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Fall '10, a semester in review

The Fall semester proved to be yet another successful and eventful one. The chapter welcomed sixteen new

campus. We participated in Alpha Xi Delta's Autism Speaks Campaign, clinching the penny challenge and also participat-

active members, it will be quite interesting to see how the spring semester plays out. Derby Days is one of the anticipated events for 2011, and participation from all of the sororities is expected.

It was a very active semester overall, and we expect the same for this upcoming Spring Semester.

Christian Schirra
Tribune

Congrats to the recently initiated pledge class Gamma Nu!



brothers from the Pledge Class Gamma Nu to the Fraternity. The chapter held many great social events, including the annual Halloween party. The chapter was active in intramural sports and various activities with the university and other Greek organizations on

ing in the dodge ball tournament, a fundraiser to find a cure for autism. Expansion and increased involvement within the University is one of the main aims for this chapter next semester. With a new executive board, and many other positions filled by new and old

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PIT proves effective once again

The two main goals of pro-consul, was to have weekly Post Initiation Training (PIT) sessions in order to educate the newly initiated brothers, and to run more efficient executive meetings. The PIT was run based on the guide provided by head quarters at Bal-four Leadership Train-

ing Workshop. Pro-Consul held four PIT sessions, focusing mainly on the history of Sigma Chi and the importance of lifelong commitment. All sessions were held in a ritualistic manner. Meanwhile, the Executive meetings were held every Thursday at 6pm. During meetings

every officer was prepared to report on his position and to announce future plans. The major part of the business aspect of the chapter was discussed in executive meetings, making chapter meetings shorter and more focused on the ritual.

- Arash Sabet-Rasekh

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Campus Outreach

Sigma Chi's involvement on campus took a hit when almost 20 of our oldest most active brothers left us in May of 2010. We lost multiple SGA Representatives, Multiple Orientation Team Leaders, Tour Guides, and

TA's. During this recovery phase, from the Annotator position I have been trying to integrate our brothers into the

but we have begun to make a name of ourselves as young Sigma Chi's on campus. Many of our younger brothers applied for Orientation Team and Student Government. While not all were successful, the networking that was accomplished has set us up with allies in other Greeks and the rest of the school.

Sigma Chi participated in a clean energy festival called Here Comes the Sun Day, volunteering in New Smyrna Beach to help put on an event that advertised efficient energy systems and ways to promote reducing waste and noxious

gasses. This gave our pledges a chance to experience the service side of Sigma Chi. Alpha Xi Delta hosted Penny Wars, a contest to raise money for Autism Speaks, in which Fraternities put pennies in their own jars for positive points and silver coins, bills and checks into other jars. With the help of every active brother's donations, and organizational efforts by Social Chair Jeremiah Poff, Sigma Chi was able to assemble a little over \$400 in pennies

- see Tournament



Dodge ball Team for AXiD Autism Speaks

campus further. It has been difficult, with the already loaded schedules of our brothers,

Recruitment a Great Success

After the largest initiation in Eta Iota history, that of the Gamma Lambda Pledge class in Fall 2009, expectations were high for Fall Recruitment in 2010. Sigma Chi began recruitment during the summer of 2010 with the incoming freshman enrolling for the Summer B semester. The incoming class size for Summer B was small, providing only around 25 students. Fortunately (or unfortunately, you be the judge), 24 of these were male, and we were able to meet many of them as a chapter. This group yielded two young men to early recruitment, before Fall started. These two men are now Sigma Chi's and show promise of bringing leadership to the chapter.

Fall began with orientation and move-in, and so began hard-core recruitment. Fraternity Rush Week was 3 full weeks into school, providing time for preparation, organization and planning for a successful rush week. The true success of our recruitment, however, came from our brother participation in on-campus information booths and one on one interactions with individuals in classes,

during move-in, and ROTC. Of the 22 bids given, I assume we met and befriended about 15 of them from our sheer presence on campus, at "Meet the Greeks," the Activities Fair, and a Greek BBQ. The congenial dispositions of our brothers have ever, and should ever serve us best during recruitment.

By the time Rush week came, we had a solid base of prospective pledges, and were able to enjoy their company and further get to know them, deciding if they fit the Jordan Standard. On Monday, the brothers hosted pledges on the beach at Sunsplash Park. We barbecued and surfed, and played cornhole. Tuesday was a Winghouse party at the Sigma Chi house. We had wings catered, and through connections were able to get about a dozen Winghouse girls to come help out at the party in uniform. Needless to say, this party was quite a hit, and gave everyone a chance to let loose, have some wings, and enjoy the show. Wednesday was the now traditional Go-Karts and

Mini-Golf day, followed by a dodge ball tournament on Thursday. Brother Daniel Duquette supported the chapter on Tuesday and Thursday with sound equipment and great music to keep things exciting and upbeat. Friday, the final day of Fraternity Recruitment, was our traditional Spaghetti Dinner at the College of Aviation Atrium on campus. We were honored to host our distinguished guest Julio Varela, who was kind enough to share stories with our prospective that I myself remember hearing when I was in their shoes, as an Embry-Riddle student with about 3 weeks experience, wide eyed and thrilled at the opportunities laid before me during Fraternity Recruitment by Sigma Chi.

Taylor Quackenbush

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Tournament

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This, combined with all the negative points we brought in, made Sigma Chi's very existence on campus raise over \$600 to fund research and treatment for Autism. The overall income was reported at roughly \$1,200, making Sigma Chi proud to have contributed about half. Was a reward,

Sigma Chi now has a social with the ladies of Alpha Xi Delta planned for the day before study day in December where they will make dinner for both chapters at the Sigma Chi house.

In addition to Penny Wars, Sigma Chi participated in Alpha Xi Delta's other fall philanthropy, their Dodgeball Tournament. Players bought shirts and paid registration fees, the proceeds of which again went to Autism Speaks. Sigma Chi made it to the Semi Finals before the Air Force ROTC knocked us out of the Tournament. The tournament was another opportunity to involve pledges and unite brothers as well as increase relations with a Sorority

and other participating Fraternities.

Future plans include a "Siglympics" competition hosted on campus in which participants would compete in such areas as Golf-

Chipping, putting, and corn-hole, for a small fee. The winners will receive prizes we seek to get donated. We are also looking into other ideas to generate donations for Children's Miracle Network and the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

Taylor Quackenbush

Annotator



Football Team in Huddle

Sigma Chi on the field

Although we lost much talent with our most recent graduating class, Sigma Chi still contin-

ued to pose a threat to the many different sports intramural leagues on campus. Our football team clinch champions for the Greek part of the

football tournament, while participation was strong in basketball and soccer. Sigma Chi looks to participate in the upcoming spring soccer tournament.

- Christian Schira

Social Corner

The Theta Phi Alpha sorority, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, and our chapter had a BBQ social that kicked off our fall semester. The social was held at our chapter house, followed by a night of fun for all. Later that weekend we had a broomball event with the lovely ladies of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority at Daytona Ice Arena.



Past Sweethearts Bridget Cox and Heather Owens with the 2010-2011 Sweetheart Michelle Rodio

Our Brotherhood camping trip with pledges was held at Tiger Bay state park,

which was filled with brotherhood building exercises. For Halloween we threw a party with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Delta Upsilon fraternities, which had 650 attendees, and was a great success. Eta Iota's White Rose 2010 was held at Reunion Resort Orland where we crowned our 2011 Sweetheart, Michelle Rodio.

Lastly White Elephant Semi Formal will be held at the chapter house with the Alpha Xi Delta sorority, where the ladies will help decorate the weekend before and also prepare dinner for us, as a reward for wining Penny Wars, on the last night of classes, which will be followed by a gift exchange.

- Jeremiah Poff
Social Chairman

Gamma Nu Pledge Class

We were able to begin this Fall Semester with a pledge class of 23. These pledges began the process with much motivation and enthusiasm. As the semester progressed we were able to see the true dedication and willingness that the pledges showed

towards the overall process and Sigma Chi. Thanks to donations from the Quackenbush family and a few other sources we were able to offer a pledge scholarship, the benefactor of this was decided throughout pledging based on test grades and performance.

Close to the end of the pledge process we were faced with some issues, the pledges reported that one of their pledge brothers had been cheating on some exams and had also cheated on the National Exam, right before second review after discussion with a chapter we decided that this pledge would have to be released

from the pledge program.

I'm proud to report that we were able to initiate 16 new members into this great fraternity, I look forward to seeing each NIB continue to better themselves throughout PIT and the rest of their brotherhood.

Andres Villalobos
Magister

Congratulations Pizzo and Michelle!

In addition to the many events that occurred this semester, one of the most important and meaningful would have to be the engagement of Brother Derek Pizzo and Michelle Rodio. The Brothers of the

Eta Iota Chapter of Sigma Chi would like to extend our best wishes and congratulations to the newly engaged couple. Best of luck in your future endeavors and accomplishments together!





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