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FROM THE DESK OF THE CONSUL



After a successful doubling of the chapter this past fall, we look forward to a semester filled with adventure and excitement. Some of the great fun in store for this semester includes Derby Days, Greek Week, Province Workshop, and the installment of the Florida Gulf Coast University Chapter at which Eta Iota has been asked to take a lead role. The success of any strong organization lies in recruitment, and this is why this semester the Chapter has decided to bring in the Mission 365 team after the initiation of the Spring pledge class. With the help of Mission 365 our fresh new brothers and the remaining senior brothers will be able to take on Fall '10 as strong as ever! As for the semester at hand, whether you are a Newly Initiated Brother taking one small step towards graduation, or a senior brother about to take one giant leap into your career, get ready, because these are the times of your life!

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We hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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This semester we have hit the ground running. Our executive committee is one of the most dedicated I have seen in my undergraduate career, and I am proud to say that our newly initiated brothers are quickly taking up leadership roles within the fraternity. Because so many of our brothers will be graduating this May, education has become the main focus of the semester.

Post Initiation Training (P.I.T.) was minimal at best a few semesters ago, but has now become a critical role in gearing up our young brothers to protect our charter and expand our campus influence in the future. Our first P.I.T. session this semester was led by our recruitment chair, Bhisham Mahtani. This session focused on teaching new brothers recruitment techniques to build confidence in approachability, along with overall demeanor. Since then, we have trained our new brothers in the history of the Eta Iota chapter, and we have had an overall assessment of their ritual and I-period experiences. In the coming weeks we will have an alumni relations session led by chapter advisors Roger Moody and Robert Tetrault, as well as I-period training led by our Kustos, Paul Ouellette.

In addition to P.I.T., our executive committee has found it to be in the best interest of the fraternity to

allow our younger brothers to experience an 'apprenticeship' with many of our executive positions. Every position has a younger brother shadowing them throughout the semester. Furthermore, the new brothers will be attending province workshop at the Kappa Omega chapter in Tampa. Our executive committee has also taken a hard look at scholarship this semester to improve our chapter GPA. We are working on instituting positive incentives for brothers to maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher, such as additional scholarships and revised bylaws. In addition, we will be making a few small changes to the pledge process to be sure pledges maintain academic integrity.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Eta Iota chapter for the honor of nominating me for the 2009-2010 Outstanding Senior Balfour

Award. I will be representing our chapter at the Central Florida Province workshop throughout the application and interview process. I have no doubt that my competition will be of the highest caliber, and I will represent Eta Iota with honor and integrity. As this is my last semester, I would like to see it close with nothing but success. I wish our Recruitment chair, Magister and Kustos good luck in organizing the pledge process. Finally, I hope we have a successful Derby Days, and of course I hope we bring home the Greek Week trophy once again.

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(Above): New grill as part of the pledge class project

THE SOCIAL CORNER

This semester is shaping up to be the best semester for Sigma Chi socially in recent history. The spring social calendar is kicking off with Super Bowl Party, complete with food, fun, big screen TVs, and plenty of "beverages." The majority of the chapter is rooting for the Saints with two Sigs running the team. Later in February, we have the Daytona 500 and Derby Days to occupy our time. Once March starts, our focus will be on getting our fourth Greek Week Trophy in five years, followed by the always fun XI man competition the week after that. Then every college student's favorite part about the spring semester, SPRING BREAK!!! With about fifteen brothers going on a cruise, recent alumni going to Las

Vegas, and other brothers visiting other parts of the U.S. and the world, I am very excited to hear all of the crazy stories after we get back.

The Eta Iota Chapter's 39th Birthday Celebration is March 26th-March 28th, and it is a weekend that no one wants to miss. With a golf tournament, barbeques, bands, and drinks, what more could you ask for? The undergrads hope to see you all there! This semester I will be planning our big party for sometime in April. Last April we held our first party on house property in almost four years. With over 500 people in attendance, and no major incidents to report, the BYOB Safari Party went off without a hitch. It was by far the

best party Embry-Riddle has seen in a long time. This year we have the same expectations of a fun, safe, and memorable BYOB party to finish up an awesome year. Speaking of an awesome college experience we have 15 young men and one old man (Taylor Roynon) graduating this spring. We will be having a graduation party as well for everyone to attend after graduation. All of these events, coupled with drive-in movies, bowling, and smores nights are going to make this spring one to remember!

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Pictures: The first official party was held at the Fraternity house in April, 2008 after the chapter was removed from sanctions. Together with Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the chapters organized a party planning committee that met frequently to plan a party that followed all national and University guidelines. The party was a huge success, and we look forward to throwing another big one again this Spring.





Improving our GPA

Eta Iota initiated twenty three, very motivated and active brothers this past semester, which is a record-high in the history of the Eta Iota chapter. We are all proud of our NIBs and we are excited to start this semester. However, there is a slight issue that we, as a chapter, will have to overcome. For the past few years, the Sigma Chi Fraternity at Embry Riddle was known for having a high GPA along with many other notable qualities. However, after this past semester, we are no longer holding the title of the “Greek organization with the highest GPA.”

As a result of this shameful result, all of our brothers are trying their best to maintain an outstanding GPA this semester. I, as the magister, am personally going to emphasize the importance of education throughout the pledge program to improve the chapter GPA.

Since the recent initiates had the most impact on our grading scale last semester, I am planning on revising the pledge program to improve the academic perspective of this chapter to the next level, so that we won't make the same mistakes we did last semester.

Other than academics, our pledge program is flawless and I, as a magister, will help to bring the Sigma Chi Fraternity back on top.

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Tribune's Note

Welcome to Eta Iota's Undergraduate Newsletter! I would like to begin by apologizing on behalf of the chapter for not publishing a newsletter last semester. We promised more newsletters, and we failed to deliver a product. Therefore, I have made it my goal this semester to keep alumni informed, and to keep them actively involved in the current state of the chapter. Feel free to email me or to call me with any suggestions that you may have, or with any articles that you want to see included in the next newsletter.

Sean Stefanak—'10

Tribune

Note: The following people did not submit articles for the newsletter: Recruitment Chairman



(Left): Brothers honor Drew Hunter after I-period

(Above): Fallen brother, Drew “Gary” Hunter



39TH BIRTHDAY JUST AROUND THE CORNER

MARK YOUR CALENDERS!!!!

BIRTHDAY WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MARCH 26, 2010 @ 6:00 P.M.—BARBEQUE AND DRINKS

MARCH 27, 2010 @ 12 P.M.—HOUSE CORPORATION MEETING

MARCH 28, 2010 @ 6 P.M.—PARTY AT THE HOUSE FEATURING A LIVE BAND, FOOD, AND DRINKS

COST:

ALUMNI—\$100

ADDITIONAL GUESTS—\$90

Invitations were recently mailed out to all alumni for Birthday weekend. Contact Bret Miller for more information or for any questions you may have.

Bret Miller

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SIGMA CHI FALLS TO RUGBY TEAM

The Sigma Chi flag football team returned to the field this season with high expectations, after concluding the 2008 season with an upset win over the defending champions, the highly favored Neighborhood Raptors (49-0-1 in 3 years). After outscoring opponents 151-0 in the regular season, the team powered through the playoffs week by week. Unfortunately, the team met its match, and could not keep up with the high-powered offense of the Embry-Riddle Rugby team, falling 26-0 in the semi-final matchup. As the Spring semester gets underway, brothers will be actively involved in the 4 on 4 flag football league, the softball league, and the basketball league. Thank you to all those who made the team a great success.

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Brothers celebrate after 2008 championship game



CONGRATULATIONS TO LARGEST INIATED CLASS (23)!

Tony Romano

Daniel Duquette

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Sheldon Leonard

Taylor Quackenbush

Shane McIntosh

Jeramiah Poff

Jason Auger

Darren Jennings

Jim Baldyga

Ryan Maloney

Aaron Newman

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Josh Kiddy

Andres Villalobos

Omar Moreno

Jay Fraser

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

As we turn the corner on a new decade, our philanthropic activity shall take a turn for the best. As we all know, the world recently experienced one of the most devastating earthquakes in history. As a joint and combined effort, Sigma Chi and the Embry-Riddle community joined hands in prayer, and decided to offer some assistance. During Haitian relief week at school, Sigma Chi helped to bring in valuable funds to aid in the recovery of the suffering country. In addition to the recovery effort, Sigma Chi will be taking an active role toward fighting cancer during this year's Relay for Life. During the Relay for Life, we will be marching for the fight against cancer. As always, our efforts with our regular philanthropies will continue throughout the year.

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FINANCES

Now that I have concluded my term as Quaestor, I am proud to offer my final report on the financial status of the chapter. The position offered me a plethora of information about book-keeping and finances, and I believe it will prove to be an asset for me in the future. It has been a pleasure to serve the chapter during this time, and I am glad the headaches are over.

Similar to what I had been consistently reporting, Brothers continue to maintain their financial accountability to the chapter. The accounts receivable (money owed to the chapter) were at \$4,000 for the month of January, after an excellent fall semester in which \$0 was owed to the chapter at many times. Unfortunately, outstanding financial accountability has not

translated to outstanding financial status for the chapter.

Last semester proved to be one of the most challenging semesters for the Eta Iota Chapter since my initiation in the fall of 2006. High costs of recruitment, two vacant rooms at the house,



and a small chapter of only twenty-one active brothers placed a serious financial burden on the chapter. As a result, we significantly reduced budgets to keep dues at a reasonable amount, and we moved our largest philanthropy event, Derby Days, to the spring. Furthermore, expenses have

exceeded our expectations as a result of higher utility bills, and unforeseen expenses such as a new pool filter. The chapter was “squeezing by” in the fall, and we are happy to have larger numbers to help cover the expenses for the spring.

At this time, I would like to thank our chapter officers for spending their allocated money sparingly in light of our difficult financial situation. Again, it has been a pleasure to serve the chapter as the Quaestor, and I am confident that Arash will do an outstanding job as Quaestor during this year.

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Amount Donated: _____ (Please attach your check)

Where would you want your donation to go? (Check one that applies)

- ☐ Social Event
☐ House Improvement
☐ Other: _____



Picture from www.SigmaChi.org

Attention:

An online version will be available on the undergraduate website which can be linked to at www.etaiota.org. updates for the remainder of the semester will also be available on the undergraduate website.

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