

THETA CHI FRATERNITY
GAMMA ETA CHAPTER
ALUMNI CORPORATION



December 4, 2008

Brothers of the Grand Chapter and International Headquarters:

We, the alumni of Gamma Eta Chapter write to you today on behalf of ourselves and the men of the Gamma Eta Colony. Gamma Eta has a fondly remembered history at Bucknell University and we believe the men of today's Colony are continuing in our best traditions. We appreciate the efforts made by both the Grand Chapter and the International Headquarters Staff to help us keep these traditions alive and strong. We are also very proud of the progress made by the men of the Colony. We have watched them grow from a group of strangers, to a thriving Interest Group of like minded individuals, to a Colony of brothers. Our only regret in this process is that we have not been allowed the honor of fully welcoming these fine young men as our full and rightful Brothers.

It is our belief that the men of Gamma Eta Colony live the lives of true Theta Chi men. They have studied our history, learned our traditions, embraced our ideals, and grown into a family. Their efforts in academics, philanthropy, community service, and Alumni relations should be inspiration for all active Chapters and Colonies. We have read with great pride of some of their accomplishments in several issues of *The Rattle*, and are happy to know that Brothers around the world now know some of what these men have done. We have even heard of the Colony being singled out at Conferences as an example to strive for.

However, we are truly dismayed that the Colony appears to be judged on its membership numbers alone. We believe that this is an affront to the very core values of our Fraternity. We firmly believe that a Chapter, Colony, or Interest Group should not be judged on the quantity of its members, but on the quality of the men who have given themselves to Theta Chi.

The Colony has been very successful in all of its efforts, save for reaching an arbitrary head count. The men of Gamma Eta Colony are leaders among their peers at Bucknell University. They are accomplished students, artists, and athletes. They put their University before their Fraternity, and their Fraternity before themselves. The alumni have witnessed this throughout the past few years and believe that it is a group like this, no matter how small, that will make Theta Chi a positive influence on Bucknell University and the community at large.

We hereby demand that the Grand Chapter immediately consider Gamma Eta Colony for full re-installation and grant these men their well deserved Brotherhood, Charter, and Ritual.

Yours in Brotherhood, very sincerely,
Gamma Eta Chapter Alumni Corporation

Joseph Rusiewicz ('07) – President

Austin Ziltz ('08) - Vice President

Jon Mallonee ('01) – Secretary

Eric Schoonmaker ('01) – Treasurer

Encl: Signatures of Support – Gamma Eta Alumni and Friends

Gentlemen of the Grand Chapter and International Headquarters:

As an alumnus or friend of Gamma Eta Chapter, I write to you today on behalf of myself and the men of the Gamma Eta Colony. I fully support the position of the Gamma Eta Alumni Corporation and hereby demand that the Grand Chapter immediately consider Gamma Eta Colony for full re-installation and grant these men their well deserved Brotherhood, Charter, and Ritual.

Sincerely,

Signature

Date

Name, year, position, etc.