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The undergraduate brothers here at the Eta Iota Chapter have been working very hard this semester to make our Fraternity the best leadership organization on campus. We had seven brothers and our sweetheart attend the annual Province Leadership Workshop at the University of South Florida in Tampa Bay, FL. It was a very productive weekend and everyone who attended brought something back to benefit the Chapter. One of these ideas that will be put in to action is a \$1,000 Scholarship that will be given out to an incoming freshman to help attract the type of individuals we want in our Fraternity.

I am also extremely proud to announce that in my opinion and that of many of the Fraternity and Sorority Life Staff at ERAU we have by far the best brotherhood of any Fraternity on campus. With many events like a brotherhood camping trip at Tiger Bay State Park and various socials with a variety of organizations on campus, our brothers really get a good chance to bond with each other and other people at the University. These events along with good line of communication between all of the active chapter members have facilitated an atmosphere of a creative clique free environment that fosters new ideas for recruitment, social events, house improvements, and the pledge process. Many brothers have also

begun branching out and getting involved

on campus. We have three brothers running in the Student Government Association Election, brothers on the Orientation Team, in Information Technology, InterFraternity Council, Peer Mentoring, and many other clubs and organizations.

The brother involvement with all of our events has been off the charts and that was truly displayed in this year's Greek Week where we had over 80% of our brothers at the majority of our events. Because of all this brother participation, I

am proud to announce that we are the Greek Week 2009 champions! Not only did we win, we clinched the victory a day early and still won the last day's event, the tug of war. It was a very memorable event and we have now won Greek Week three out of the last four years!

Don't forget that the 38th Birthday Weekend is just around corner on the weekend of March 28th. Get ready for an awesome fun filled weekend complete with a formal dinner at the house, a golf tournament, and the always exciting House Corporation Meeting! I am looking forward to meeting you, showing you how the Eta Iota Chapter has progressed over the years, and learning from you as well.

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The Brothers of Eta Iota are proud to be the Greek Week champions yet again



PRO CONSUL'S REPORT

Spring of 2009 has been by far the most productive semester since I have been initiated. We have had a plethora of social events and activities both internally as a chapter and with

other organizations on campus. These events have not only yielded more brother participation, but a stronger and more prominent name for us on campus. Since the beginning of the semester, the chapter as a whole

has come to the consensus that we need to get more involved with other organizations on campus to build our image on campus. This semester alone we have had multiple brothers apply for positions on the Student Government Association, Orientation Team, InterFraternity Council and various other clubs and organizations. Winning Greek Week for the third time in the past four years is yet another achievement for our chapter. But more important than showing the outside of our accomplishments, it has strengthened the brotherhood within our chapter and has brought about growth and motivation for semesters and even years to come.

I am also extremely proud of our Executive Committee this semester. We have been meeting on a regular schedule and have been accomplishing great things. Our Social Chairman, John Waybright '11, has set up multiple social events with both sororities and fraternities on

campus. Just this past weekend we had a pig roast with Delta Chi which turned out to be a great success. We have also had a Social planning committee set up for making sure that our events are within FIPG and Sigma Chi policies for liability concerns. Our Quaester, Sean Stefanak '10 has also done a great job in making sure everybody pays on a timely schedule. We too found out that out at our province workshop that we have the most well run finances out of all the chapters in Florida.

I am very proud to say that this chapter has grown in the time I have been a Brother and I can confidently state that we will forever remain premier leadership Fraternity on campus!

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A WORD FROM OUR ANNOTATOR

Coming into the position of Annotator has been a rewarding though challenging process. Starting in December, I have been serving the Eta Iota chapter to the best of my ability while promoting Brotherhood. Though the semester is far from over here's a small recap on what we've done and a look to where we're going.

In Sigma Chi the Annotator position is tasked with: 1) keeping accurate records of chapter meetings in the chapter minute book. 2) keeping track of all chapter files and records as well as the chapter's permanent record of member data. 3) coordinating the community service activities of the chapter. What follows is a breakdown of what Eta Iota has done in those three areas: After every meeting I have posted the minutes on E-

groups so that all brothers and alumnae are able to view them. Recently I have started highlighting the minutes when brothers have made commitments to accomplish different tasks. By highlighting tasks I hope to aid brothers in completing their projects by making it clearly visible to them and other brothers who would like to help. I also would like to start sending text messages to those brothers with highlighted tasks to help them stay on task throughout the week.

Keeping track of files and records has been a little more daunting than completing the minutes. It was brought to my attention that EtaIota.org had not been updated for several years. I entered in all new data that needed to be updated so that all active brothers have accurate data and contact infor-

mation. I believe this would be better accomplished if a binder was made for the Annotator position specifying task and dates of when they should be completed. I plan on creating this binder so my successor can accomplish even more.

The Chapter has already doubled its community service efforts since last year. I know we can accomplish even more. By creating community service events and participating in those developed by other organizations, I believe Sigma Chi can be one of the top organizations in regard to community service hours.

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SOCIAL AND BROTHERHOOD UPDATE

“BROTHER SIGMAS, WE BELONG TO A SOCIETY WORTHY OF OUR HIGHEST REGARD AND WARMEST AFFECTION. WE ARE UNITED IN THE STRONG AND ENDURING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND ESTEEM”
ISAAC M. JORDAN, 15TH GRAND CHAPTER - 1884

A Word From Our Chair

This semester has been very prosperous for social and brotherhood events. As the rest of the world goes through tough economic and political times, the Eta Iota chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity continues to grow stronger every day. This semester’s focus has been aimed at developing a stronger sense of brotherhood while amplifying it throughout the University. As a chapter, we spend quality time together at many of the campus-sponsored events, such as baseball, soccer, and basketball games. In addition to sporting events, we constantly put forth our brotherhood at the numerous University events such as colonization ceremonies and Greek Week. These events go much farther than just school-sponsored agenda. The brotherhood camping trip this semester proved to be a big hit and a great exercise in unity. Coming up in the future we can hope to expect a casino cruise trip out of Titusville and many other exhilarating events.

As our brotherhood grows, this leaves much to expect from our social aspect as well. Still being the only Greek organization to have a house, we use it to our advantage. Much of the weekend social atmosphere culminates right in our backyard. Our future plans are working towards an end of the year going away social event to both utilize the house and to get our name out among the Embry-Riddle community. This FIPG and University-supported event should be our great comeback to the end of our probationary period. Not only are we strategizing on our end of year plans, we are also basking in our current social status. Our Luau-style cookout with the fine ladies of Alpha Xi Delta proved to be a great hit this semester. We also enjoyed an excellent pig roast with the men of Delta Chi at the end of Greek Week. We must also keep in mind that birthday is just around the corner. March 27th, 28th, and 29th will be three non-stop fun-filled days. It will be great to have all the alumni around to see how our chapter is growing in brotherhood. We can look forward to having an excellent BBQ-style formal dinner at the house. Altogether, it has been a wonderful semester and we look forward to all the upcoming events.

38TH BIRTHDAY PARTY THIS MONTH!!!

DATE FOR BIRTHDAY PARTY IS: MARCH 28TH

LOCATION: THE ETA IOTA CHAPTER HOUSE
DAYTONA BEACH, FL

DON'T MISS IT!!!!

This year’s Birthday Party is a Barbecue Style Formal Event at the Eta Iota House. Contact John Waybright for more information.

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SIGMA CHI RISES TO THE TOP DURING GREEK WEEK

As Greek Week chairman for yet another year, I am pleased to announce that Sigma Chi is officially a dynasty here on campus, having won Greek Week for three out of the last four years. While I would love to sit here and regale you with stories detailing the excitement that was this week, the fact of the matter is that we dominated from the start. The first day was the relay race, which we won easily by about 40 seconds. The second day we sat securely on our lead by placing second in both the president's/vice president's egg toss and the chariot race. Wednesday came and it was the philanthropic event, a canned food drive aimed at raising cans for the food bank where each team was to build a sculpture with their cans. Sigma Chi showed up with easily four times as many cans as everyone else and a plan as to what to do with them (A special thank you to the brothers and alumni who donated extra cans for the effort!). While the other teams built remedial objects such as a submarine, American flag and a tank, Eta Iota constructed a large model of an aircraft carrier coming out of a setting sun complete with airplanes on board to represent the navy, an Osprey to represent the Air Force, and hummers and missiles to represent the Army. Scoring nearly perfect on this event we extended our lead to 10 points with three days remaining. Thursday brought the cardboard/duct tape boat race, and while we built a superior boat, we faltered by testing it in

the house pool and sealed our own fate. While we entered the race with our water logged boat, we were unable to complete the race and did not place. With only the pyramid and tug of war left we still had a five point lead. Our human pyramid team practiced and when it came time to show what we could do, we completed the event in a little over 17 seconds, second only to SAE by a mere 15/100 of a second and securely over the Pikes who had been the only competition all week. Us placing 2nd and them placing 5th secured an 11 point lead with only Tug of war left, a 10 point event. On Friday March 6th, 2009 Eta Iota celebrated its 38th birthday by clinching the Greek Week title a day early. Saturday, a slightly hung over group of Sigs showed up to tug of war with one thing on their minds, we were going to end Greek Week the way that we had started it, by dominating all other fraternities. Destroying every team we came against, we tugged against Delta Chi in the final round and finished up the week as not only Greek Week champions but Tug-of-War champions as well. Brothers, the trophy is again our rightful property for yet another year!

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Sigma Chi and Alpha Xi Delta after a Tug of War Victory



QUAESTOR REPORT

In my article in the most recent newsletter, I expressed my confidence in the undergraduate brothers to continue to uphold their financial obligations to the chapter. With the midway point of the semester now here, I am proud to say that the chapter has the lowest accounts receivable since my initiation in the Fall semester of 2006. Brothers have been accountable for their dues and rent, and they have paid all balances within a timely manner. As a result, I have paid almost all of the bills early, and I have been able to allow officers to spend their allocated funds when needed. Any brothers who have had difficulty meeting payment deadlines have arranged payment plans through the Finance Committee, and it has proven to be a huge success. In addition to recognizing the financial responsibility of the chapter as a whole, I would also like to acknowledge the chapter officers for their budget management. At the beginning of the spring semester, I informed the officers that they are fully responsible for the money that has been allocated to them in the budget. Any money that they spend over budget will be charged to their accounts. As a result of this inherent responsibility, officers have refrained from the wasteful spending of the past, and it has saved large sums of money for the chapter.

Before I conclude my article, I would like to take the time to thank the alumni for their continued support and donations for the undergraduate chapter. Specifi-

cally, I would like to speak on behalf of the chapter and thank brother Ramano Sprueil for his recent donation for recruitment and his continued support of the chapter. Furthermore, I would like to thank the Philadelphia alumni chapter of Sigma Chi for their recent donation to the chapter as well.

I would like to remind our alumni that the undergraduate chapter is always seeking donations to assist with our numerous expenses. I assure you that any donations that you make will be used solely for their intended purposes, and they will prove to be of great assistance for the chapter. If any alumni would like to donate to the chapter, or fund a scholarship, please send checks payable to the Sigma Chi Fraternity and mail to:

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If you have any questions regarding chapter finances or donations, feel free to call me anytime at (516)-521-3386 or send an email to stefae3b@erau.edu.

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SIGMA CHI DONATION FORM

*Alumni, we value your help
and any donations would be
greatly appreciated !*

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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: _____



SPRING 2009 RECRUITMENT

This semester has been successful in recruitment for the Eta Iota chapter. Although we lost our pledges do to some uncontrollable circumstances, the weeks leading to their pledgship were fun and exciting. Rush week this year was tough for any fraternity. We ended up giving out six bids, all of which were accepted. The week started of with a night of wings at Daytona's Wing House. We reserved a section of the restaurant and invited all to join us for free wings and soda. On Tuesday we went go-carting at Go-Kart City. We also had miniature golf games and free rounds in the batting cages. This is always a fun event for everyone and has become a traditional rush event. Wednesday was our kickball tournament with the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority here on campus. This was a new event that I had come up with this year. We reserved the practice soccer fields, and enjoyed an amusing game of kickball. The sisters enjoyed it as well and it looks to be something that we will continue in the future. Thursday was a dodgeball tournament at the racquetball courts. However it was raining and it ended up being a very mellow night. Friday capped off the end of rush week with the infamous Spaghetti Dinner. We had a very good turn out of Brothers, potentials, and girls. We had updated the rush video to accommodate newer pictures. Alumni Robert Tetrault, Sweetheart Bridget Cox, Consul Steven Turner, and I all made speeches at the end of the night to encourage the potentials to pursue the challenge of pledging. Overall rush week was successful and it couldn't have been done without the help of all the Brothers in the chapter, and anyone else who helped me, so I would like to extend a thank you to all that helped in making this year's rush a great one. We are working on Rush 365 by coming up with ideas and

events to do on campus. Volleyball games, barbeques in front of the dorms, socials with sororities and fraternities are all things that we are planning to do to get our name out on campus. We will be helping with move-in next semester and we will have a barbeque for all the incoming freshmen while they are moving in. These are just a few of the things that we will be doing in hopes of acquiring a solid group of guys for next year's pledge class.



Spring recruitment with the new Sigma Chi letters on the Legacy Walkway

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOUSE MANAGER

The undergraduate brothers at the Eta Iota chapter began the semester by having a much needed house clean up before Rush Week to make the house look presentable to potential pledges. During the all-day clean up, brothers power washed the front and back walkways around the house, put a nice new coat of paint on the back deck railing and stairs, and performed many other tasks that made the house look great. Throughout the semester we have continued with maintaining the house every weekend before chapter. At the beginning of the semester many problems that existed within the house were addressed and put into work orders, which with the cooperation of the Eta Iota House Corporation have been getting completed throughout the semester. The active chapter and House Corporation have found an effective means of keeping everyone up to date with the status of the

house by submitting work orders that accurately describe the issues along with pictures which make repairs easier to plan out, and have completed. In order to keep the house looking and running well as it gets older, the undergrads are trying out a new system which holds the brothers living in house especially responsible for maintaining most of the issues around the house. In house brothers all volunteered or were assigned to adopt a part of the house and maintain it by checking up on their areas daily, and cleaning up or reporting any issues as they arise. So far this system has been working relatively well and has kept the house more presentable at all times. Although this semester is flying by, there are a few things that the undergrads hope to finish up before it is over. Currently, we have been looking into the cost and feasibility of replacing the front side-

walks, and possibly replanting some of the shrubs out front ourselves so as to give the front of the house a more attractive appearance. Hopefully with the continued cooperation of House Corporation we will be able to make these ideas possible. Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the fact that all of the active brothers have been doing a great job maintaining the house, and respecting and caring for our chapter's house and property more. Also, on behalf of the active chapter, we thank all of our alumni brothers that continue to work to provide and support our chapter with a house that we can always enjoy.

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PROVINCE WORKSHOP 2009

“The world does not accord with our intuition. Those who are successful at creating social epidemics do not just do what they think is right, but rather they deliberately test their intuitions. What must underlie successful epidemics, in the end, is a bedrock belief that change is possible, that people can radically transform their behavior or beliefs in the face of the right kind of impetus.” This theme is one of the core principles of Tipping Point by Robert Patterson, and it was the foundation for the events of this year’s Province Workshop.

This year’s Province Workshop was held in Tampa at the University of Southern Florida (USF), and it turned out to be one the most well organized and most successful workshops that the Florida chapters have ever experienced. The facilities that were used were brand new, the events were well structured, and there were many influential Sigma Chi present to offer insight into the Fraternity.

On Friday afternoon, members of our chapter arrived in Tampa for the beginning of the events. The USF chapter arranged hotel accommodations for each chapter, and we were greeted by our

chapter liaison upon arrival. Friday evening began with an introduction to Province followed by a brief overview of the schedule of events. To conclude the night, we listened to presentations on Peterson Awards and alcohol awareness. On Saturday, the USF chapter exceeded all expectations and hosted an outstanding day of group activities and presentations that were all based on the themes of Tipping Point. If there was one message that each participant gained during this constructive day, it was that a few individuals can inspire a great deal of change within a chapter. Small changes, although not revolutionary, will lead to a great transformation of the chapter in the grand scheme. And, it is through the leadership of the active brother that will permit such change.

In addition to receiving inspiration to improve our chapter, our Province participants strived diligently to learn about the practices of other chapters. Throughout the day, chapter officers split into group discussions to brainstorm and exchange ideas on various chapter programs. Our primary goal was to learn about positive recruitment techniques to revive our struggling recruitment pro-

gram. Since my initiation in the fall of 2006, our chapter has failed to recruit a large pledge class, and we have failed to initiate new members for the two most recent spring semesters. As a result, recruitment was a necessary focal point. By the end of the day, we obtained a large amount of valuable information that we will be able to use for the chapter. Furthermore, we had the opportunity to listen to presentations by former Grand Consul, Doug Carlson, and International Sweetheart, Rachel Berkey, who offered their own insights into the success of a chapter.

Although the weekend was long and busy, this year’s Province Workshop proved to be a great asset to our chapter. It increased morale within the chapter, and it motivated officers to inspire change. We learned about many positive practices of other chapters that we can incorporate into our own programs, and I am confident that Eta Iota will continue to reemerge on campus.

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FROM YOUR TRIBUNE

Welcome to the Spring 2009 Edition of Eta Iota’s Alumni Newsletter! This semester has been an exciting one and we are all happy to report good things from every office in the chapter. This newsletter is a continuation from the Fall 2008 edition sent out by our past Tribune, Steven Turner. As promised the Eta Iota Chapter is continuing to keep nationals and the alumni of the chapter informed about each semester by updating our this document.

Being a recent initiate of the chapter, this semester has been a great experience for me on many levels. I immediately wanted to hold as many positions as I could and contribute to the Fraternity as much as possible before graduating later this semester. We are taking special focus on the proper documentation of all our chapter actions in every office, and continually

improving our communication with the Fraternity as a whole. The line of communication between our chapter and nationals improves every week. Recently we learned that we have a credit from nationals that will be used for freshman pledge scholarships and have the opportunity to provide the Magazine of Sigma Chi with an update from our chapter. As Tribune, I am finishing the composition of that article and sending to the chair of the magazine this upcoming weekend.

I also hold the positions of Chapter Editor and Public Relations Chair for the Spring 2009 semester. By holding all of the above mentioned positions, I am the person who handles all documents and advertisements for the chapter. The efficiency of having one person manage all of these positions is great, and as a result we continue to post

articles in the school newspaper and hang banners in the ERAU Student Center (Including this past weeks “Greek Week Champions” banner). I am working with our social chair to construct an advertising campaign for the events we will be holding in the weeks to come that extend outside of our normal tactics. In conclusion, the news that I am happy to provide you all with this semester comes from the hard work and increasingly strong brotherhood that I have seen constantly exhibited throughout the semester. I look forward to bringing you more good news later in the semester.

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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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