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One year can certainly make a difference. One year ago, the undergraduate chapter was down to a low membership of twenty-three active brothers. One year ago, Delta Chi was considered a "small" fraternity at Embry-Riddle. One year ago, few of us were involved with anything outside of the fraternity. One year ago, our undergraduate chapter had just average grades. One year ago, the Delta Chi fraternity house was showing its age, in dire need of drastic repair. One year later, things are just a bit different...

This past year has seen the Embry-Riddle Chapter of Delta Chi change as it has never changed before. We had the pleasure of initiating twenty-one excellent men into the bond; after the initiation of these men, our membership stands at thirty-eight. With twenty-six sophomores or freshmen currently in the brotherhood, continual growth is foreseen for the near future. We have reached a level that cannot be ignored on campus or by That Smaller Fraternity Down The Road (Sigma something?).

Our numbers are not the only thing for which Delta Chi is being noticed at Riddle. We now have brothers in nearly every major area of campus life. Brother Charles Stern is Chief Justice of Student Court (which really helped with those non-existent parking tickets), as well as Inter-fraternity Council President. Brother Geoffrey Murray is founder and acting President of the Engineering Students Advisory Council as well as Chief Executive of the Avion staff. Brother Rome Truhn is past IFC secretary and a serious candidate for S.G.A. President. We also have brothers in Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, Who's Who Among American Fraternities and Sororities, Omicron Delta Kappa, Sigma Gamma Tau, Platoon Leader Class Club, Navy Club, American Helicopter Society,

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Sky Diving Club, Ski Club, and Orientation Leaders.

Delta Chi is also being recognized by the local community. Brothers Michael Whalen, Rich Hollatz, John Sinisi, and James Frownfelter, coached a Little League Baseball Team this past season. Future plans include the sponsoring of a Little League team next season. Our annual Halloween Candy Drive for children in Halifax Hospital has been a big success, receiving publicity in the Daytona Beach News Journal.

Grades showed another strong improvement this past year. The term "couch potato" has all but vanished around the house, as brothers concentrate on their studies as much as on partying (well, almost as much). The cumulative grade point average for our chapter is currently ranked Number 1 for the entire

Creek system. In recognition of scholastic achievement, your chapter recently received the National Chapter Award from the Delta Chi Educational Foundation. The Educational Foundation also presented Brother David Bizar with the prestigious Delta Chi National Scholar Award. Brother James Frownfelter was presented the Chancellor's Award "in recognition of Academic Excellence and Outstanding Achievement in Campus and Community Activities" at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Spring '86 graduation ceremonies. Our chapter takes great pride in this area of improvement because scholarship is what separates the good fraternities from the great ones, and we have let Riddle know where we are going.

Delta Chi has never been more active in intramurals, fielding teams in all five major sports (continued on page 4)



The Deck Nears Completion !!!

Goals Set at Chapter Retreat

Spring '86 saw the Delta Chi Chapter's first retreat in over three years. The retreat was held at Camp Winninoma in nearby Ocala. The brothers attended seminars, enjoyed canoe trips and softball games, and weathered through a few all night poker parties.

During the seminars, the brothers along with Wally Tiedemann, ART President, Ed Fusco, "BB", and Greg Nelli, Building Corp. President, set down both Long Term and Short Term goals for the chapter. Short Term goals were to be implemented immediately and the transition to completion to last less than one year. Long Term goals were set for the next five to ten years.

Recognized as most important of the Short Term goals is to implement better relations and communication with you, our alumni. Alumni involvement in our chapter is extremely poor, and we hope that by increasing alumni awareness of their chapter through newsletters such as this, our alumni will regain the pride in their fraternity that the undergraduate brothers have.

Other Short Term goals include a better Pledge Awareness Program. We currently have one of the youngest undergraduate brotherhoods in recent years. Many of the last trimester's junior brothers hold leadership positions in the fraternity this trimester. By requiring each associate member to learn the By-Laws and take part in committee work, we hope to prepare our future brothers as competent leaders. By requiring all Big Brothers to learn the material as well by actually studying with their Little Brother, we hope to accomplish a thorough understanding of the material by the Associate Member as well as sharpening the awareness of the undergraduate members in the general execution of chapter business.

Other Short Term goals include better ART/Undergraduate Relations. By publicizing and reporting on all ART meetings at regular chapter meetings, we hope to increase participation by non-officer members in ART meetings and increase chapter awareness of all ART and Building Corp. activities. Also, we are encouraging all members in good standing to seek out positions in other university-related activities. In doing so, we hope to enhance public appreciation of the Delta Chi



New Kitchen Gets A Workout !!!

system and aid in the associate member recruitment process.

As undergraduate brothers we realize that in order for Long Term goals to be realized, we must first do our utmost in accomplishing the Short Term goals decided upon by the chapter as a whole. Over this past year, the prime income of the fraternity, other than rent, has been fund-raising. Over the past two trimesters, the undergraduate chapter has earned in excess of \$10,000. This sum is due mostly to our work with Southern Caterers, Inc. at the Daytona Speedway. In order to accomplish our major Long Term goals we must continue to work responsibly and retain Delta Chi's good name at the Speedway.

The first Long Term goal is the possible building of a new fraternity house, or expansion to accommodate 25-30 boarders. The second goal which is well on its way to realization, is a constant membership of at least 40 to 50 active brothers. All of this may be possible with the closing of the adjacent Sun Bank facility. Currently, Sun Bank is not selling the property, but is foreseen to put it up for sale in the future. If the price is right, Delta Chi might be expanding south.

by James Frownfelter, '86

DELTA CHI - THE BROTHERHOOD OF A LIFETIME

Keepin' in Touch

When last heard from.....

GEORGE CLARK, '76 and wife Nancy had their first child, Torrey Justin Clark, born May 3, 1985. George is an F16 C/D Instructor Pilot at Luke AFB in Arizona. BRIAN MOON, '83 is working for McDonnell Douglas in Long Beach along with ANDY SCHMIDT, '85 as a Structural Design Engineer. TONY NIGRO, '81 finished a 15 month tour in 1984 for General Dynamics, Ft. Worth Division. Travels included Italy, Israel, Greece, England, Holland, France, Luxembourg, Thailand, and Singapore. JAMES HUNTER, '75 is President of the J. P. Hunter Co. in New York. KEN WILSON, '71 and wife Kim recently bought a house and moved to DeLand. Ken is employed with Daytona Beach Aviation as a Maintenance Supervisor. TOM RERES, '78 is flying S-3's off the USS Constellation for the Navy. RALPH RHODENBAUGH, '72 is currently the Officer-in-Charge of the Navy's last C-1188 Squadron (DC-6). He and his wife Nancy are stationed in Marietta, Georgia. TERRY GARBIE, '72 was married in Spring 1984. His car business is doing great. IVAN LIND, is currently flying helicopters with the USMC. KEITH DEVENEV, '85 recently graduated from Penn State University, majoring in Computer Science. BRIAN VALICKIS, '84 is permanently
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Summer '86

TO: CORPORATION MEMBERS
FROM: YOUR PRESIDENT
SUBJECT: WHATS HAPPENING

If you're an Embry-Riddle Delta Chi Alumni, don't throw this away, because this letter is written to you! That's right, all alumni are members of the Building Corporation, and I thought I should let you know what has been going on.

As you may know, our first mortgage was retired in 1985, so the house is ours. The Chapter has done well in rush, programming, fund raising and over all financial management, so we are in great shape, right? Wrong! (Come on, keep reading, this isn't just another one of those "send money" letters.) The problem is that due to living on a financial shoe string for so long while paying the mortgages, we either put off or used "band aid" fixes for many needed renovations and repairs. We are working on these things now and have made some major improvements, but there are many things left to do.

In the past year (since July '85) we have spent over \$20,000. Here is a summary of what we did:

1. New water main.
2. New bathroom/shower complex in the north building.
3. New roof on the north building.
4. New floor in north building hallway.
5. New kitchen & bathroom (this included major structural renovation to the building).
6. New plumbing in both buildings.
7. New electric service (rewired to commercial code) in main house.
8. New fire place (donated by an alumni).
9. New deck adjoining the side of main house and rear of north building.
10. New floor through out the first floor of main house (not completed as of this writing).

Sounds great? So what's the problem? Well, the main house needs a new roof and some cosmetic work outside, and the parking lot and yard could stand some work, but that is not why I am writing (here it comes! Martha, hang on to the check book).

We are at a cross road that we all knew we would get to some day. The chapter size is relatively stable between 30-40 men. The chapter is well respected on campus and in the fraternity and the house is too small. That's right, too small to support the chapter size. With all of the renovating and general upkeep, we have not had any excess in fund balance to bank for future expansion for the last two fiscal years and that is not good. Operating income (rent) alone cannot support a major building plan (starting from scratch at a new location), and we are not sure if we want to do that anyway. There are many possible options that we can discuss at a later time. What we want to do is start a capital fund that we will put funds in on a regular basis in order to have down stroke money for new construction.

Many of you donate from time to time and that is very much appreciated. If you would like to contribute to this capital fund in the future, put "Building Corp-Capital" on the memo line on your check. If 300 alumni give one hundred dollars a year, that is \$30,000 per year. 5 or 6 years like that plus the chapters efforts would put us in a very good position. Of course, there is no requirement to do anything, but this is your corporation and your fraternity so do whatever you feel that you can or should. I can assure you that the caliber of undergraduates we have and are attracting is no less then excellent. They really make me proud on campus to say that I am a Delta Chi and they insure that the tradition of excellence continues.

Fraternally,
Gregory J. Nelli,
President

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activities. Our annual "strong" sports of Football and Bowling did not let us down, while the surprise sport of the year was Floor Hockey. We had a great team that crushed every opponent en route to an all school championship. Our Softball team went undefeated through the regular season, but lost the Championship game 8-5. We are looking forward to our best sports of the year with great hopes. We have strong favorites entered in football, softball, and bowling in the Fall.

And most important, the coveted Greek Week Trophy once again sits in its proper place: towering atop the Delta Chi bar. Last Fall, Delta Chi stunned the Greek population with its crushing bid for the prestigious symbol of Greek supremacy. No other fraternity or sorority (yes, there is now the Theta Phi Alpha sorority on campus) came close, as Delta Chi won the trophy before the final event. The brothers are already preparing for Greek Week in the Fall and are determined to retire the sacred trophy next Fall.

As you can see, we have been very busy this past year at Delta Chi. Every area within the chapter has seen dramatic improvement, and a continuing trend has been established. We are working hard to make a Delta Chi Chapter that you as brothers can be proud of for years to come.

by James Frownfelter, '86

KEEPIN' IN TOUCH

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stationed at Rhein-Main AB in West Germany as a navigator for the USAF. MARTY PEGELOW, '71 is flying with Northwest Orient Airlines as co-pilot of the B-757 in Minnesota. Marty and wife Jackie adopted twin Korean infants, Kim and Kerri, in 1983, and in 1985, had a son, Paul. CHARLES JOHNSON, '82 is a Field Service Representative for General Electric Corp. in Pennsylvania. ROGER KENNEY, '84 is a Flight Instructor at ERAU. Roger and wife Linda had their first grandson in 1983 and since have adopted another child. GARY DREW, '75 is Director of System Engineering at Modification Systems Incorporated in Maryland. IVAN FLETCHER, '72 is employed at American London-Norwood as a Steam Engineer. Ivan and wife Patricia were married March, 1974 and had their first child, Marsha, in 1976. CLAYTON RUDD, '76 is employed with Community Equities Corporation as Chief Financial Officer in Port Lauderdale. ED WHITE, '81 is a Captain with Aviation Management, Incorporated in New Jersey. CHARLY ZELLNER, '82 is currently piloting OA-37's for the USAF in Arizona. WILLIAM GOEBEL, '82 is an Engineer with Bell Helicopter-Textron. He and wife Martha reside in Bedford, Texas. TONY ADESSA, '83 works for the Naval Air Test Center in Maryland as a Project Engineer. SPENCE PRICE, '71 is Body Shop Manager for Miami Lincoln-Mercury. DAVID WRIGHT, '78 recently moved to Los Angeles

and works for I.T.T./Hartford Group as an Executive Marine Underwriter. CHARLES STOUGH, '74 is a Production Engineer for Martin Marietta Aerospace Corporation in Pennsylvania. Charles is married and has two children, Travis and Brandon. PETER BIX, '80 is a Logistics Engineer for McDonnell-Douglas in St. Louis. DENNIS MIENDERSMA, '72 is Plant Manager for Pro-To-Quip Incorporated and still travels the racing circuit. BOB LEVINS, '74 is Regional Sales Manager for STS Systems, Inc. in Pennsylvania.

by James Frownfelter, '86

Conference Coming to Daytona

Last trimester, Spring '86, saw four brothers, Rome Truhn, John Sinisi, Charles Stern, and Steve Nelson attend the Region 8 Conference at Georgia Southern College. The brothers attended seminars and workshops on many programs, such as rush, associate membership, and financial management. In Spring '87, for the first time in eight years, your Embry-Riddle Chapter will host the Conference. Brother Jim Connolly, in charge of organizing the event, has already begun preparations for what is going to be the most fantastic Regional Conference in recent history.

by James Frownfelter, '86



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