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From the President

It is with great optimism and eagerness that I accept the responsibilities of being your new House Corporation President. First let me thank James Ahrens '90, our past House Corporation President on the thankless and endless job he has performed over the past 4 years. Under his guidance and his tutelage, the House Corporation has gained new respect. James, thank you for all you have done for Eta Iota.

I'd also like to recognize Spencer Smith '93 for his dedication to our chapter as a trustee over the past three years. Finally, to Robert Tetrault '04 who has stepped down as the HC secretary to focus more attention to the undergraduate chapter as he continues to be our assistant chapter advisor and a cornerstone mentor. Gentlemen both, thank you for your support of our chapter.

As our elder leadership passes on the torch young and enthusiastic alumni step forward, ready to continue tradition of support for Eta Iota. I am proud to introduce Brad Vomacka '05 as our new Vice-President and Phil Holloway '09 as our new secretary. These men bring executive experience from leading our undergraduate chapter and have a unique perspective on our house corporation's operational procedures.

Finally I am pleased to welcome back Brian Lojko '97, as a trustee on the board. Brother Lojko's past experience with our House Corporation will allow us to bridge the gap between our past triumphs and help us avoid pit-falls in the future. The intention of the Directors & Trustees is to provide a safe location for our undergraduate brothers to live and enjoy during their tenure at Embry-Riddle. We will continue our work on "Flight Plan to 40" to evaluate plans for our future. This action plan will enable us to "Honor Our Past, Secure Our Future". In the end we will all be able to look back at the enormous tasks that lie ahead, proud of the adaptability and sheer will-power to grow and strengthen our chapter during these remarkably unique time in our storied history.

Our Fraternity is continuing its long and proud tradition of being leaders at Embry-Riddle. Though the quantity of underclassman brothers has been down over the past few years, the quality of brother has not been scarified in the least to assure we have numbers. Even with this obstacles the out-look for this upcoming year is a 95% occupancy at the house. Our upper-classman brothers have transformed our Fraternities image on campus by receiving numerous commendation and accolades from students organizations, facility, industry leaders/companies and the local community.

I encourage all Brothers to seek out our fellow Brothers, to become involved in our Fraternity we all love. Join your local Alumni Chapters, communicate with lost Brothers thru the Friendship Circle on the Sigma Chi website, volunteer your time as a mentor to Eta Iota. I would like to thank all those brothers who have donated their time and money over the past year. I am looking forward to this opportunity and thank you again for the honor to serve you and our chapter.

In Hoc,

Brett Miller '04

President Eta Iota House Corporation

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Regional Update

by Carlos Xiques, Grand Praetor-South Florida Province

As Regional Director for South Florida, I am excited to report today on activities at the International, Province, and local chapter level. From a Sigma Chi HQ level, we have continued to expand our opportunity for leadership with our undergraduate chapters by increasing the amount of BLTW attendees, extra Horizons leadership Conference, and increasing programming in the form of Recruitment 365 which reinforces the concept of how to properly recruit the right individuals using the Jordan Standard and the Choices program which is a Betty Ford partnership that deals with alcohol abuse. From an Alumni standpoint, the value of an alumnus member of Sigma Chi has never been so high. There have been major efforts in the Volusia County area to form an Alumni Chapter but we need your support. The alumni chapter is a big focus for the general fraternity and its purpose is two-fold – 1.) Give you the opportunity to re-connect with your fellow Sig alumni 2.) Create a team of advisors for the undergraduate chapter to serve as mentors and support them. This Alumni Advisory Board concept has been championed in South Florida chapters and we hope to recreate the success at Eta Iota with your help!

At the South Florida level, we have some exciting things going on as well. We recently added a colony at Florida Gulf Coast in Ft Myers and we are anxious to see these young men contribute to the South Florida region. In addition, we recently held our Florida Province Conference hosted by the University of South Florida, which included over 100 undergraduates from 10 chapters and 2 colonies, 20 plus alumni, the international sweetheart with local chapter sweethearts, and a host of special guest. The event which was attended by the guys at Eta Iota was a huge success. The chapter at Eta Iota is a dedicated group of men. They are a great asset to the South Florida Province and with your help with a host of opportunities, we can continue to support a great chapter and help Eta Iota garner a Peterson Chapter Excellence award this year and beyond.

Exceptional Gentlemen

by Bridget Cox - Eta Iota Sweetheart 2009

Hello to all of the wonderful alumni of Sigma Chi's Eta Iota chapter. I would just like to say thank you to all of you that made it to the 38th birthday celebration. I had such a great time meeting all of you and hearing about stories from when you were undergrads. (I especially liked the one about the "dancing bears.") That weekend was amazing and it would not have been a success without you guys coming back. For those of you that were not able to attend I would like to fill you in on a new tradition that I started this year at birthday.

Last February, I was fortunate to be able to attend Province Workshop. While there I met with the sweethearts from other chapters and got so many new ideas to help support the brothers and the Eta Iota chapter. As we all know, the men of Sigma Chi are all exceptional gentlemen. I get to be around them all the time and I see them exemplifying the values that this fraternity was founded on every day. I decided that these

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Chapter Phase Check

State of Eta Iota

by Steven Turner '10, Chapter Consul

The Eta Iota Undergraduate Chapter of Sigma Chi is in high spirits as the end of the spring 2009 semester approaches and the brothers will finally have time to recharge over the summer. We have recently had our 38th Birthday Celebration where many Alumni returned to the house they love so much. It was a great weekend for the undergraduate chapter to meet and learn from the alumni who came into town and for the alumni to reminisce and see how things are going.



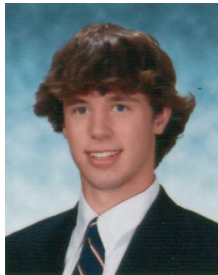
There are many things I am happy to report starting with our third Greek Week Victory in four years. We have our own dynasty to be proud of and show off until next year's Greek Week. Also I am proud to announce that the Eta Iota Chapter will be offering \$1000 in scholarship money to incoming freshman for the beginning of the fall 2009 school year. We know this scholarship will be a great recruitment tool to attract more quality brothers to the Eta Iota Chapter.

Brothers here in Daytona are looking forward to this year's Grand Chapter which will be held in Charleston, SC. With Charleston being relatively close to Florida we are expect to have a high attendance of Eta Iota Brothers there this Fourth of July weekend. After Grand Chapter we are hoping to send seven or more brothers to this summer's Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, which is always a fun and motivating experience. With so many exciting activities going on I hope to see you sometime in the future and I hope you have a wonderful rest of spring.

Recruitment Recap

by Justin Scalley '11, Recruitment Chair

The past few semesters have been challenging for the fraternities on campus in terms of recruitment. The spring pledge classes have transitioned into the traditional fraternity experience at other technically oriented universities, and the fall classes also been challenging with so many fraternities on campus AND with declining enrollment at ERAU. As current Recruitment Chair I have looked for ways to improve our recruitment strategy and improve our image on campus. I have pushed the chapter and challenged them to get involved on campus and attend campus events. This will not only get our name out but will show our support for the school. A few weekends ago I attended Province Workshop at USF. The information that I took from the conference was second to none. I took note of what worked for other chapters and what didn't work. However each school deals with slightly different demographics. This led me to do some research online and I came across a program called **Phired Up Productions**. This company deals with chapters who have recruitment challenges. The name of the specific program they offer to aid in recruitment is Dynamic Recruitment, M.D. . This program consists of onsite assistance, direct coaching with members, workbooks and other materials for members to work on. It is a one year program aimed to not only better the chapter but help everyone individually. There is also an Alumni Advisor Recruitment Training which coincides with our chapters' plan

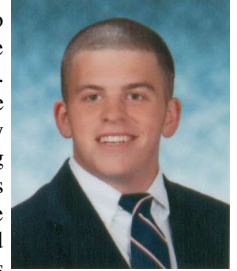


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A Stronger Tomorrow, With Your Help

by Paul Ouellette '11, Chapter Pro-Consul

I hope everybody is having a great start to their summer, and it is my pleasure to give you all an update to the status of our chapter. Our chapter is stronger than ever right now due to the motivation and diligent work everybody has been putting in to raise maintain the strong bond of brotherhood we all share here. This semester alone has been the most fulfilling to me since being initiated two years ago. We have had great social events with different organizations on campus and have been yielding great numbers and feedback from every one of them. One thing we need a little work on is the way we recruit, and we realize this and why we are looking for help from our alumni.



In recent years, Greek letter organizations at Embry Riddle have had weak spring semesters with not only recruitment, but with retention as well. We have decided that we are going to need more than just the recruitment chairman to start having stronger spring pledge classes. Currently we are talking to our alumni about putting together an alumni advisory board which will incorporate alumni during the semester focusing on recruitment, pledge training, post initiation training, risk management, leadership development and a diverse social atmosphere. We would be honored to be able to bring our alumni closer to the undergraduate chapter for advisories and I'm sure many alumni will be willing to help us out. We have started the process already by re-implementing different committees to add more minds for each of the respective positions, and so far it has been a success, as shown by our social committee and Greek Week committee who successfully brought the Greek Week trophy back to the Sigma Chi house!

We are very excited to see this chapter keep growing, and are all very optimistic for the future. So again, we realize that we need a little assistance from our alumni and I would like to encourage all of you to think about your individual strengths and way which you could assist each of our Executive Committee members. With that being said, it has been my pleasure to be able to inform you of our current successes and our motivation and desire to keep building a stronger chapter.



Alumni Rollout

Building our Legacy

The Eta Iota Chapter is at a turning point in our relatively short history. The Active Brothers continue to define their place as leaders on campus and among the community. For nearly forty years our alumni have supported the chapter and now are postured for great strides to preserve our legacy. As you may know, the house was paid off in 2007, but its physical condition continues to deteriorate. The House Corporation has tasked our Housing Committee to research and develop plans for the new home of Eta Iota. This "House Committee" cannot and should not do it alone. We need your help to make the best decisions to ensure another forty years and beyond.

520 South Ridgewood has been home to all of us. Upon return, many alumni have said, "It's good to be home." It seems natural to continue building our legacy with new brothers moving into our home each year. However, we must evaluate the property on the basis of our active brother's needs. The building's foundation is adequate, but the infrastructure and surroundings continue to have problems. The hurricanes, tornadoes, and flooding coupled with normal wear and tear has taken its toll on the house. The roof is at the end of its projected life, the electrical is in need of a complete overhaul, the plumbing leaks on a monthly basis and the list goes on.

The house committee officially began working on the future living accommoda-

tions as of October 1st, 2008. A conference call between the board of directors, trustees, chapter advisors and several volunteers was held to determine where to begin. The goal is to investigate the many opportunities and select the best choice to preserve the past, evaluate the present and strive for the future. Eta Iota will be looking at two paths:

> Staying at 520 South Ridgewood and building a new house

> Acquiring new land and building on that property

The committee will begin relaying information to alumni quarterly. This will be thru etaiota.org, and emails to those we have addresses. If you have not updated your information, please do so as soon as possible. At this point, the committee asks two things of you. First, your input on the disposition of the property and the plans for a new house? Secondly, to give your time and your resources to making our plans solidify by the 40th Birthday Party in 2011.

Thank you for your time and continued concern for the success of our chapter. While we expect an challenges along the way, Eta Iota has a very bright future. We hope you are as excited as us in creating this path for the Good of the Order and the Eta Iota Chapter.

IHSV - Eta Iota House Committee



New House Committee

Chairman, Brett Miller `04
Design Committee, Mitch Nimey `90
Finance Oversight, Seth Downs `92
Fund Raising, Rich Schooley `91
Undergrad Rep, Ashley Davis `11
ERAU Liaison, James Ahrens `90
Member, Chris Chapman `07
Member, Stuart Fraenkel `89
Member, Mike Gehman `93

Member, Howard Hamilton `90
Member, Bill Isakson `87
Member, Bill Kingsley `84
Member, Roger Moody `73
Member, Robert Tetrault `04
Member, Brad Vomacka `05
Member, Brent von Stein `05
Member, John Wrightington `79
Member, Mike Wyble `77

A Roast of our beloved Gassi



by anonymous

Top Ten Reasons Gassi Stepped Down as House Corporation President.

10> Fiancée wants more quality time with him; previous wife still wondering how she could have ANY quality time with Gassi

9> Future step daughter was propositioned by most of the actives and fiancée won't allow him to associate with lecherous men (which begs the question...)

8> Has finally decimated the Klyde Morris website as web administrator and has nothing else to live for

7> With no Denny's in Daytona, can't sustain himself on visits to the chapter

6> Disgruntled that only plaque with his name on it is on the chapter room door—"GO AWAY GASSI!"

5> Discovered chapter social budget was being financed by his snack machine purchases and he wanted to teach them a lesson

4> Upset that chapter has cropped out his pictures on all composites and all photo albums

3> Found the lifelike depiction on a piñata used by the pledge class to raise money (which raised over \$12,000 by the way)

2> Annoyed that school officials have created escape routes from their offices when he does his quarterly visits at Corsair (admin building)

1> Can't figure out how to play beer pong without drinking beer out of all the cups. NASA would be proud

Gassi, thanks for being such a good sport over the years. We wouldn't bust your chops if we didn't love `ya. Thanks for your dedication and hard work. Your already missed.

News & Announcements

Volunteers Needed - Want to help out but not sure how? Contact Robert Tetrault (robtetro@aol.com) to find out what you can do to help the chapter organizations continue to grow.

Website Updates - Have you visited Eta Iota.org website lately? Have you updated your current contact information so we can continue to send you your electronic and paper news updates? Please visit our website at www.etaiota.org and update today. Contact Bill Palmer (wfpalmer@gmail.com) for any concerns

Call for Photos - WANTED: Eta Iota composites pictures, miscellaneous pictures or any yearbook that you would like to donate to that chapter's collection. If you have any of these please contact Brett Miller etaiota683@gmail.com.

Address Updates - We would like to keep our Postal Address up to date at all times on the website. We will be using these extensively in the future.

Articles - What's new with your life? Have an article you would like to write/publish in the next newsletter, birth of a new child, wedding announcements, Legacies initiated? Please send all information to Rich Schooley (r.schooley@yahoo.com)

Family Tree - How well do you know your Eta Iota family? Update your big and little brothers information with Perry Lewis (lewisa47@aol.com) and check out the full tree on etaiota.org.

Grand Chapter - 77th biennial Grand Chapter will be held in Charleston, South Carolina, July 1-5th. Pr-register now and receive 10% off until April 30th. Get more information about this and the any other questions at sigmach.org. Hope to see you all in Charleston this summer.

Alumni Big Brothers - The active chapter is trying to implement an alumni big brother program. Similar to the Big Brothers we all remember, an alumni Big Brother will provide an outlet for undergraduates to gain relevant advice, and for alumni to share life experiences and assist in a younger brother's development. If you would like to be an alumni big brother contact our Magister, Chris Payne (therealcritt@gmail.com).

Alumni Work Weekends - Eta Iota will be hosting alumni work weekends in the upcoming year. Dates and times will be announced on the website and by email in the coming months.

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displays of character should be rewarded. These boys work hard to strengthen the chapter and make themselves more valuable members. They truly stand by the principles of the fraternity and the Jordan Standard. To honor the accomplishments and outstanding behavior of the brothers I decided to create the Founder's Awards.

The Founder's Awards will be given to seven of the brothers, one standing for each particular value that each founder stood for. The Benjamin Piatt Runkle Award goes to a brother that is courageous in spirit and idealism. The Thomas Cowan Bell Award goes to someone that stands for the qualities of learning. The William Lewis Lockwood Award goes to a brother that is honest and trustworthy through life. The Isaac M. Jordan Award goes to an energetic brother that is faithful to every task. The Daniel William Cooper Award is given to the ruler of spirit. The Franklin Howard Scobey Award is given to a brother that is courteous and loyal in his friendship. Last but not least, the James Parks Caldwell Award is given to a brother that is true to principle. I chose a brother for each award that I felt deserved and had exemplified these characteristics over the

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of getting alumni advisors involved with certain positions, one of which is the Recruitment Chair. This program is going to require the aid of our Alumni base. I would like to ask for your consideration and support in this program to ensure the success and stability of our chapter in the future. For more information on this program feel free to visit their

past year. They received a framed certificate and a Sigma Chi memento. We are also ordering seven plaques to be hung in the chapter room and add the name of the award winners to the plaques over the years. This year's award winners are as follows:

Benjamin Piatt Runkle Award – Zachary McKenna
Thomas Cowan Bell Award – Ricky Tyner
William Lewis Lockwood Award – Nicholas Hugo
Isaac M. Jordan Award – Sean Stefanak
Daniel William Cooper Award – Nicholas Weiss
Franklin Howard Scobey Award – Christopher Payne
James Parks Caldwell Award – Paul Ouellette

I am so glad that I had the opportunity to start this tradition and honor these brothers for truly being great representations of Sigma Chi. Again, I loved seeing all of the alum during birthday, but we need to see more of you! Please don't ever hesitate to stop by the house. Visits are not limited to once a year. I know that the brothers of the Eta Iota and I would love to meet you and spend more time together.

website at www.phiredup.com. All the information is on the site and it gives examples of what they've done in the past and how they have helped other chapters. I will be requesting information from them to give to the chapter so in the hopes that we do go through with this the chapter will know what to expect and be ready for the year long endeavor. I believe this program could help us aid in the perpetuation of our chapter.

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