



Letter From the "E"

Dear Alumni,

My name is Andrew Kirkwood and I have taken over the position of "E" for the remainder of this year. I was initiated in the Gamma Delta class in 2007. I have held the Public Relations chair for the last year and am a co-chair for t-shirts.

I plan on initiating some changes in my position to be more efficient and professional. In the past, there has been a barrier between the active brothers and the alumni that I want to begin to break down. This is the first newsletter of the year and I will be sending one out every month as long as I am in my position. Not only will I help to keep you, the alumni, informed of chapter operations but I also would like get a response back to relay some information back to the brothers. I hope this will fill some gaps between the alumni and the active brothers. This was your chapter and, with your support, we will continue your legacy.

I was elected about two weeks ago so I was unable to make the Fall/Winter issue of the Delta Chi quarterly because of the August 1st deadline. For those of you who receive the Quarterly, you can expect an article in the Spring issue.

I would appreciate any and all input as to better keep you informed. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns you can reply to this e-mail address or contact me directly at (407)493-7665 or kirkwooa@erau.edu.

ITB,

Andrew Kirkwood

Andrew Kirkwood-"E" and Public Relations



Retreat:

This last weekend the brothers all went to Jetty Park by Cape Canaveral for our annual Fall retreat. Along with Mike Ninivaggi, Bill Tallman, and Manny Cruz nearly the entire chapter was able to camp out for the night. The following day was very constructive as far as focusing on the difficulties the chapter is facing and brainstorming way to improve performance in the current and future semesters. To be specific, we discussed more effective ways of chapter communication, having a closer brotherhood, perfecting transition for the executive positions, and throwing a successful rush.

Bill Tallman was kind enough to drive up for the day all the way from Miami and gave us some helpful information. He gave us some proper instruction pertaining to ritual and we were able to have an in depth discussion about what ritual means to all of us. It was also an overwhelming moment when Bill read us "Death of a Fraternity."

On a more positive note, Mike presented two outstanding brothers awards to the fraternity. Jordan Hattala was given an award for website design for his extraordinary work on the new website, which can be found at <http://www.eraudeltachi.com/>. Tim Hauenstein was given an award for outstanding financial management for his remarkable performance as "D."

We had a group discussion on the outlook of the fraternity. In the past, Delta Chi has had a certain stereotype to the ERAU community. Now, with the collection of brothers we have, we all feel that we have no stereotype. We have such a diverse group of young men and we are searching for a manner that defines us best. Something that states simply who we are on campus that sets us apart.

To wrap up retreat, we started a small discussion for having an Alumni Initiation ceremony in the upcoming alumni weekend. The first weekend of November is homecoming weekend so if you would like some more information on that then contact either me, Mike, or Bill.

Scholarship:

The Nelli/Phelan scholarship will be presented at the Alumni Dinner, which I am tentatively scheduling on Nov 7th. Greg Nelli and Pat Phelan have put forth a sum of \$1000 dollars to two deserving active brothers. I have attached to this e-mail a slide of the scholarship information.

Calendar:

We have kicked off this year's rush week today with a really good turnout of potential associate members at our first event. Here is a list of the rush schedule.



President: Dan Gonchar – (908)-420-6999
Rush Chair: Dwight DeCarme (610)-357-6719



The Delta Chi Fraternity
Fall Rush 2009

- **Monday September 7th: Jet Skis, tubing, and BBQ**
 - Join the brothers of Delta Chi on the Halifax River for a day of water sports. We will be firing up the grill as we go jet skiing and go tubing. There is no class on this day, so come spend it with us. Meet in the Student Center Circle at 1pm
- **Tuesday September 8th: Laser Tag with the Lovely Ladies of Tri Sigma**
 - Join the brothers of Delta Chi and the lovely ladies of the Tri Sigma Sorority for an evening of laser tag and brownies. We will be going to Daytona Lagoon to blast away each other in the massive laser tag complex. Meet at the Student Center Circle at 6pm.
- **Wednesday September 9th: Go Carts, Mini Golf, and Batting Cages**
 - We will be traveling to Go Cart City to let loose on the Go Cart track. Mini Golf and several batting cages are on the list as well. Meet at the Student Center Circle at 6pm.
- **Thursday September 10th: Winghouse**
 - Join the brothers for some awesome wings with the beautiful Winghouse waitresses. Remember, they “serve ‘em naked!” Meet in the Student Center Circle at 6pm.
- **Friday September 11th: Bonfire on the Beach**
 - What better way to spend your Friday night then to chill on the beach with the brothers and a huge bonfire. Bring a good stick as we will be making some awesome smores. Meet at the Student center Circle at 8pm.
- **Saturday September 12th: Invite Only Dinner**
 - Tonight is our Formal dinner. Invitation required.

We have Dwight DeCarme to thank for his stupendous work in putting this set of events together with impressive efficiency.

Sept 8th: The brothers will be working on a plank to be included in a memorial to the events of September 11th. It is only the second year that the Silver Wings have been arranging this memorial and we are damn proud to be contributing.

Sept 13th We have a philanthropy event scheduled for a shopping spree for children in need that we will be assisting

Sept 18th Our annual Toga event is scheduled to take place at Daisy Dukes in Daytona Beach.

As I stated before, Alumni weekend will take place on the first weekend of November, starting on Friday the 6th. The dinner will take place on Saturday the 7th and as we get closer to that date I will provide more information as to the alumni initiation ceremony, the dinner, and having a good night at Ocean Deck.

Our intramurals season starts in approximately two weeks and we plan on participating in football, volleyball, soccer, and basketball. We also plan on rapping the pikes in football again and I personally would like to run up the score on sigma chi for winning the tug-o-war last Greek week.



State of the Chapter:

Attached to this e-mail is a complete list of active brothers, their e-mail addresses, and phone numbers. Here is a list of the active brothers' roles in the fraternity at this time:

"A"-Dan Gonchar

"B"- JP

"C"-Jon Leib

"D"- Tim Hauenstein

"E"-Andrew Kirkwood

"F"-Chris Cowen

AMC—Nichols

Jr. AMC—Phil

ATHLETICS— Steve and Leib

RUSH-Dwight

IFC- Gonchar and Phil

WEBSITE- Jordan

BROTHERHOOD- Bobby and Phil

SOCIAL— JR and Dwight

SCHOLASTIC- Austin

FUNDRAISEING- Dwight and Nolan

PR- Kirkwood

HISTORIAN- Hattala and Sonta

HOUSING - Sonta and Gonchar

T SHIRT- Rogatchev and Kirkwood

PHILANTROPY—Christian and Augusto

This year we are 28 strong. Our rush program this year has exceeded even my expectations. We have a names list of potential members and a great turnout by the chapter at Meet the Greeks. The involvement by the brothers in this year's rush has been better than I have ever seen in my three years at school. Our first event involved about 10-15 potentials alone. We expect more to come around as the Labor Day weekend comes to a close and we keep in touch with the guys on our names list. The list was created from different events that the brothers have attended over the first few days on campus such as a soccer game, the student village BBQ, and the freshmen move-in day.

We will be in constant communication with each other to coordinate some brotherhood events and plenty of get togethers to bring the chapter closer than ever.



Philanthropy will be handled by Christian and he already has a few projects underway, the first of which is on the calendar above.

Scholastics will be handled by Austin and it is in everybody's interest to produce the best grades possible for the brothers and for the fraternity. Library hours will be assigned and we will be instituting a Test Bank made up of tests and finals for the brothers to use for creating study guides.

Don't forget to visit our website and here is a picture of our brothers from last spring



I was sleeping in my dorm about 1000 yards away, so I'm only there in spirit...