

THE DELTA COLONY OF
THE FRATERNITY OF
PHI GAMMA DELTA AT
TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL
UNIVERSITY

Presents
A PETITION

November 15, 1980

To the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta:

We the undersigned members of the Delta Colony of the fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta at Tennessee Technological University, do hereby petition the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta for charter.

By this petition we pledge ourselves to continue to uphold the ideals, traditions and laws of the Fraternity, and to construct a worthy and honorable Chapter of the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta.

Respectfully submitted,

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Colony History

In March of 1979, a group of young men began discussing the possibilities of starting a new fraternity on Tech's campus. On May 3 Delta Theta Chi was officially recognized as a local fraternity. These 15 men, later to be the founders of the Delta Colony, expressed their ideals and goals in the Preamble to the original Delta Theta Chi constitution with these words: "We, the charter members of the Delta Theta Chi Fraternity, recognizing the advantages of fraternity life, have unified our various individual interests with the purpose of achieving a common goal which is sought by many, but attained by few. This goal, which consists of many facets, entails academic and athletic achievement; a willingness to serve the University and community; and a desire to instill among its members a spirit of brotherhood, which shall be passed on to all those who shall follow."

Upon local recognition, the International Headquarters of The Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta was contacted concerning possible colonization. Talks continued

throughout spring and summer. Once enough graduate support was assured, plans were made for the colonization. On September 8, the founding brothers became pledges of the Delta Colony. A house had already been found to rent and moving began.

Fifteen of seventeen bids were returned following the first rush. Fourteen of those men are now initiated Brothers of the Colony. Thirteen men were pledged winter quarter, twelve men spring quarter, and nine men this fall. Total membership as of October, 1980,

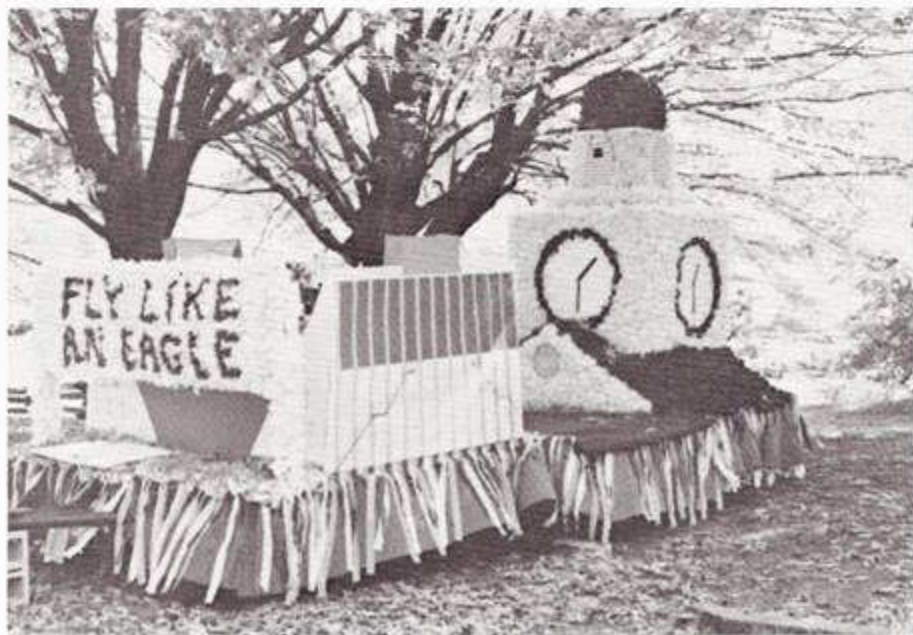
including pledges, was 51.

The Colony has always strived to be among the leaders of Tech fraternities. In our very first entry into competition we came away with a first place trophy for our homecoming float entry. This was followed up this fall with a second place award. One of the highlights of the 79-80 year was taking first place honors in All-Sing, one of the most prestigious events on the Greek calendar. Another first place was won

The fifteen founding Brothers were installed on September 8, 1979.



Below: The Colony joined with Kappa Delta to produce the winning Homecoming float in 1979. Below right: Russ Bradley '81 proudly displays the first place All-Sing trophy.



in the Alpha Delta Pi Penny Drop for charity.

To say that much hard work has gone into the building of the Delta Colony at Tennessee Tech, would be an understatement. For it has been much, much more than hard work. It has been dedication to common goals and ideals—dedication that has continued even in the midst of

problems. It is not just the fifteen founders who have contributed to the Colony, but every man who has entered into the Brotherhood.

In only a short period of time the Delta Colony at Tennessee Tech has made for itself a history of which to be proud. However, we will not rest on our laurels but continue to strive to become the best fraternity we can. The past is there to encourage us, to give us confidence, and to say "carry on" so that the future may be even brighter.

Brothers form a caterpillar in competition in Lion's Roar sponsored by Phi Mu.



Tennessee Tech

Tennessee Polytechnic Institute was established in 1915. The name was changed to Tennessee Technological University in 1965.

The University is located in Cookeville, Tennessee which is the focal point of education, business, and industry in a sixteen-county area referred to as the Upper Cumberland Region. The enrollment at Tech exceeds 8,200 and has continued to grow at a rate of two percent to five percent over the past five years.

Tennessee Tech is a modern multi-purpose university with a picturesque campus that attracts students from a wide geographic area including every county in Tennessee, nearly every state in the United States, and more than forty foreign countries.

Tech offers 39 graduate degrees and 40 undergraduate degrees including 15 pre-professional majors and teacher certifications in 33 different areas.

The Golden Eagles compete in the Ohio Valley Conference and are members of the NCAA. Athletic facilities include Overall Field-Tucker Stadium which seats 16,500 for football games and the Hooper Eblen Center which seats over 10,000 for basketball games.

There are fourteen fraternities and five sororities on campus.

A history is only an outline of our fraternity. In the following four pages we present you with

A Closer Look

Athletics

Athletics are an important part of Tech's Greek System. The Colony was only the second new team to enter the Interfraternity Council League in many years and was faced with the challenge of competing with well established fraternity teams.

In our first year we drew closer as brothers through being teammates and also developed a die hard quality which won the respect of our

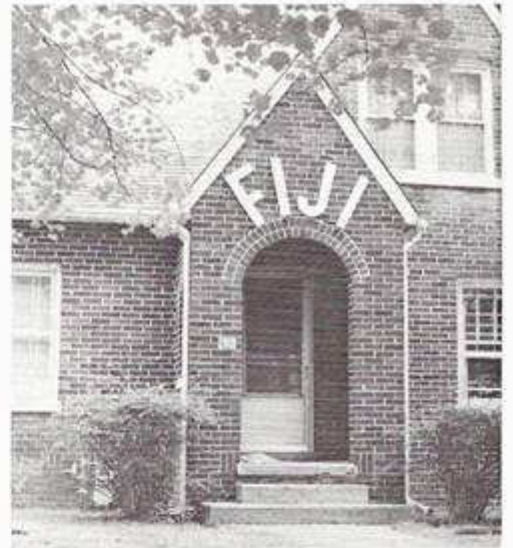
The fraternity shows spirit at the 1979 Homecoming bonfire.



Finances

The Colony believes in upholding the financial responsibilities of the fraternity in order to promote a smooth and effective financial management operation. Several rules

and regulations pertaining to financial responsibility and operation have been adopted. For example, a Brother's failure to pay his bill within two billing periods results in the loss of house, social, and intramural privileges. The Colony was the surprise of the league by finishing in the upper half in every sport. The year was highlighted by a second place finish in wrestling, in which five brothers won their weight class, and two fourth place finishes in golf and track. The basketball and softball teams were also very successful as both finished only one game away from qualifying for the fraternity play-offs. The fraternity's year long effort gave the Colony a fourth place finish in All-Sports out of 14 fraternities.



The fraternity house is located only a few blocks from campus.

Mark Midgett '82 and Alan Parrish '82 cut the pig at the Norris Pig Dinner.





The 1980 softball team finished third place in the division.

Daniel Ray '81 and Purple Legionaire Jack Lepp (Illinois '41) talk during a fall 1981 rush party.

Graduate Relations

Although the Delta Colony's Graduate Relations Committee has only been in existence for a little more than a year, it has strived to meet the goals of building a stronger relationship between the colony's undergraduate members and graduate brothers in the area. Last Spring, the Colony hosted its first Pig Dinner in Nashville. The traditional banquet was a success with both graduates and

brothers in attendance.

Also the Colony has published two issues of its newsletter, "The Golden Eagle Fiji." These duties along with the continuing responsibilities of the Graduate Relations Committee keep the Colony working for the eternal bond of brotherhood between graduate and undergraduate members.



Housing

The most visible sign of Fiji pride on the Tech campus is our house. We believe very strongly that the house is not just a meeting place, but rather a place where anybody can come anytime and see the brotherhood of our colony.

We presently have space for eight brothers to live in the house with rent being approximately equal to that of the dorms. Members of the colony are asked to pay a quarterly parlor fee to help with the upkeep of the house. All rules concerning the house are

determined and enforced by the house manager and the house committee. Due to our growth, we already are beginning to feel the need for a bigger house and have begun to take steps towards possibly moving to a larger place.

Pledge Education

Our Pledge Education Committee consists of the chairman and five committee members with each member being responsible for a separate portion of the program. We feel this program gives the pledge an opportunity to receive one-on-one counseling or tutoring in regard to the Fraternity.

The requirements for fulfilling the pledge period are: pass all written exams, complete a Pledge class service project, a Pledge class fund raising project, and a brotherhood project, daily house duties, and maintain a scholastic average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Each week the pledge class attends a two hour study hall that is proctored by four Brothers. This is an attempt to get each Brother involved with the pledges on an individual basis.

Each member of the committee is responsible for the uniqueness and effectiveness of the program. Individual committee members' responsibilities include: supervision of

Todd Arrants '83, Tom Carter '82, and Daniel Ray '81 converse with a guest at Island Night during Fall Rush '81.



Spring 1980 pledge class.

all projects, the Big Brother program, Fraternity information and special speakers, and the study hall and work duties. It is the responsibility of the chairman to be sure the program is run responsibly and that the Colony is

kept informed on the advancement of each pledge.

Rush

Rush week at Tech is very unstructured. There is no registration and very few rules; because of this we rely heavily on personal on-campus contact to attract rushees.

Rush week is four nights long. On the first two nights we have informal "make sure you get to know everybody" type parties. On the third night we have an island party and on the final night a formal presentation which features a slide show. The officers and the rush chairman make a short presentation in an attempt to answer any questions about time, money, responsibilities, hazing, local or national history, and the future of our Fraternity.

The rush committee is composed of five members, each of whom is responsible for a certain area of activity during the week. There is a party chairman and a committee of approximately ten brothers for each of the four nights so that every brother shares in the week's responsibilities and still has time to devote to his studies.

Scholarship

The Colony finished first both winter and spring quarter in scholarship among Tech fraternities.

A required study hall for all pledges and for brothers on academic probation, as well as a rule prohibiting

participation in intramurals and week night social events when grades fall below the Fraternity requirements are two programs which reflect the Colony's dedication to scholarship.

Jeff Garr '81, Jack Southerland '81, Russ Bradley '81, Randy Wilmore '81, and Lee Wray '81.

Service Projects

In the area of service, we have participated in fund raising projects for the Heart Fund, Project Hope, and Ronald McDonald House. During winter quarter the Colony took on the responsibility of helping a senior citizen in the Cookeville area who was without electricity. Some of our brothers cut and stored wood for him for the winter. In University related projects the Fraternity has served as ushers at University art exhibits and have acted as line judges during the State Collegiate Women's Volleyball Tournament.

The biggest social service on campus is a 52 hour dance marathon for muscular dystrophy. Five brothers danced all 52 hours and one served as the disc jockey for the entire time. The rest of our brothers worked as security



guards. Our total of \$800.00 raised ranked fourth among all the groups participating in the dance.

Jeff Garr '81 enjoys himself at the St. Valentine's Day Massacre Party.

Social

Social events have produced many memorable occasions. The titles may change but the theme is always the same, "Friendship and Hospitality."

Realizing the need for cooperation between fraternities and sororities, many activities have been held with our Greek sisters. These have included a Pajama party with Phi Mu, a cookout with Kappa Delta, a Beach party with Delta Gamma, and Thanksgiving dinner with Zeta Tau Alpha.

Fall brings parties on the weekends on home football games, with Homecoming being the highlight.

Theme parties are always popular.

Mystery Dates, St. Valentine's Day Massacre, Halloween, and Fiji Cowboy have added variety to the social calendar.

Spring '80 featured the biggest party of the year, Fiji Island.





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October 21, 1980

Mr. William S. Zeman
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Dear Mr. Zeman:

The Phi Gamma Delta organization on this campus is exemplary in terms of the outstanding student leaders who are serving as officers and also in terms of the objectives and programs of the organization. There are no finer young men on campus than those who have worked to organize this new fraternity. I support with enthusiasm the efforts of the officers and members to be chartered by the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. Without question, if a charter is granted, you and your fellow national officers will be proud of your decision.

Sincerely yours,

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF MEN

October 8, 1980

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To the Archons:

It is my pleasure to recommend the colony of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity here at Tennessee Technological University for full charter status. The men are of fine character and integrity.

The colony is especially well organized and competitive. The men participate in all facets of University activity. Throughout their colonization period they have made a most positive contribution to the pride and spirit of Tennessee Tech. The colony adds a unique dimension to student life on our campus. As a result they have made a difference in the quality of student life in the Tech community.

They will be of great value on the Tennessee Technological University's campus as a full chapter of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity.

Sincerely,

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October 9, 1980

Mr. William S. Zeman
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Dear Mr. Zeman:

It has been my privilege to observe the accomplishments of the Delta colony of Phi Gamma Delta. From a nucleus of students characterized by high qualities of leadership and scholarship, the colony has grown in size while maintaining its tradition of excellence.

The colony of Phi Gamma Delta has from the beginning melded its mission with the mission of the University. It has attracted high-quality students who individually and collectively reflect the highest ideals of a brotherhood and who commit themselves to the attributes of model collegians. They have served their brothers; they have served their fellow students; they have served their University; and they have served the community. They do not wait to be asked but rather seek out ways in which they can be helpful.

It is my honor to have the opportunity of highly recommending these men who compose the Delta colony of Phi Gamma Delta on the campus of Tennessee Technological University. Never has a colony been more ready or more deserving of a charter. We heartily support its being granted.

Most sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Zeman:

The Interfraternity Council here at Tennessee Tech has experienced considerable growth in the past two years through the addition of five member chapters. Through this expansion rose the challenge of competing with new and existing fraternities in growth and quality. The Delta Colony of Phi Gamma Delta has met that challenge with successful rushes and an impressive record in campus participation. Their contributions to our Greek system range from success in school programs and sports to scholarship and student leadership.

It has been my privilege to work with these young men, noticing those personal factors that help them achieve their goals. Through these factors I have no reservations in recommending that the Delta Colony gain their charter, becoming a chapter of Phi Gamma Delta National Fraternity.

Sincerely,

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