

Sweet Happenings from Your Sweetheart

Sigma Chi ~ Eta Iota

Eta Iota hosts *Florida Tri-Province 2011!*

This past weekend, Eta Iota welcomed roughly 150 Sigs and Sweethearts to our campus and hosted this year's Florida Tri-Province Leadership Workshop. Many leaders within the Fraternity attended including the 3 Grand Praetors, 2 of 3 Assistant Grand Praetors, Grand Trustees, as well as the Grand Quaestor, Mike Greenburg, and the Grand Pro Consul, Dennis Santoli. Also there was Kent Shackelford - Director of Financial Accountability and Chapter Support Team Lead, Greg Morgan - Director of Leadership Programs and CHOICES Facilitator, and David Baars - Director of Expansion/Team Lead.

Mike Greenburg was the Conference Facilitator and lead each

of the Chapter's there through exercising in which they discovered ways in which to improve their chapters and clearly defined their vision statement.

Eta Iota has set out to work on developing better accountability and respect amongst themselves and the Brothers, improving upon attendance and ambition, and staying consistent with the values for which Sigma Chi represents. Their vision statement is that Eta Iota consists of "Enduring Leaders Promoting Respect, Accountability, and Philanthropy to better our Brotherhood and Community."

Jeremiah Poff, Eta Iota's Conference Chair, put in many

months of planning and was a huge reason that this conference was such a success. In addition to Jeremiah's leadership was the involvement of Tim Englehardt - HI's Conference Co-Chair, Taylor Quackenbush - HI's Consul, Roger Mood - the Conference Alumni Advisor, and Brian Lojko - HI's Chapter Advisor.

Sweethearts from Jacksonville University, University of North Florida, Florida Gulf Coast, Florida International University, and University of Southern Florida also attended to work with Brothers from their chapters as well as other Florida Sweethearts.

You can see some pictures of the event on Page 4 of this newsletter!

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Sigma Chi *Road trip* from Florida to Oklahoma!!!

Over President's Day weekend, I had the opportunity to take a road-trip out to Oklahoma City with my fiancé, and Eta Iota Alumnus, Derek Pizzo. Our first stop was to James Parks Caldwell's Memorial in Biloxi, Mississippi. On his memorial were white roses left there by fellow Brothers in memory of him. After paying our respects, we then drove to University of Southern Mississippi and met some guys at their house.

The next morning, we continued our trip first stopping at Mississippi State University. At MSU, the Brothers house is in a Sigma Chi gated complex of three separate buildings - one of which was designed specifically as a

learning center and library. After MSU, we visited Ole Miss (University of Mississippi) and then University of Memphis. Later on that day, we stopped at University of Arkansas. Not only do they currently have the largest chapter in the country but also have a 3 story house with an indoor courtyard capable of housing 70 plus guys!

Our next stop was to University of Tulsa and we were lucky to catch them - they had all just gotten back from their White Rose Formal (and were definitely showing signs of a good time!) Our last and final stop was to Oklahoma State University - and we most definitely saved the best for last. Recently

renovated, this house had its own theater room, computer room with Wi-Fi and a printer/copier/fax machine, game room, and a separate gymnasium for the Brothers. They also gave Derek a private tour of their Chapter room, which he said was one of the highlights of our trip.

My favorite part of the trip was that no matter where we were, every Brother was happy to see us and was excited to show us around and tell us their stories!

We made sure to take as many pictures as we could to remember our trip. You can see some of them on page 4!



Spencer hanging out with his Pledge Brother, Paren Patel, in the fabulous ERAU Dorms!

"Membership in Sigma Chi has been one of the most important ingredients in shaping both my business and personal life. We are better equipped by our Sigma Chi membership to be responsible parts of our great country."

- George L. Ball
Chief Executive
Officer, Prudential
Bache Securities;
former President of
E. F. Hutton



James with Brothers Andres Villalobos, Tony Romano, Jason Auger, and Daniel Lee, last summer.



Andres Villalobos, Fall 2010 Magister, and his Gamma Nu Pledge Class.

Meet a *Tri-Province Chapter Liaison* - James Anderson [johndoe1259@gmail.com]

James Anderson, born September 10, 1990, was the 789th initiate at Eta Iota. From Escondido, California, he was in the Gamma Nu pledge class and was nicknamed "Doughboy Skypes" by his big brother. While pledging, he was the class Vice-President and was a Chapter Liaison for this past weekend's Tri-Province Workshop. He is studying

Aerospace Engineering (with Mathematics minor) at ERAU and plans to concentrate his major in Astronautics during his final years at the university. James enjoys surfing, snowboarding, SCUBA diving, and he used to train MMA (Mixed Martial Arts). He also enjoys mountain biking, working out, and hunting.



Meet a *Brother far from Home* - Spencer Edwards [spencer404@hotmail.co.uk]

Spencer Edwards, from Southport, England, has traveled far from home to attend Embury-Riddle and got to enjoy his very first Thanksgiving Dinner this year with Pledge Brother, Paul McCarthy! He was born on June 19th, 1991 and bears the nickname "Van Gogh" on his

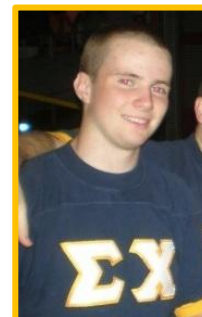
Sigma Chi jersey. He, along with James, was in the Gamma Nu pledge class and has a roll book number of 775. At ERAU, Spencer is studying Aeronautical Science. In his free time, he enjoys flying, playing rugby, going snowboarding, and surfing.



Meet a *4th Year Student* - James R. McCarthy II [mccarthj@my.erau.edu]

James, or McCarthy as most call him by, was born on January 4, 1989. He grew up in several towns throughout South Jersey, but most recently calls Lumberton, NJ his home. Nicknamed "Del Monté," he was the 733rd Brother to be initiated into Sigma Chi at Eta Iota. He was the Chapter Editor in Spring 2008 and the Public Relations

Chair in Fall 2008. He is studying Aerospace Engineering and hopes to obtain minors in both Mathematics and Computer Drafting. McCarthy is on course to graduate with a BSAE in Spring 2012. His hobbies include backpacking, hiking, camping, and coin collecting.



Meet an *Historian* - Francisco Josef Lapkovitch Gonzales [number7s@hotmail.com]

Francisco Gonzales, born on February 14, 1992, was nicknamed "Al Gore" by his big brother. In the Gamma Nu pledge class, he was the 786th Brother to become a Winged Sig. From Wrightwood, California, he studies Aeronautical Science (minors in

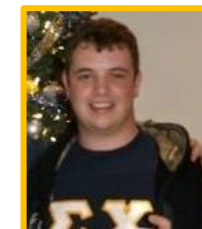
Business and Human Factors) at ERAU. He is the current Historian for Eta Iota and like many others, is a Sigma Chi Legacy as his older brother is also a Sig. Francisco enjoys snowboarding, mountain biking, BMX, and flying.



Meet an *Active Brother* - Matthew Robert Otto [mxfp111@aim.com]

Matt Otto, from Odessa, Florida was in the Gamma Nu Pledge Class. He was the 780th Initiate at Eta Iota and bears the nickname "Dozer." He is currently an Active Brother who studies Homeland Security (minors in Terrorism Studies,

Safety, and International Relations) at ERAU. In high school, his football team went to States 2 years in a row. In his free time, Matt enjoys hunting and fishing. He also has a pet bull frog whose weekly feeding has become a sight to see!



Mike Gehman

Rollbook: 436; Initiated: 1/20/1990

Graduated in 1993

Degree: BS in Aviation Business Administration

Big Bro: Michael Remmert

Little Bro: Jon Woodman

Over the years, Mike has made many memories through his time spent as a Sigma Chi – memories that he will never forget. Some of them include the “Bank,” Joe Adkin’s Hoe Down, playing “Stump Jimmy,” his Key West trip with Kilday, B.O.B, and Monkey, Todd Weeber’s wedding, Blair bartending at Alexander’s, Balfour Workshop at Miami of Ohio, Smokey, Charles Torissi funeral, graduation morning at Froggies, and Sunday night Chapter meetings.

Returning home after graduation, Mike spent some time in miscellaneous jobs until he moved to Boston, MA where he enrolled at Boston University for Masters classes and had the opportunity to take some flights with Tom Haught. He soon found work developing software for insurance companies. After marrying his high school sweetheart Bonnie in 1998 (thank you David Hines), they moved to

Pennsylvania in 2004. Mike is now an independent insurance broker handling both commercial and personal insurance, running a small office with about 25 employees.



In the last couple of years, Mike has gotten to know a fellow Eta Iota Sig who lives nearby, Mike Pelosi, fairly well and have visited with him at the Jersey Shore and participated in some local golf outings.

He and his wife Bonnie are both happy parents to a new Sigma Chi Sweetheart baby girl, Beatrice Samantha, born 1/20/2011 (who is only allowed to date Sigs). A coincidence that she was born on the anniversary of his initiation? He doesn’t think so!

While a blessing, unfortunately Mike will not be able to get away for the 40th Birthday Festivities in Daytona. He did, however, want to wish Eta Iota a very special Happy Birthday and he quotes “Happy Birthday Eta Iota! We turn 40 this year! As well, many of my Alpha Tau pledge brothers also turn 40 this year!”

In lieu of being able to make the trip to Daytona, Mike has sent in his annual 1855 Club donation. If not to be spent on drinks in Daytona, he figured he may as well send it in for the good of House Corp and the Active Chapter. He wants to extend a congratulations and a job well done on paying off the mortgage, the Peterson Award, and the ongoing communications with Alumni.

Here is Mike with his newborn daughter, Beatrice Samantha!

Seth Downs

Seth, a 1992 graduate with a degree in Aeronautical Science, was in the Alpha Upsilon pledge class in the spring of 1990. He has, for the past ten years, worked for FedEx. He also spent 9 years in Anchorage, AK as a FO in the MD11 and has also has been the House Corp Treasurer for the last 5 years.

And now what Seth says is the “more interesting stuff” ...

Last February while on trip with FedEx, Seth won a 50 km XC ski race in Japan (you can see the article at: <http://fasterskier.com/2010/02/winning-the-sapporo/>). This story managed to get mentioned in a recent Sigma Chi Magazine.

Then on his birthday Oct 5th 2010, his wife Erika gave birth to their son Kevin - what a birthday present! Two months later in

the first XC ski race of the year, he broke his Fibula. He said that his wife Erika was a very busy lady taking care of a new born and an invalid. Then on vacation in Hawaii this January, he was robbed at gun point.

Here is the article –

<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=13929540>

And here is a video (although the facts are little skewed) –

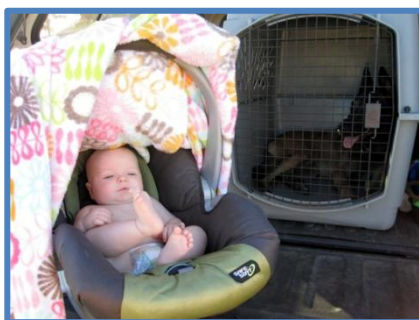
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Downs family photo in Hawaii!

Greek Week 2011 - Bring out the Togas!

Monday has marked the start of Embry-Riddle’s Greek Week and the guys have created a show! Dressed in the traditional toga garbs, Eta Iota Brothers have made an entrance and are ready to show the other Fraternities and Sororities what they’ve got! Look for the results for the week in the next issue of the newsletter!



Baby Kevin chillin’ with police K9 as the SWAT team moves in on the armed robber.

So, needless to say, it has been quite a year for Seth. He and his wife call their son Upson, as in Upson Downs - seems appropriate. And Seth is looking forward to the 40th!



Here is a picture of Seth’s emergency room visit in December.

And yet even more Legacies ~

After being mentioned last issue as a Legacy by Brother Rob Papandrea, Rich Winter ("Skinny" 2005) wanted to let everyone know of his experience as a Legacy and announce other Legacies within Eta Iota!

He first and foremost that it was nice of Papandrea to mention him as a Legacy and believes him to be the active undergrad that his father had contacted while still in High School helping to get him to rush the Fraternity. In 1968, his uncle, F. David Winter, became a Sig at Epsilon Chi (Lamar Tech. Univ. {chapter now closed}). Several years later, his father became a Sigma Chi at the Delta Omega Chapter (University of Tulsa) and then affiliated/graduated from the University of Kansas in 1977 with the Alpha Xi Chapter. Rich was the 645th initiate at Eta Iota on December 1, 2001. His dad was there to pin his badge on him and it was the most amazing father/son moment that they ever shared.

In his Pledge Class (BT), was another Legacy, Jason Kreisher (#646). Besides Jason, Rich believes Brett Miller and John Gagne both to be Legacies.

Tri-Province 2011 ~ Sigs in action becoming better leaders everyday!



Sig Houses from All Over ~ check out these places!



Sigma Chi Shirts ~ Order TODAY and Pick up at 40th!

All proceeds will benefit the Children's Miracle Network!

Last minute reminder ... if you want shirts, please send in your requests no later than Sunday March 6th at 5pm. You can send in your orders via email to sweetheart@etaiota.org (to ensure the shirts you want are ordered) and then mail in your money afterwards. Extra shirts will be ordered for Birthday, but the only way to guarantee the size you want is to let us know ahead of time ☺ Don't forget, you don't need to be attending Birthday to receive a shirt. We can mail them to you as well!

One of the designs did change – the Philanthropy shirt. This new design is the shirt Eta Iota sold at Province to collect donations for the Children's Miracle Network.



"Sigma Chi Brother"
Adult S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
Price: \$14.00

"I love my SC"
Adult S, M, L, XL
Price: \$20



"Philanthropy" – NEW DESIGN!!!
Adult S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
Price: \$10.00 plus any donation to CMN!!!



"My Kinda Guys"
Adult S, M, L, XL
Runs small!!!
Price: \$17.00



"Winged Sigs of Eta Iota"
Youth S, M, L, XL and Adult S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
Price: \$20.00

If ordering shirts please print out this order form, fill it out, and mail it to either myself or the Quaestor, Chuck. Cash and check are both accepted. If writing a check, please make it out to Sigma Chi.

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Attn: *Sigma Chi T-Shirts*

Chuck Kwon, Quaestor
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Daytona Beach, FL 32114
Attn: *Sigma Chi T-Shirts*

The ~~Sweetest~~ Goodbye ... until the next issue of course!

I cannot believe it is already March 3rd! I am so thrilled to be able to meet everyone at Birthday in one month. I love watching the *Attending Brothers* list at on the Eta Iota website grow and grow each day!! It is exciting knowing that so many Brothers who have passed through the walls at Eta Iota cannot wait to come back to ERAU and meet other men who have done the same.

I just wanted to remind you all that you can still donate for the Norman Shield Award (a

description can be seen in both the Jan. 1st and Jan. 16th issues). If you would like to be a donor for this esteemed honor, please send cash/checks to either myself or the Quaestor, Chuck.

If you would like to be featured in the "Where are they now?" section just like many others have already done, please send in a bio of yourself and a picture. I am quite certain that your fellow Brothers, past and present, would love to hear your story!

I must say myself that I have thoroughly enjoyed learning about all the Eta Iota Alumni and love hearing about your successes.

I also hope you all have enjoyed learning about the Actives as they have enjoyed learning about you! Let me know if there is anything else you would like to see ☺

Farewell until then ... *Love Your 2011 Sweetheart*