoa info sessions

Wing nights

Scavenger hunt

Team sports

Tailgating

Super Bowl party

Bowling

Hiking







erem fielt to raits' Oricla cowy Saver Quiene, heren Carrison, Ashrey Frazene, Dommin Lina, (Socond row) Bes Jetterosto, Jos Barna, Den Nizzo, Craig Keye, Drwi Matmath, Onie Oohinnan, (Third Row) Matthew Cark, Matthew Dowden, Alex Thekar, John Grantessie, (Rearth row) Rich Salavernin, Jaron Zengulis, Partiel Dury.

FOUNDING FATHERS



"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." -Ecclesiastes 9:10

Picture taken prior to colony certification ceremony.

From left to right: (Front row) Steve Valeri, Kevin Garrison, Ashley Faucher, Dominic Liss, (Second row) Ben Jablonski, Jos Barna, Dan Rizzo, Craig Keys, Dawit Mulunch, Gabe Goldman, (Third Row) Matthew Clark, Matthew Dowden, Alex Tucker, John Draminski, (Fourth row) Rick Salaverria, Jason Zengulis, Patrick Drury. We, the members of the colony of Theta Tau at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, do hereby petition the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity for chapter status.

We, the undersigned, were all currently enrolled in the engineering department at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University at the time of initiation and have no affiliation with any organization considered to be competitive with Theta Tau.

Role # Brother

Signature

1. Daniel Rizzo

Daniel W. high

go

- 2. Kevin Garrison
- 3. Steve Valeri
- 4. Ashley Faucher

Daucher

Pathin Ander

5 Matthew Dowden

6. Alex Tucker

lex Juch

ate Ya

John Draminski

7.

- 8. Patrick Drury
- 10. Jason Zengulis

11.	Mathew Clark	Matter Dork
12.	Dominic Liss	Deminic Liss
13.	Rick Salaverria	Ruby Lalaria
15.	Jos Barna	Jos Born
17.	Caitlin McManus	Caitlin MM
18.	Kimberly Wenger	Kimbery wery
20.	Brittany Barnes	Brittany a. Bornes
21.	Al Cavitt	Minin Let
22.	Jeannie Hofmeister	Jeannie Hofmerste
23.	Mathew James	Matter from
24.	Kara Johnson	Viana John
25.	Angela Walker	Angele Wellen

Borm

633

n MMams - weng

omes

ofmenter

Im

Mallory Barkdull 26.

MallonBarkdull

27. Brett Heim

Bradebleins

- 28. Lindsay Hockensmith
- 29. Paul Melin
- 30. Nick Polliard
- 31. David Bae
- 32. Michael Henley
- 33. Allison Hoyt
- 34. Marwan Mahmoud
- 35. Erin Mazza
- 36. Julia Michel
- 37. Leemay Nassery

M Mint P Ma

Mid Pelliagel

David Ra

CM Henley

Allison Hoyt

Antrian Mahman

Ota Razzt Julla juchel L Massery.

38. Brandon Smith 39. Joseph Taylor 40. Koray Tosunoglu 41. Katelvn Waldeisen 42. Kenzie Welch 43. Rebecca Zapata 44. Benjamin Anderson 45. Vivian Bui 46. Stephanie Butron 47. Natalie Forella

BAD

Pop Roske

Horay Somple

Kattlyn Walderson

Any Mith

Melecon a Bapater

Benjemine anderhoen

ViRS Septimie Rota

ptolieforella ligh the

48. Angie Foy

49. Brian Graeser

Brendon Kargl 50.

BLCK Patricin Mildow

Pran & ling

Patricia Middleton

51.

Anneke Nelson 52.

Anneke helson Katie Rocked

53. Katie Reekes

54. Chris Stack

Chris Stock

55. Melinda Stallings

MESSELLA

56. Rob Starego

nated & Strange for alword Wassan

Abigail Watson 57.



THETA TAU

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

CENTRAL OFFICE

1011 San Jacinto, Suite 205 Austin, TX 78701 Phone: 512/472-1904 Fax: 512/472-4820 Internet: Central.Office@ThetaTau.org Web: www.ThetaTau.org

November 2, 2009

Members of Theta Tau

Dear Brothers:

I am pleased to write in support of the petition from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Colony of Theta Tau to become a Chapter of Theta Tau.

After receiving an email from Dan Rizzo in late August of 2006, I began communication with him regarding starting a chapter of Theta Tau at Virginia Tech. As soon as the school year was underway, they began diligently pursuing those goals and asked pertinent questions of the Central Office along the way. While working toward this goal, they also came to know Gabriel Goldman of Kappa Gamma chapter who is now in graduate school at Virginia Tech.

I am impressed with the enthusiasm and effort the members have shown. They have done a very good job in the recruitment of members and organization of their group, and have been a full partner in the activities of their Region and nationally. They have worked diligently to achieve important goals for a new fraternity and are fully involved in the engineering student life on campus.

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

In H and T,

Michael 1. Al. 1.

Michael T. Abraham Executive Director

October 5, 2009

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

Dear Mr. Abraham:

The student members of Theta Tau at Virginia Tech University have worked very hard over the last 2.5 years to establish the colony and to promote its growth and vibrancy. As the faculty adviser for the last year I have watched their efforts with admiration and respect. The colony has grown to the point where I can recommend that they be allowed to become a full chapter in Theta Tau.

Virginia Tech has the largest population of student engineers in the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is past time for us to have a chapter of Theta Tau. I am confident that the engineering students at Virginia Tech have the fortitude and determination needed to promote and grow the chapter. The leadership, organizational and social opportunities that Theta Tau will provide to our engineering students will reap many dividends as our students go into the world to serve in many capacities within the engineering engineering students go into the world to serve in many capacities within the engineering engineering students go into the world to serve in many capacities within the engineering engineering students go in the serve in many capacities within the engineering engineering students go in the world to serve in many capacities within the engineering engineering students go in the serve in many capacities within the engineering community.

These students have the full support of the faculty at Virginia Tech and I encourage you to look favorably on their application.

Sincerely,

Sent & Hendrich

Scott L. Hendricks Associate Professor Engineering Science and Mechanics Virginia Tech University Blacksburg, VA 24061

THETA TAU

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

KAPPA GAMMA CHAPTER

stuart.kardian@thetatau.org

September 9, 2009

Dear Brothers of Theta Tau:

I am honored to write in support of the petition from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Colony of Theta Tau to become a Chapter of Theta Tau.

When I first heard about a colony of Theta Tau forming at Virginia Tech, a flashback of memories flooded my mind reminding me of vivid late night conversations held amongst the thinkers and dreamers of my Chapter. Every idea, every goal, every escance of Brotherhood that we imagined, this group has met and far exceeded. I have seen this group grow from a small band of young engineers, to one of the strongest and largest groups within the Atlantic Region.

During the Fall of 2008, the Virginia Tech Colony volunteered, and hosted an incredibly successful Atlantic Regional Conference with over one hundred Brothers in attendance. They truly set the stage, as each Regionals since has continued to grow and build upon the foundations set by our Colony Brothers.

This group is already a valuable asset to Theta Tau, and I recommend you approve their petition for Chapter status.

In H and T,

Street Karaling

Stuart Kardian, Atlantic Regional Director KF 37 XX! YY! WW!

THETA TAU

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

KAPPA GAMMA CHAPTER

William.C.Kerr.Jr@gmail.com (703) 967-9809

September 15, 2009

Dear Brothers,

I write to you today in support of the Chapter Petition put forth by the Colony of Theta Tau at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

As a member of $K\Gamma$ it has been our pleasure to visit the Virginia Tech Colony on several occasions. On each visit I have noted their continuous improvement in all areas with special emphasis on Rushing. Even at this early stage, they have been able to continually out-recruit their primary rival, AOE, with an effective and evolving rush program. Their emphasis on this critical area has allowed them to expand their colony to a respectable 54 members, which puts them as one of the largest Θ T entities in the Atlantic Region. The ability to identify success paths and align their organization to support such plans, is another of the Colony's strong suits.

Virginia Tech Colony members are a group of driven individuals bonded together by an intense desire to succeed. It is this desire that keeps them actively seeking ways to improve. Regionals, in Fall 2008, was hosted by the Colony and provided a test of their maturing organizational skills. By volunteering for this event, they announced to the Region that they had the guts to throw-down in one of the most highly visible forums possible. By succeeding at this event, they impressed the Atlantic Chapters and stepped one stage closer to the ultimate goal of obtaining Chapter status.

Today we are poised with the question of allowing this Colony into the fold. Having observed them on their journey, starting even before they were a colony, I assure you these members have toiled long and hard for the honor of becoming Brothers of Theta Tau. And we would be privileged to have them.

In H and T.

Billy Kerr Kappa Gamma '08 #56 WW! XX!! ZZ! TT!



