

Sweet Happenings from Your Sweetheart

Sigma Chi ~ Eta Iota

Eta Iota competes in Greek Week 2011!

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As mentioned in the last issue of "Sweet Happenings from Your Sweetheart," Embry-Riddle held its annual Greek Week Competition the 1st Week in March. Although Eta Iota did not win, the Brothers put in a valiant effort all week and most importantly, had a good time while doing so! The events were:

Monday, 2/28 – Minute to win it (2nd Place): The idea was to complete tasks in a specific time limit. The tasks were:

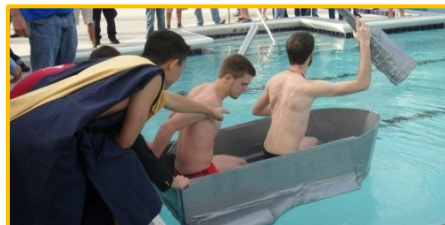
- **Soda Can Stack** – Make a tower out of soda cans and paper plates in a certain order (completed by Paul McCarthy).
- **Tissues** – Empty a box of tissues by pulling out one at a time with one hand (competed by Taylor Quackenbush).
- **Water Bottle Toss** – Throw a ½ full water bottle with one flip and land it on a table (completed by Chuck Kwon).
- **Cup Stack** – Unstack/restack cups until the bottom cup ends up on the top (completed by Pedro Pinero).
- **Golf Ball Stack** – Stack three golf balls on top of each other (completed by Pedro Pinero).



Tuesday, 3/1 – Chariot Race: Each Greek organization was required to build a "chariot" in which one member sits on the back (Jason Auger), while two other members haul it through a planned course (Tony Romano and Jim Baldgya in the 1st Round; David Cruz and Jim in the 2nd).



Wednesday, 3/2 – Boat Race: In this competition, each Greek organization was required to build a boat and paddles made only out of cardboard and duct tape. During the race, half way across the campus pool, the paddles fell apart, and the boat tipped over. Jonny Jacobs and Kyle Sellers steered the boat.



Thursday, 3/3 – Relay Race: Thursday's relay race was made up of a bunch of different competitions. The events were:

- **Egg Carry** – Carry an egg on a spoon using your mouth (completed by Paul McCarthy).
- **Wheelbarrow Race** – Completed by Jason Auger and Tony Romano.
- **Three Legged Race** – Completed by Trevor Simms and Jim Baldgya.
- **Army Crawl** – Crawl and push an orange with your nose (completed by Darren Jennings).
- **Saltine Race** – Chew/Swallow 5 crackers with no water (completed by Tim Englehardt).
- **Obstacle Course** – Completed by David Cruz.

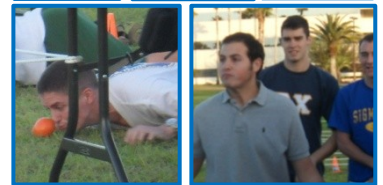
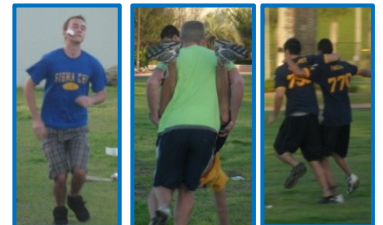
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Friday, 3/4 – Tug-of-War (2nd Place): Brothers that competed in the event were Andres Villalobos, Pedro Pinero, Tony Romano, Tim Englehardt, George Apudo, Jim Baldgya, David Cruz, and James Anderson.





George with Brother Aaron Newman each making "call signs" for their pledge classes!



Brothers Marc Gonzalez and Taylor Quackenbush camping with Paul!

"No one could tell me where my soul might be; I searched for God but He eluded me; I sought my brother out and found all three."

- Ernest Howard Crosby

"It's tough hiring good people. It's always a great testament to a man if on his resume it says he's a SIGMA CHI."

- James Barksdale
CEO Netscape



Enjoying a pig roast at the House! Here are Brothers Matt Otto, Paul, James Anderson, and Ryan Rush.



Goofing off at the lunch table – Here are Brothers Trevor Simms and Francisco Gonzales.

Meet the *By-Law Committee Chairman* - Peter Sanchez [airforcerox@yahoo.com]

Peter, born on February 19, 1992 was nicknamed "Sensodyne" upon his initiation into the Eta Chapter. He was the 784th Brother to become a Sig at ERAU and was in the Gamma Nu Pledge Class last fall. From Cherry Hill, New Jersey, Peter is the By-Law Committee Chairman and was a Tri-

Province Chapter Liaison. At Embry-Riddle, he studies Aeronautical Science with a minor in International Relations. He enjoys doing Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and would love to announce to all the Alumni that he finished in the top 10% of AFROTC last semester while pledging Sigma Chi.



Meet a *Floridian* - Raphael Kai-Makena Alland [polo.shark@gmail.com]

Raphael, or Rafe as many call him, was born on October 19, 1992 and is from Sarasota, Florida (a true Floridian!). His Big Brother gave him the nickname "RIPE" when he became the 785th initiate Brother at Eta Iota. He, just like Peter, was in the Gamma Nu Pledge Class as well as a Tri-

Province Chapter Liaison. At ERAU, Rafe is majoring in Aerospace Engineering with a minor in High Performance Vehicles. He enjoys SCUBA, surfing, shooting, and racing cars. He graduated top in his class in High School and has a semi-professional Polo handicap.



Meet the *Pool Chair* - Paul Edward McCarthy [racefan132@gmail.com]

Paul is from Stratford, Connecticut and was born on January 1, 1992. He came to Embry-Riddle to study Aerospace Engineering but has recently decided to change his field of study to Aircraft Maintenance Science (AMS). He was in the Gamma Nu pledge class, was the

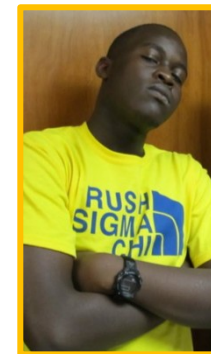
787th initiate at Eta Iota, and bears the nickname "Take Two." Prior to being the Pool Chair, he was, as many at HI like to call it, the Assistant Cabana Boy. Paul is a certified Private Pilot and enjoys skateboarding, snowboarding, RC vehicles, paintball, working on cars, and rock climbing.



Meet a *Professional Rugby Player* - George Ishmael Apudo [gmok7@yahoo.com]

George Ishmael was pledge brothers with Peter, Rafe, and Paul in the Gamma Nu Pledge Class. He was initiated in fall 2010 with the nickname "Pretty Much" and Roll Book #788. Born on July 7, 1991, George is from Nairobi, Kenya. He is the current SGA Representative and Steward. He is studying Aerospace Engineering at ERAU with a minor in International Relations. Before coming to

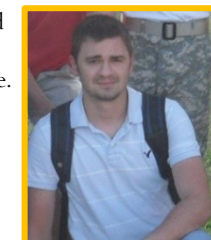
Riddle, George led quite an interesting life. He killed a hyena out of self-defense with a spear and played professional rugby in Kenya. He plans to be the future founder and CEO of the 1st Aerospace Industry in Africa. He enjoys being a Sig, playing soccer and rugby, and chilling out at the beach. At Eta Iota, everyone has nominated George to be the CHEO (Chief Hyena Exterminating Officer).



Meet an *US Veteran* - Phillip Yopp [sandboxfighter@yahoo.com]

Phillip (Phil as called by many) was born on December 8, 1984 and is from Memphis, Tennessee. He was in the Gamma Mu pledge class (Spring 2010) and was the 772nd Brother initiated at Eta Iota. Bearing the nickname "Wet Willy," Phil has

been the PR Chair at Eta Iota and is now an Active Brother. He is majoring in AMS at Embry-Riddle. Before coming to ERAU, Phil served in the United States Army. In his free time, he enjoys dirt bikes, baseball, fishing, boating, driving, and building.



Where are they now? Catch up with alumni and see what they have been up to!

Ken Bording

Ken Bording was in the very 1st pledge class at Eta Iota and was the 15th initiate. Here is his story ...

He was born in Memphis, TN and grew up in San Bruno (a suburb of San Francisco). He graduated from Capuchino High in 1964 and started college in the Bay Area, while working for San Francisco and Oakland Helicopter Airlines as an aircrew member.

In November 1965 he entered the US Army Rotary Wing Aviation Course and graduated as an Aviation Warrant Officer in Dec. 1966. He was immediately deployed to Viet Nam and flew combat assault missions in the UH-1H "Huey" helicopters. Ken served as the Unit Standardization Instructor Pilot and trained Republic of Korea Army Pilots to fly the Huey while flying missions in support of the two Korean divisions fighting alongside the American units. He returned to the US in Dec. 1967.

Ken volunteered for an early return for a 2nd combat tour in Viet Nam and redeployed in April 1968 flying CH-47 Chinook helicopters. He flew combat missions in RVN, Laos, and Cambodia. He returned home once again in

April 1969 with 2400hrs flight time (2150 combat). He was then assigned to Ft. Benning, GA, flying the CH-47. He left active duty and joined the FL Army National Guard as an Army Aviator and to attend Embry Riddle in August 1969.

Ken pledged Sigma Chi Delta shortly after its organization and was the president of the first pledge class, Alpha. Bussey Allsup was his Big Brother. He, along with all the Founding Brothers, was initiated into Sigma Chi on 3/6/71. He took over the duties of Quaestor when the incumbent suddenly got his dream job flying the CEO and Founder of IBM's personal jet. This happened at the same time when they were moving forward with leasing the run-down former motel/ERAU dorm on Ridgewood that became the Chapter House. There was absolutely no way they could afford to lease the property, but it worked!

He graduated from ERAU with a degree in Aeronautical Science in Sept. 1971. He then became a FAA Air Traffic Controller in Jacksonville Center while still flying as a reservist in the FL Army Guard. He married Cathleen "Colleen" Saunders in 1974 and they have one son, Steven, who is now an

LtCol in the USAF flying B-52s. He returned to active duty with the Florida Army Guard in 1981 and served as a Flight Instructor, Instrument Flight Examiner and Battalion/Group/State Headquarters Aviation Safety Officer. In 1990, Ken earned a Masters in Business Administration from ERAU. He has also earned professional certifications as a Certified Safety Profession (CSP) and an Occupational Health and Safety Technologist (OHST).

From 1993-2000, while still assigned to the Florida Guard, he served as the US Army Reserve Component Subject Matter Expert during the design, prototype testing, and contract award of the Army's Aviation Combined Arms Tactical Trainer (AVCATT) – a mobile, transportable, multi-station virtual simulation device designed to support unit collective and combined arms training. He was able to do this because he attended simulator courses for the Army and had flown 5 of the 6 aircraft replicated in the simulator system. The initial program had a cost of \$197million.

Over the years, Ken has had numerous deployments with units of the FL Guard and the active Army to Central and South America as well as to Egypt. He retired from the US Army in Feb. 2000 as a CW5 with over 7000hrs of flight time in the UH-1H Hueys, Ch-47 Chinooks, UH-60 Blackhawks, and AH-64 Apaches. Since retirement, he has been employed as the Safety and Security manager for the HJ Heinz Company (think ketchup) plant in Jacksonville, FL. Ken also has 67 credits towards a doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

Pledge class: Alpha Chi
Number: 475
Initiated: 5/4/91
Nickname: Miner
Big Bro: Chuck Torrissi
Lil Brothers: Alex Bingham
Chris Van Smith



TOP: Hanging out at the Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil!

After leaving Embry-Riddle in 1991, Ramano transferred to the University of Florida to study Psychology/Pre-med. He stayed there for medical school and graduated in 1998. In 1998, Ramano then moved to Dallas for his residency in Emergency Medicine. Currently, he works as an Emergency Physician in Dallas.

Ramano Sprueil

He has been a chapter advisor at the Delta Mu and Theta Kappa chapters; currently a Grand Praetor for the Northern Texas Province and is very actively involved with Sigma Chi.

He travels extensively, and has been to 37 counties. Ramano is currently single, and doesn't have any children.



LEFT: Relaxing in beautiful Sydney, Australia.



RIGHT: On a canal cruise in Amsterdam.

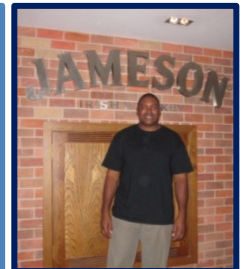
Such a small world for Rob Papandrea!



Rob Papandrea married his wife, Kim, last month. They were married in St. Thomas as part of the first stop on a 7 day cruise. The night before the wedding, dancing about 10 feet from his wife, was his pledge brother Scott Rehn. They had not seen each other in over 5 years. It turns out that him and his girlfriend (Janay) booked the cruise 4 days before. Of course they made it to the wedding the next day! Such a small world ... you never know you who will run into.



LEFT: 2011 Saint Patrick's Day Party
RIGHT: During a Jameson Distillery Tour in Dublin, Ireland.



Brothers Enjoy a Pig Roast ~

To celebrate Greek Week and the unity of the ERAU Greek Community, Eta Iota had a Pig Roast with another Fraternity on campus, Delta Chi (and of course any woman from ERAU who wanted to join in the festivities!). Here are some pictures from the day



Eta Iota hits Facebook!

With the rise in technology, it has been decided it would be best to bring Eta Iota to Facebook. You can now find "[Sigma Chi - Eta Iota Chapter](#)" and "[Eta Iota Sweetheart](#)" fan pages. You can also find a Sweetheart Profile page for your Sweethearts past, present, and future. It was created with the intention of all your Sweethearts to have the capability of updating everyone on the happenings of the Chapter with just a click of the mouse! Unfortunately, due to having to use a *real* name on the profile page, the name for your Sweetheart is [Swet Hart \(EtaIota\)](#) - it was the closest name that would work! So go on Facebook, "like" the fan pages and add yourself as a friend to Swet Hart!



Consul runs for Xi Man ... 40th is Comin' Up!

Every year, a sorority at Embry-Riddle (Alpha Xi Delta) hosts their annual Sweetheart Competition in which they name their new Xi Man. Competing for year 2011 was HI Consul, Taylor Quackenbush. Taylor put in a valiant effort and helped to collect over \$4200 for their philanthropy, Autism Speaks. He made an impact on their Chapter and although he came in as the 1st Runner Up, he made an impression on the ladies' hearts forever!



And in a little over one week, Eta Iota Brothers and families will be celebrating the Chapter's 40th Birthday. The weekend activities include:

Thursday 3/31:

- ERAU Campus Tour & Welcome Reception (4 - 7pm) @ ERAU Campus

Friday 4/1:

- Golf Tournament (11am - 5pm) at Spruce Creek Country Club
- Living the Spirit of Youth BBQ & House Party (6pm - ??) @ Good 'Ole 520 S. Ridgewood Ave. → wear jerseys!

Saturday 4/2:

- House Corporation Meeting & Luncheon (Noon - 2pm) at the Hilton
- Panothead Cocktail Party (6 - 7pm) and Margaritaville Banquet (7 - 12pm) @ the Hilton → wear a luau outfit!

Sunday 4/3:

- Chapter (11am - 1pm) @ the Hilton

Check out the shirts designed especially for 40th! They will be sold for \$20 with proceeds going to the Active Chapter.



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

I hope you all have enjoyed reading the newsletters as much as I have enjoyed writing them! I still have 13 Active Brothers to feature in "Sweet Happenings from Your Sweetheart" and I hope to get them all to you in the next three newsletters (although some may have to wait until the fall ☹...) But, long waits sometimes make the news that much more exciting!

I plan to send out 1 or 2 more newsletters during the rest of this semester as classes end on April 28th and I will be heading off on an internship. Look for maybe one over the summer though - who knows, there may be cool happenings at 520 S. Ridgewood over the summer with Brothers who stay in town. If you would like to see anything different in the fall, please let me know!

Also, send me comments on what you all think about making a "Philanthropy Challenge" over the summer for the Active Brothers. My thoughts were to challenge all the Brothers to do community service over the summer and whoever does the most hours, could have his Fall Semester Dues paid for by an Alumni (they now pay dues up front). Are there any takers? ☺

I am looking forward to seeing my old friends and meeting new ones in a week! Hope it's a good time (as always when with Sigs). I found the PERFECT luau dress for Saturday night and am excited to see everyone else in their Hawaiian get ups!

Farewell until then ...

Love Your 2011 Sweetheart