



THE ETA IOTA NEWS

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FROM THE DESK OF THE CONSUL

As Eta Iota grows into its next generation I believe it will become the dominant leadership training program on campus. It is one of the most exciting periods of time for this chapter. I believe alumni who attend the 35th will be impressed with not only the condition of the chapter house, but the condition of the chapter Spirit. Every brother is working hard to make this place the once-in-a lifetime experience and lasting tradition it should be.

One of the steps we have taken toward enriching brotherhood at Eta Iota is the creation of a new position; called brotherhood chair. This officers main responsibility is to plan brother-only events meant to bring us closer toward true brotherhood. Some of the many events he has planned include bowling tournaments, poker tournaments, basketball games, cook-outs, and even a camping trip. This has increased the amazing spirit of brotherhood we have at this chapter.

In sports, our flag football team was invited to play the inaugural game at ERAU's new field. 75% of the chapter was present in sig shirts, and we were clearly the largest group in attendance, along with the chancellor, athletic department, and food services. Our team is pushing to win the intra-mural trophy this year, and we have a good start, we are undefeated.

We have a Halloween party planned which will rival welcome back. Hayden Haddox has taken every measure to ensure it is a success. The house will be the scariest place on the block, and Fuel will be sponsoring the event. We hope to have an attendance in the hundreds.

Every Sunday before chapter we have a meal together, and watch a little football. This has proved to help our attendance like we hoped it would. We have met quorum at every meeting without fines! All our brothers are paying their bills for the first time in years, every brother is financially current.

We truly are running the best fraternity on campus, and striving to be the best Sigma Chi chapter we can. Hope we are making you alumni proud, thanks for all the support.



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White Cross fire pit situated at the back of the house and created by brother Brett Miller '05



PRO CONSUL'S REPORT

Thanks to everyone's hard work starting this semester off with a great effort. The executive committee is running smoothly and business is able to get done very quickly.

I am also proud to report that brotherhood and participation since the beginning of the semester has been outstanding. A recent topic of discussion at the executive meetings has been to

upgrade the internet at the house to an ultra-fast T1 line, in order to improve the bandwidth allocated to each in-house brothers. This should improve the downloading, guarantee a 24/7 up-time, and should enhance the performance of the internet which has been particularly slow with our current provider. We are now in the testing phase of T1 and have noticed some minor glitches which are in the process of being fixed and should be resolved within a matter of days.

I would also like to thank our social chair Hayden Haddox for a good job setting up a ton of social events and implementing Sunday dinners at the house

for all of the brothers. Recent socials that we had was the welcome back party, which brought out a ton of people and incited a lot of them to pledge, and was a great start to an amazing semester. An upcoming event is October 28th which will be our Halloween party. Let's finish strong and have another fun and successful semester.

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CMN EVENT POSTPONED

We currently have 34 active brothers in the chapter. The past couple semesters we have been doing a beach clean-up philanthropy where we clean a one mile section of beach for the county. This semester we organized to help, on October 22nd, Child Miracle's Network (CMN) Hospitals put on a go-karting race for children. It should be a lot of fun and would allow children to forget the pain that they may endure and provide some sort of entertainment. Normally this event is ran by the brothers of the Eta Pi chapter from the University of Central Florida but they already had some other event planned for that day.

However, due to hurricane Wilma, the event was postponed to sometime in March, 2006. I will organize all the details for the future annotator in the Spring so we can organize that go-karting event for the children. Please feel free to contact me for any details if you'd like to join us.



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LIBRARY IN PROCESS OF RENOVATION

With the creation of the new game room, the library has been moved to the second story of the house in the former "closet," or room 20. The library now displays many chapter awards, trophies, and plaques which have been collected over the years, as well as the standard books and scrapbooks. We are installing a loft, along with a desk for the use of visitors. We will also be experimenting with both physical and online versions of the scrapbook, since the collection of pictures is currently all-digital.



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A picture of the new library with photo albums, books, and awards all organized to be more presentable. A new desk is also to be installed.



ETA IOTA CONTINUES TO IMPRESS EMBRY-RIDDLE STUDENTS

So far this semester has had a very active social calendar. We started the semester with a strategy meeting held by our consul, Paul Smith, which was followed with lots of refreshments out on the back deck. The purpose of this meeting was to motivate all brothers to be active and to attend all socials organized throughout the semester. It was soon followed with our traditional, semi-annual welcome back party which brought about 700 people to the house. The party ran very smoothly and no major incidents or fights were reported. Having such a huge success at welcome back and making great profit on it, it was decided that we would take a trip to Orlando to celebrate a night out with only brothers, pledges, and dates. We rented a charter bus and a bar in downtown Orlando which ended up being a great time.

The next upcoming social event is our Sigermeister Halloween party to be held October 28th at the Sigma Chi house. This is a first for Sigma Chi to host the Halloween party, as in the past years it had always been done by Delta Chi, however, their house having been demolished leaves them with no alternatives. The Sigermeister Halloween party is therefore expected to be bigger than welcome back. I have put a lot of time in both the decorations and the ideas behind this party so that this can be yet another huge social event the student body waits all year for.

Following the Halloween party, we will be having our White Rose formal on November 11th at Daytona USA. This is a change from last year, where it was held at Indigo Club House. It will be the traditional White Rose with a plated dinner, drinks, and dancing. It will end with the election of our new sweetheart.

I also am trying to plan a social with one of the sororities from either ERAU or Stetson University, but the date and

theme for that event has still not been determined and will not be set until after the Halloween party.

We will also be having our White Elephant on December 8th. For those of you who don't know what our White Elephant is, it's a brothers-and-girls only event which acts as our Christmas party. This year will include a full Christmas dinner as well as the typical White Elephant shenanigans.

As for other social events here at Eta Iota, there is some-



Brother Hayden Haydcox '08 preparing beer-can chickens.

thing everyday. Our brother, Brett Miller, graciously hosts Monday night football at his house in Port Orange, you can find at least one brother at Red Tails any day of the week and there is always something going on here at the house.

Another social/brotherhood event I have set up this semester is our new Sunday dinners. The way it works is every Sunday my assistants and I prepare a full dinner, served buffet style, here at the house. We have had chicken fajitas, brats, baked pasta's, beer-can chickens, tacos, beef stroganoff and so much more. Some upcoming dinners include

hot wings, a crab and shrimp boil and a possible pig roast. Having these dinners has not only increased chapter attendance, but they have helped give us a chance to spend time as brothers in a totally different way. Dinner is served at 6:15 every Sunday and I encourage alumni to stop by as there is plenty of food to go around.

Lastly, the only other new thing happening here at the house is our Game Room. It is currently under construction but we are making some big strides. The room is fully cleaned out with a working bathroom and a new air conditioner; it currently has our Eta Iota slot machine and a refrigerator in it. We have about \$200 saved up for the next step but we are desperately in need of money to complete this project. I have tried many times to organize fundraisers to fund our new room but for one reason or another they all get cancelled. To completely finish the renovation of the game room, a total of about \$1,200 is needed to buy the poker table, arcade games, a dart board and a bumper pool table. Another fundraiser is in the process of being organized up for race week next semester, but until then we have an empty room. Any help towards this project would be greatly appreciated and we will have a plaque in the room recognizing those who do help.

As of now I would like to thank Terry Owens, the Gamma Beta pledge class, and the active brothers for both their donations and their support for this wonderful addition to the house. Other than that, all I can say is everything is going great here at Eta Iota and I encourage all alumni to stop by the house either to just say "hi" or to stay and have a beer.

"ALWAYS something going on....Monday night football, Red Tails or the House."



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SIGMA CHI ATHLETICS #1

Our fall athletics consist of our flag football team. This doesn't sound like much, but our team name is both feared and well known throughout the athletic community.

Most of the Sigma Chi team has played together for two years which has developed our ability to understand what each other is going to do out on the field. Our record is now 4-0 and our latest victory was against the Air Force, who is supposed to be one of the better teams in the league. We were fortunate enough to play them since they are not in our "Greek conference." This is to our advantage due to the fact that all the teams we play in the Greek conference do not stand a chance against us and it just turns into a slaughter. We have a couple additions to our team which are turning

out to be quite helpful. Consul Paul Smith and pledge Derek



A few brothers talking about there strategy.

Pizzo have contributed a lot. Paul has turned out to be quite the blocker for our offense and Derek's "white lightning" speed has proven quite deadly offensively and on defense. The rest of the line-up is basically the same from last year.

Hopefully our undefeated streak will continue and I hope to see some of you out there helping continue to prove that Sigma Chi is a dominating force on campus. Also, on a side note, I'm going to begin training for Greek week so that sigma chi is well represented in comparison to other fraternities. Thanks for your time.



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FINANCES ARE UP TO DATE

I wanted to start this letter by complementing the active chapter. I know that you're thinking, "This isn't the Queastor Report" and no I haven't lost my mind...yet. This semester, our brothers have done an outstanding job at keeping their financial obligations to the chapter. Embry-Riddle's new policy on withdrawing finds, have made it difficult for all students, yet the communication and cooperation among the brothers has kept our chapter moving in a positive direction. I would also like to thank our executive officers. Their professional conduct has made our finances easier to monitor as well as raising the bar for future officers. Day-to-day operations at Eta Iota are running fairly well, although a low amount of brothers and a rising list of expenses has made it difficult for us to be flexible with our finances (fixing and improving gen-

eral stuff around the house). We've received a few donations from alumni helping us with our recruitment and for the house.

Donations to the active chapter are greatly welcomed and will always be put to good use. With our 35th anniversary approaching, we want to get the house and our members up to their full potential; your help is always appreciated.



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SIGMA CHI DONATION FORM

Alumni, we value your help and any donations would be greatly appreciated towards the game room, library, or other uses?

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32114

Name: _____

Amount Donated: _____ (Please attach your check)

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

- Social Event
- House Improvement
- Other: _____

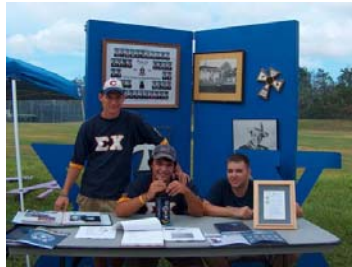


RUSH IN REVIEW

I am happy to report that here at Embry-Riddle, Sigma Chi maintained its tradition of greatness throughout our Fall '05 rush. We began our rush activities by setting up a display at a women's soccer game which attracted about 30 potentials. The success continued through the Activities Fair and Meet the Greeks. When all was said and done we not only had great participation from brothers, but also entered rush week with an amazing 80 potentials. While the school shortened rush week and weather postponed our Welcome Back party until after rush, we still carried out such events as Paint ball in Orlando, Laser Tag, Mini-Golf, Go-Karting, and our Spaghetti dinner. With over 40 rushee's attending the events and some help from brother Bryan Clauss, we were able to take pictures of each one of them. These pictures helped us in the bid process where we decided on 26 individuals to distribute bids. Of these 26 men, 24 accepted the bid on the first day of formal bidding. For yet another semester, this number eclipsed those of all other fraternities. I would like to thank all the brothers and our sweethearts (past and present) who helped make the week such a success, and to our alumni brothers for their speaking at the spaghetti dinner. A special thanks to brother Romano Sprueil for his donation to our rush budget, it is greatly appreciated. Overall, rush was a huge success this semester and I am confident that our newly elected Rush Chair, Tony Russo, will do a great job for us next semester.



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Our rush crew welcomes you.

PLEDGES

The Gamma Gamma pledges for the Eta Iota Chapter of Sigma Chi have been busy beyond imagination. We started on a warm night out on the basketball court staring at the faces of 25 possible pledges, and tried our hardest to memorize their name, origin, and favorite drink!

At our first meeting we lost 2 pledges and began our journey at 22 (One also left in that meeting). We were all extremely intimidated at first by the amount of work required of us; the Brothers compared the pledges process to signing up for another 3 credit hour course. Some of us could argue thought that it is a 6 credit hour course.

We are into the 3rd week of pledging now and our numbers have dropped to twelve. Many exited the interview after they realized their funds were short or after failing test one. However, it was all for the best because we have now been determined by our Magister, Perry Lewis, to be the face of pledge class Gamma Gamma. We are coming upon first review now and we have many requirements for this event, but we have prepared well for this task.

Thus far, the pledge process has been very exciting and challenging. All in all, we are coming together fast and our communication gets better everyday. And lets not forget the parties, there great!

The names of the Pledge class of Gamma Gamma are:

Matt Sumner, Derek Pizzo, Matt Pillion, Ryan Roman, Scott Peery, Matteo Orazi, Graham Jones, Joe Gablin, Ben Dixon, Jarret Tyo, David Orre and Mike Colantonio.

HOUSE MANAGER

The summer of 2005 helped to make a great year for the house. As most of you can imagine, the house had become a bit rundown over the years due to the hurricanes, natural weather, and just being a fraternity house. However, with much help from House Corporation, we have gotten the house into much better shape.

I personally want to thank House Corp. and especially Brother Miller for all of his hard work that he performed on the house. It would have been very difficult without him. Everything isn't complete, but we are getting much closer. Some of the things that have been done or are

being done include flood lights working around the house, as well as many new lights to help detour potential crooks, steel door frames, updating many of the bathrooms, the fire alarm system is now in working condition again, new carpet in most of the rooms and house, new drywall, paint in all of the places that needed it and the pump room also got a complete overhaul with a new pump and filter set up. We are also in the process of adding an ice machine that was donated by Delta Chi, and with some TLC and a few bucks it will be as good as new. If you haven't heard, House Corp. is in the process of purchasing the Country Club and possibly the other house in

the back area. If all goes well we will gain a good chunk of property out back and it will give us more room to expand if we choose to.

We are headed in a good direction to make this place better, and with everybody's help we can do it. If all goes well, the house will be in pristine condition by the 35th birthday, and with some hard work we will keep it that way.



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EXPERIENCES OF RECENT INITIATES

Chris Chapman '07

Life as a brother is so much more than I could have imagined. I have to admit that pledging was a blast for me and it keeps getting better after initiation. I'm taking an active role in the chapter as well as holding positions. I am proud to say that I am a part of the Eta Iota Chapter of Sigma Chi. I look forward to being a part of the future here and being able to make a difference. I must say that this is all pretty new to me and I am learning so much yet still have a long way to go.

Kevin Rossignon '06

I never thought that I would see the end of pledging and the day initiation happened, it took me a while to realize that I had become a brother. Pledging was an awesome time and, like everybody said, it is the one experience that you wish you could redo although the amount of work. Making it through was the biggest accomplishment, and it only felt right for me to get positions and try to give back to Sigma Chi. I currently hold 3 positions and think that I could still give more to Sigma Chi as they have done so much for me.

Phil Holloway '08

As a newly initiated brother in the Gamma Beta pledge class, I feel at home here at Eta Iota. Pledging was a long process, especially balancing the Engineering workload with pledging. However, I feel that those eight weeks got me ready for initiation into Sigma Chi. I-Week really taught me time management and even more about myself. Initiation was an awesome experience. I did not know what to expect initiation to be like, but I was nevertheless awestruck. As a brother now, occupying room #9 at the house, I know that every Sigma Chi will always be there for me and support me in my decisions, and that is a great feeling.

WELCOME NEWLY INITIATED BROTHERS

Chris Chapman '05
Barf #693

Kevin Rossignon '06
Dip #694

Philip Holloway '08
Brick #695

Bryan Clauss '08
Sex Panther #696

Tony Russo '08
Oneder #697

Bryan Clauss '08

I have greatly enjoyed the Sigma Chi experience thus far. Everything is much different on this side, watching pledge brothers progress through the program. I was given the opportunity to organize and run the initial "lost notebook" trials for the pledges, and believe that they gained teamwork and knowledge through the experience. Knowing that I have an

RISK LEVEL IS GREEN

Brothers, as risk manager this semester I have tried to take a more proactive approach to keeping chapter events running smoothly and safely. With increasing numbers of alcohol and pledging related accidents at fraternity houses around the country, it is important for us as a chapter to identify those areas where we need more responsible oversight and to take action to correct our deficiencies. I am working hard to accomplish that goal. Our designated driver program (SWAT - Sigs With Alternate Transportation) has expanded to cover 4 nights per week, and has assisted many brothers and pledges in unsafe situations. Overall, our chapter is working hard to make Eta Iota a safer and more secure chapter.

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impact on the future of our Fraternity is what really excites me, and I look forward to the years to come.

Tony Russo '08

I really enjoy being a brother. I love this place and everything about it. Being a brother is a totally new experience for me and I never realized how much harder it is. I thought it was difficult being a pledge, little did I know, that is only the beginning of the work. As a brother, I have taken on the position of pool manager. I also have a little brother and have been elected to be next years rush chairman. I really enjoy trying to give back to this program what I have gotten out of it. However, I can never match what I have gotten out of it, I will try my hardest to make our fraternity better for the brothers who are already here, the brothers who come back to visit, and the future of our fraternity.



Chris Chapman, Tony Russo, Kevin Rossignon, Phil Holloway, Bryan Clauss



MESSAGE FROM YOUR TRIBUNE

Brothers,

The Eta Iota chapter of Sigma Chi is doing extremely well. We have had no major incident nor problem since the beginning of the year and have had a great brother turn out at both social events and at chapter meetings. This fall semester is probably going to turn out to be one of the greatest semesters that this chapter has had in a long time. I'm glad to see that each active brother is consistently working hard in trying to improve this chapter.

Throughout the summer, thanks to House Corporation and a few brothers, each room has been renovated with new carpet, AC units, and steel frame doors. This will not only increase security, but should also improve living conditions around the house. Aside from that, we hired a pool man to come and check the

water chemicals every week to assure that the pool is up to the state standards.

At the very beginning of the semester, Paul Smith, our consul, had decided to organize a strategy meeting in order to start this semester in the right direction. It ended up with a nice little brother-only party organized by Hayden Haddox. It soon followed with a tremendous amount of socials, and with a lot more to come.

I would also like to mention that the newsletter has been reformatted with a new layout in order to provide a new, more professional aspect and to demonstrate that we, the brothers of the Eta Iota, are constantly raising the bar to improve this chapter. I would like to thank Tim Bounds, consul of Gamma Nu chapter, for allowing us to somewhat replicate the layout of there newsletter.

Lastly I would like to remind everyone that Eta Iota is always seeking some money to not only improve the quality of life but to also improve our house. Alumni, we value your help and any donations would be greatly appreciated. A donation form can be found on page 4. Send it, along with your check, and a description as to where you would want to see your money go towards.

Remember that the Eta Iota doors are always open to welcome you. Hope to see all of you soon for the upcoming 35th birthday of our chapter coming up in the Spring.



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WEBSITE HAPPENINGS

We've packed our chapter website with lots of powerful and useful tools to help you keep in touch and keep the chapter running efficiently.

See newsletters, view and upload photos, check out the guestbook (now with photos!), send email to other Eta Iota Sigs, send a much-needed donation, check out other brother's websites, review House Corporation financial statements and presentations, post or review a job opening on our private job listings page, review the 35th birthday party schedule, and even keep up with the weekly antics of Klyde Morris - all on www.etaiota.org.

With our ever improving on-line database, you can to look up the Eta Iota Sigs in a state you're about to visit, or those brothers who work for a company you're trying to get on with, and many more possibilities. It's all quick, easy, and right on www.etaiota.org. What a great resource!

While you're there, please click on Member Directory and check to see that

all of *your* data is up to date. Please also be sure to fill in the "permanent contact" info in your profile, so that if we do lose you (you move, etc) we can contact someone to find you again. The database has recently added the capability to upload your photo with your profile, and we've also added additional security features to give you the option of preventing the display of your address, email address, and photo according to your settings, in directories, guestbook entries, and member contact requests. And of course, your information is *never* given out to non-sigs or sold. The password for directory access is easy for us to remember, but hard for others to guess - it's our late mascot dog Fred's last name.

Did you know that we are missing email addresses for 280 our alumni? Is your's one of them? Visit www.etaiota.org and use the quick check entry right on the home page to find out.

Do you know the whereabouts of any of these "lost" brothers? If so, send an email to webmaster@etaiota.org with any contact information you have.

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Buddy Evans
John Ferguson
Col. Jerry Fry
Rodney George
Steve Goldman
Juan Gonzalez
Jim Hamblin
Hubert Harrison
Herb Huston
Bill Jakeman
Todd Kaylor
Dan Kelley
Larry Maddox
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CHAPTER ADVISOR

Brothers,

Greetings from Daytona. As some of you are aware I've been absent for many months due to family illness. Will I'm back on station and attending to Chapter matters. During my absence Brother Jim Patterson looked out for the Chapter, Thank you Jim.

Over the summer and into fall, with financial support and assistance from

House Corp we have updated many of the rooms at the house. Much of this included repairing walls/ceilings, plumbing, and new carpet. Many thanks to Brother Brent Miller for his help and guidance in this endeavor.

The Chapter is moving along. We had a good representation at LTW, had an excellent fall rush and started the semester with a large pledge class.

I promise to write more in the alumni paper. Don't forget to update your bio in the one line directory and most of all don't forget to mark your calendar for our 35th birthday weekend.

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FROM THE GIRL OF OUR DREAMS

Dear Brothers of Sigma Chi, Eta Iota Chapter:

For all of you who don't know me let me introduce myself, my name is Jamie-Leigh Szczecinski. I am an active sister in the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority since the Fall of 2002. I am currently a senior planning on graduating this May, (hopefully ☺) then off to the wonderful world of Air-Traffic Control. I have been the current sweetheart since the previous White Rose Formal, in November of 2004. This past year has been nothing short of amazing. From a Spring Break cruise to the Caribbean with seven of the brothers, along with three of my sisters, from party after party to celebrating my one-year anniversary with my wonderful boyfriend Nick Nelson, Beta Psi Class. These boys have kept me entertained, and also empty-pocketed for nearly a year. ☺ But it wasn't just about baking cookies or brownies to bring to chapter every Sunday, it was taking care of the men I love most.

I would like to take a minute to congratulate the remaining

pledge of the Gamma Gamma class: Mike Colantonio, Ben Dixon, Joe Gablin, Graham Jones, Matteo Orazi, David Orre, Scott Peery, Matt Pillon, Derek Pizzo, Ryan Roman, Matthew Sumner, Jarret Tyo. And wish them luck throughout the remaining few weeks of pledging and hope to see all of them making it through.



Left to right: Paul Brandau, Russ Fortin, Jamie Szczecinski, Nick Nelson, Kyle Fanelli

It has been my honor to be the Sigma Chi Sweetheart for this chapter the past year. Not only have I met some great guys to hang out with, I met some great guys that will be a part of my life even after I leave here. I hope in two weeks when my current Sweetheart reign is over, the next sweetheart will be just as touched as I was getting to know such a great group of men.

Remember that the Eta Iota doors are always open to welcome you. Hope to see all of you soon for the upcoming 35th birthday of our chapter

coming up in the Spring.

Sincerely,
Jamie Szczecinski
Sweetheart 2004





HOUSE CORPORATION TO PURCHASE COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTY

Your House Corporation officers and trustees have voted to pursue purchase of the lot behind the chapter house commonly known as the Country Club.

We are asking for your financial assistance to help lay the groundwork for the future of our chapter.

The Property

The lot's address is 525 S. Seagrave (directly behind 520 S. Ridgewood) The lot size is 11,000 sq ft (1/3 acre +) 110 x 150. Coupled with the H.C. property, the chapter would then have a total of about 3 acres. Due to hurricane damage, flooding, termites, and general wear and tear, the building on the property has exceeded its useful life and will have to be torn down.

History

In 1986, John Wrightington purchased the land and house for about \$20,000 in the hopes that someday the land would be given to the House Corporation and/or National Fraternity as an extension of the chapter house property. Since then about a dozen brothers have lived there over the years virtually for free, while attending school. We have hung out there and parked on the lawn. It has also served as a buffer between the house and the surrounding neighbors. Since John's purchase, nobody living there has ever called the cops to complain about noise!

The Proposal

For personal reasons, John must to divest himself of the property in the immediate future. He has offered the House Corporation the ability to purchase it for the net tax benefit he would receive if he donated it to an organization such as Habitat for Humanity That value is \$10,900. Unfortunately, it is not possible to donate the property to the House Corporation or chapter and capture any tax

benefit. Nor is it possible to donate it to the Sigma Chi Foundation and have the property come under the control of the local chapter. Suffice to say that these options have been fully explored and are not possible.

If donated to Habitat for Humanity, which would be one of John's top alternate options, they would most likely put two residences on the property. New residents would also tend not to take so kindly to parking on the lawn

current area has been an increasing problem and the house is in continual need of repair.

If we decide to sell the current property and acquire a new location, certainly having the Country Club property to sell along with the main lot would provide us more money to buy something else, and may very well increase the value of the main property if sold independently. It also provides the possibility of selling the 525 Seagrave property independently should an emergency arise.

As if a potential \$20,000 loss against selling the property outright wasn't enough, John has stated that if the fraternity does decide to commit to a new location, that he will "pledge to give back the net proceeds of the Country Club back to a tax exempt body to assist in that endeavor over the next 7 years (from the commitment to go for a new location)." Brothers, we are not going to have an opportunity like this again.

Remember, this is not just "patching up the old joint." This project is one of the first steps we are taking for the long term housing needs of Eta Iota. Enhancing the size and value of our Ridgewood Ave. property far beyond the cost of this transaction. Whether we sell it separately, together with the 520 S. Ridgewood property (to enhance it's value), or keep it for more room is yet to be determined, but with this purchase we will be in in better shape to pursue all of these options.

The Money

As anyone who has purchased property knows, there's always just a little more to it than the price. As previously stated, the building on the property will have to be torn down and removed (estimated at up to \$8000), additionally liability insurance will have to be purchased, taxes paid, and whatever minimal closing costs are involved must also be covered.

or refrain from making those phone calls.

As to the current value of the property, the current tax roll value is \$32,400. John states that "at one point, the incremental value of the 525 S. Seagrave property was \$45K when absorbed into 520 S. Ridgewood, that value increased with the Days Inn being built as it legitimized the commercial value of 520 [S. Ridgewood]." The Days Inn is in the old Sun Bank lot on the corner (next to Delta Chi) . Consider that if this estimate is even close, the \$10.9K investment would possibly quadruple our investment.

The Future

As you may know, there is a growing opinion that the chapter cannot stay at the current location forever. Crime in the



Country Club



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Unfortunately, the House Corporation does not have all the funds currently available to complete the acquisition, demolition, and financial maintenance of the property (taxes, insurance, etc). Therefore, we need to ask for your assistance to avoid missing this opportunity.

Here's the rundown:

We have \$55,436 in our capital fund. Of which, we are required to keep \$20K for reserves, leaving \$35,436 available for all House Corporation expenditures. We have approved \$21,962 for renovations currently under way.

This leaves \$13,474.

We are proposing an expenditure of approximately \$18,800

Leaving an unfunded balance of just over \$5300.

This chapter house could not be sustained without the generous support of our alumni over the years. Past support through the Fred J. Ford Fund, 1855 Club and other donations you may have made are certainly appreciated. As you can see from the above, your donation to the purchase of the country club has the potential to benefit the chapter several times over the amount you give. If you have not donated before, we urge you to consider making a donation in any amount. If you are a past or current contributor we ask once again for your generosity for this project specifically, in addition to your usual donations.

Our goal is to raise at least \$20,000 to cover all potential expenses with this investment opportunity.

However, as John's need to dispose of the property exists in the immediate future, so too does our need to raise the money to complete the transaction. Therefore we need your participation as soon as possible, for whatever amount you are willing to donate. Any amount is appreciated and will go a long way to make this incredible opportunity a reality.

Your House Corporation officers and trustees believe that with over 580 undergraduates, alumni, and local alumni (not listed as lost, deceased, or expelled), it is reasonable to be able to raise this much money for this purpose in a short amount of time.

Congratulation to Mike Pelosi '81 who is the winner of this wonderful package. The winner was announced on Oct 29th at Florida Skyfest air show. He has won the following package.

This includes:

2 nights at the Shores Resort (\$320),
Golf Tournament @ LPGA (\$80),
Birthday Party registration for 1 person (\$150),

Total value is \$550!!
Thus, if you donated \$200, you would automatically be entered twice, donate \$1000 and you're in the hat 10 times!
(Of course, airfare and a Rental car to smash up ARE NOT INCLUDED!!)

We have two easy ways to make a donation to help cover the cost of the country club purchase: mail a check or use Paypal. To mail a check,, please send your donation made payable to "Eta Iota House Corporation" to:

Eta Iota House Corp
c/o Mike Gehman
2719 Kutztown Road
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Please indicate that your donation should be applied to the Country Club purchase so that it may be property credited and so that you will be entered in the Birthday Party Weekend drawing (for donations of \$100 or more).

To donate using Paypal (or with a credit card through PayPal), send a Paypal payment to 1855club@etaiota.org. Be sure to indicate the donaiton is for the country club fund.

If you have any questions about this subject please feel free to contact any of the House Corporation Officers listed Aside.

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