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EMBRY-RIDDLE CHAPTER

DELTA CHI FRATERNITY

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CHAPTER RETIRES TROPHY IN 1988 !!

In the past year, the Embry Riddle Chapter of the Delta Chi Fraternity has continued to grow and prosper along the lines of athletics, membership and community involvement.

The trophy, that has been passed between Delta Chi and Sigma Chi for the past twelve years, has a permanent home in our trophy case. On October 24, 1987, Delta Chi succeeded in winning the Greek Week competition for its third consecutive year. All of the actives and former pledges put in a superb effort to counteract the strong showing by the rest of the Greek system. The only disappointment we felt about our victory, was that it will take three more years to retire the new trophy.

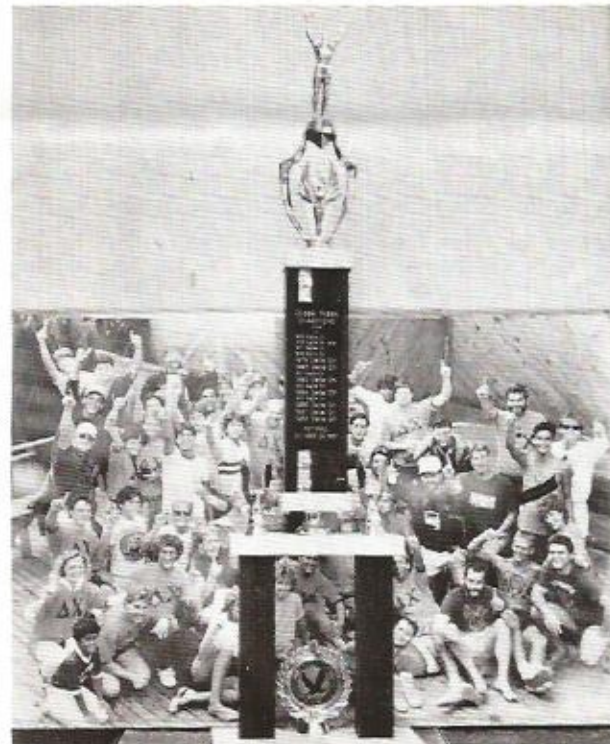
The chapter's membership continues to grow. With the recent initiation of fourteen new members, we have reached a milestone of fifty active

brothers. The associate members are showing their support for the fraternity and have great potential as future brothers.

This Spring trimester the chapter had its first all dry rush. Last Fall, the brothers, by a two-thirds vote, opted to go dry for the Spring. Even though there was only one other dry fraternity, we succeeded

in pledging two to three times more associates than most other fraternities.

Our public relations has also been very successful over the past year. In the Fall, we were the sole sponsor of Apollo De Beloch, a play performed at the President's residence. Recent initiate, Travis Hughes, has just been appointed to the Orientation Team. This makes three current actives who will be able to "pre-rush" for Delta Chi this Fall.



From The "A"'s Desk:

As I walk around our chapter house, I am surrounded by the many faces of brothers who have lived, studied, worked, and played within these walls. But the longer I look at the composites, the more I notice a cycle forming. The cycle is one of membership. According to our history as viewed from the composites, our membership has peaked and should be on its way down. This is something I am not willing to accept. Where there is a cycle, the cycle can be broken. The question is, "How?" The brothers of our chapter recently held a retreat designed to break the chain, and move us toward a more prosperous future.

During the retreat, we found the larger our chapter grows, the more divided we become. We learned that if we are to retain or even increase our membership, we must be willing to compromise and understand each other's views. In essence, we sometimes must accept that which is best for the whole, rather than which is best for the individual. The retreat was a turning point for our chapter. Both moral and unity have been on the upswing ever since.

The retreat also set directions for our chapter's future. The brothers now understand that a house expansion will not be an overnight project. The single largest factor in setting a date for ground breaking will be determined by you, our alumni. Although the undergraduates are fundraising towards this goal, reality dictates that we must have alumni financial support to make it work. Additionally, the brothers decided our membership should stay at a level of 50. However, I anticipate it reaching between 55-60 by next Spring. This is based upon the fact that the school expects its largest freshman class ever this Fall. Leadership training and officer transition were two other hot topics. Leadership conference attendance, greater membership involvement on committees, and greater cooperation between old and new officers were discussed as ways to improve these important areas. With regard to our overall image, campus and community relations were identified as extremely

important.

Since our last contact, the Alumni Board of Trustees (ABT) has had some major changes. Our new ABT Chairman is G. Sherwood Kennedy III, known to the brothers as "Woody." We are anticipating excellent leadership and involvement from our new Chairman. Our new faculty advisor is Frank Moxley, currently an instructor in the Maintenance Management department of our university. Greg Nelli is still the dedicated backbone of our Building Corporation, serving as its president. Due to the current vacancy formed by the recent resignation of our "BB", Edward Fusco, Jr., I ask that any alumni interested in holding this position contact your chapter (to the attention of the "A"). I would like to thank our former "BB" and ABT Chairman, Ed Fusco and Wally Teideman, respectively. They have given our chapter many years of dedication, hard work, and personal service.

On an undergraduate level, the chapter is rocking. As I'm sure you've gathered, the Greek Week Trophy is ours! But that's just the beginning. Last Fall, our chapter hosted both a Delta Chi Formal, and the "Buck's Cup" shooting competition. Buck's Cup, designed to raise funds for the United Way of Volusia County, was founded by alumnus Roger James. It was co-sponsored by our chapter and Buck's Gun Rack, with fraternity and sorority members from Embry-Riddle participating. This Spring, well, let's just say that many brothers are starting to refer to Delta Chi as The Greek Gods! For starters, we received an award from National for "Outstanding Campus Leadership." Early on, we held a dinner to honor Greg Nelli, something that was long overdue. Fund raising for the Spring being over, our socials have kicked in full force. Due to the efforts of our Social Chairman John Fink and his committee, the Stetson sororities are actually asking us to party. We've also hooked up with one or two Rollins sororities, and Flagler College Greek Woman's Club. Need I say more? Sure. Your chapter exhibited campus-wide supremacy by winning the second Annual Riddle Softball Marathon for Special Olympics, sponsored by the Interfraternity Council. The team members donated their trophies to the house, where they surround the coveted Greek Week Trophy. If I sound psyched, it's because the chapter is building towards an even more prosperous

future. It's a great time to be a Delta Chi.

Although we are doing fantastic from an operational standpoint, we are still limited by our physical plant. The Chapter room is too small for our meetings, and we can't even house one-third of our members. For these reasons, I need to talk with you about alumni contributions.

Our chapter has some 300 alumni, yet we hear from less than ten percent of you (on average) in the area of financial support. I want you to know the chapter is being responsible with the contributions we do receive. The brothers just made a decision to purchase our first Certificate of Deposit (CD) for \$5000 toward construction of the new wing. Within six months, I expect we will purchase our second \$5000 CD. The question is, "What do you get in return for your contribution, beyond the satisfaction of supporting your chapter?"

I believe you deserve recognition for your contributions to our chapter. For that reason, I'm suggesting to the chapter that we purchase a large marble slab and a large plaque. Anyone contributing \$100.00 or more toward the new wing would have his name engraved in the marble slab. Contributors of \$50.00 or more would have their names engraved on the plaque. Both forms of recognition would eventually be placed in the foyer of our new wing. In the interim, they would be prominently displayed in our Alumni Room (beverage dispensing area). I truly believe that if you think enough of us to make a contribution, we should recognize you for your generosity.

Each of us derived something from our undergraduate years as Delta Chis. The Embry-Riddle Chapter was here for us. But we must remember, Delta Chi is The Brotherhood of a Lifetime. Be here for your chapter....not only for the current active members, but for those awe inspired freshmen, yet to come.

In The Bond,

Charles Stern
President



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(and expensive) window units.

After that is done, we will see where we stand and where to go from there. I am pleased to report that we are in good shape from an operations point of view. We made it through the insurance crisis. After seeing rates go up 300% and coverage go down, the situation seems to have stabilized; coverage levels have gone up and rates have started to drop. Even though we have never had a claim, insurance is the Building Corporation's largest single item expense. From what I have learned, we are lucky to be able to get it. Due to problems with hazing and other high risk activities, some fraternities can not get insurance at any cost.

As always, communications and visits from alumni are always welcomed. Contributions are always put into a capital fund for improvements and

renovation and are never used for operational day to day expenses. Thanks to those of you who have donated in the past, and to those that will donate in the future. Anything that you can give is very much appreciated.

In The Bond,

Greg Nelli, President
Building Corp.

Undergrads Attend Leadership Conference

By: Don Dougan "B"

Five active members of the fraternity took the opportunity to attend the Senator Jackson Leadership Conference sponsored by the Delta Chi Educational Foundation. The conference was held in Birmingham, Alabama during the weekend of Feb. 27. Members in attendance

were: Don Dougan, Scott Gesele, Larry Caruso, Bill Kendall, Norm Weinelt, each of whom received a scholarship to participate in the conference.

The purpose of the conference was to develop leadership abilities in the participants. Activities were conducted on such subjects as: decision making strategies, team work, and performance assessment. In addition, the delegates participated in the DISC Personality Profile System, an in-depth analysis of our own personality. We found the test remarkably accurate. And some learned new things about themselves.

When the conference was over, the participants left with an increased knowledge of leadership styles and management techniques, many of which can be used in the operation of our chapter.



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