

January 24, 1963

Mr. Robert Miller  
Executive Secretary  
Phi Delta Theta Fraternity  
2 South Campus  
Oxford, Ohio

Dear Mr. Miller:

On January 21, 1963, we were privileged to make the acquaintance of Mr. Verlin Jenkins, President of Phi Delta Theta's Sigma Province.

Early in the day, Mr. Jenkins was greeted by our Faculty Advisor, Mr. Gerald Cummings, a Phi Delta Theta alumnus who introduced him to Dean Charles Tutt and took him on a tour of the Institute. During the afternoon, Mr. Robert Stanley, Advisor to the I. F. Council, provided him with further information about the Institute and our fraternities.

After dinner with us, Mr. Jenkins spoke to the brothers and pledges and conducted a question and answer session at our request.

We were delighted to have this opportunity to make the acquaintance of Mr. Jenkins, and to find out from him how to proceed toward affiliation with Phi Delta Theta. This has been our goal from the beginning when we learned that the Institute would apply for accreditation, thus making it possible for NIC fraternities to locate here.

We know that a national fraternity would be greatly to our advantage in terms of the broader brotherhood it offers, the aid in pledge training, rushing, and the prestige of a well-known organization.

When the Secretaries of the National Fraternities began their visits to the Institute at the invitation of our I. F. Council, we talked to several of them in order to make comparisons with what we had already learned about Phi Delta Theta through Mr. Cummings and other sources. The conclusions we reached supported our original desire to petition Phi Delta Theta for affiliation.

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Specifically, we are convinced that Phi Delta Theta displays a deep interest in the welfare and improvement of its chapters rather than a superficial desire to increase their number. We found ideals similar to the ones we established and have maintained over the thirty-three years of our existence, a history and tradition with which we wish to be associated, and an enviable reputation exemplified by the comments of people from other nationals, our friends at home and our working associates.

For these reasons, and many others, we would like to be permitted to make a formal petition to Phi Delta Theta for a charter.

Although we realize that we have a lot to learn about fraternism and all that it implies as practiced by a national fraternity such as Phi Delta Theta, we also feel that we can bring to you certain strengths which may not always be present in the local group which petitions you for affiliation.

Having existed as a fraternity for thirty-three years, we offer you a strong alumni group, many of them in positions of prominence in the engineering profession. We are financially sound, ready to move into a new home which will be paid for in twenty years without outside assistance. We have a record of success in campus politics, athletics and scholarship, a good reputation socially and in the community.

These strengths, as you know, are not accomplished without teamwork, leadership and the cooperation we have received from our Advisor, Mr. Cummings, and a very favorable attitude toward fraternities by the General Motors Institute Faculty and Administration.

We feel confident that we can become a Chapter of which Phi Delta Theta will be proud.

Fraternally,



Frederick W. Pencek, President  
Alpha Delta Fraternity

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cc: Mr. G. H. Cummings  
Mr. V. P. Jenkins  
Mr. R. H. Stanley