



# The Eta News

OHIO ETA CHAPTER – SIGMA PHI EPSILON – MIAMI UNIVERSITY

## Homecoming Schedule

### Saturday, October 7

Noon - 5:00 p.m.  
Open House  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting  
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Light Dinner  
Get-Together

### Sunday, October 8

5:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Cookout  
8:00 p.m.  
Red Hawks vs.  
Northern Illinois  
Football Game

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Moe Griffiths '56 was recognized with the "Outstanding Alumni Service" Award. The award was presented by Mark Durket '76 for Moe's hard work to bring the Class of 1956 back to Oxford for Event in the Tent.



Event in the Tent V was a success! Alumni gather outside the SigEp house.

## Make Plans For Homecoming 2006

Homecoming 2006 will take place October 6-8 as Miami takes on Northern Illinois. Events have been planned, and a hotel block is available for SigEp brothers who want to return to Oxford.

Saturday there will be an Open House from noon until 5:00 p.m. at 224 E. Church Street. All alumni and their families

are welcome to stop by the new house and take a tour. Dinner will be served that evening from 5:00-8:00 p.m. On Sunday, a cookout will be held at 5:00 pm at the house and kickoff for the football game is that evening at 8:00 p.m.

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at The Elms Holiday Inn, 75 S. Main Street. You may

reserve a room by calling (513) 524-2002. The reservations are being held by **Dave Chittock '80**, and must be transferred to your name and credit card.

"I look forward to welcoming back all SigEp brothers to Oxford for Homecoming 2006 and to celebrate the chapter's accomplishments," said Dave. +

## Ohio Eta Earns Honors From SigEp National

Last year brought several awards and recognition from the SigEp National Headquarters. Ohio Eta received the Chapter Home of the Year Award for the region. This award is selected and voted upon by all regional directors in the region. The award was presented at this year's Carlson Leadership Academy in Pittsburgh last February. The entire undergraduate executive board was on hand to be recognized and interact and learn from other chapters.

During the conference, it was apparent that Ohio Eta

is regarded as one of the best SigEp chapters in the nation. The awards received by the chapter at Carlson only further proved it. Ohio Eta was the largest chapter attending the conference by a large margin. For this, Ohio Eta was also presented the Manpower Award.

In other national news, two active members were chosen to represent Ohio Eta at the prestigious Ruck Scholar Leadership Program in Richmond, VA. Only 120 SigEps nationally are chosen each year, and this is the third

consecutive year in which two Miami members were selected. VP of Recruitment **Ryan Dattilo '07** and VP of Finance **Michael Eng '07** attended the conference in June at William and Mary University. Brothers Dattilo and Eng honed their leadership skills and learned from high quality instructors, including former Grand National Presidents and successful alumni. "The experience is truly one-of-a-kind, and we were proud to represent our chapter," said 2006 Ruck Scholar Leadership Program attendee **Ryan Dattilo '07**.

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### UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

**Greek Week:**  
**September 14-24th**  
**Balanced Man**  
**Scholarship Banquet:**  
**October (Date TBD)**  
**Homecoming:**  
**October 6-8**

## Ohio Eta Recognized at Cliff Alexander Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Greek Awards

Miami University's 2006 Cliff Alexander Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Greek Awards were held on April 2nd, and Ohio Eta was the recipient of several awards. This year's awards focused on the five core principles that the Cliff Alexander Office designated as important to a chapter's success. These five principles contribute to a Greek community's success: scholarship, community, philanthropy, leadership, and brotherhood/sisterhood.

Thanks to the hard work by the active members over the past year, Ohio Eta shined at the awards ceremony. Ohio Eta was awarded excellence in scholarship, philanthropy/ community service, and brotherhood. Dr. Steuart Watson, a faculty adviser and a SigEp from the University of South Carolina, was named the Outstanding Faculty Advisor. Ohio Eta also received The Spirit Award, voted upon by other fraternities distinguishing the chapter with the best sportsmanship, cooperation,

and overall excellence. Lastly, and perhaps most significant, was the Outstanding Chapter President Award given to **Samori Gambrah '06**.

"We are very proud of Dr. Watson and Samori for their awards, they are truly deserved. Next year, our chapter has set the goal of winning Outstanding Chapter of the Year," said Chapter President **Paul Revelson '07**.



## Senior Weekend and Second Annual Birdies and Burgers Golf Outing

On April 22 and 23, Ohio Eta celebrated its first Senior Weekend. In conjunction with the Second Annual Birdies and Burgers Alumni Golf Outing, seniors were treated to one final weekend of fun before departing Oxford. The golf outing, held at Hueston Woods Golf Course, nearly doubled its participants from the previous year with over twenty golfers. Golfers participated in a scramble, with two alumni and two graduating seniors completing a foursome. Winners received numerous golf prizes and the right to call themselves Birdies and Burgers champions. **Jason Chitwood '05** won for the second year in a row in leading his team to victory.

Later in the night, the seniors celebrated one last time with the rest of the active chapter at the annual Tahiti Sweetie date party. The next day, the seniors were given their official final sendoff at the Hoop of Steel ceremony held at the WRA Cabin outside of Oxford. A steel hoop filled with nameplates of the graduating seniors was passed around the room, allowing its holder to speak his mind on past memories and words of thanks for each senior. The senior then has the opportunity to dispel wisdom on the younger members and pass down any significant items they have accumulated

over their college years. The event attracted almost every member, and lasted over twelve hours. "Ohio Eta is proud of the achievements of the graduating senior class and will sorely miss their knowledge and experience.

We wish them the best and hope that they continue their involvement as alumni," noted **Richard Torbeck '08**, VP of Communication.



## Handshakes & Applause to the Chapter

- This past spring, Ohio Eta received the highest semester GPA out of all fraternities on Miami's campus for the first time in three years, posting a 3.26 GPA. Included in this number were five 4.0s, earned by **Douglas Dakesian '08**, **Amir Abtahi '06**, **Mike Drennen '08**, **Adam Kulik '07**, and **Grant Reed '06**. Four members finished the semester with a GPA of 3.9 or higher. This could not have been achieved without the help of live-in Resident Scholar **Nathan Dumford**, **Ball State '05**, Chapter Counselor **Jonathan Luster Tennessee '05**, and other advisers for their commitment to academics.
- By the end of the spring semester, Ohio Eta recruited 43 new members, the most of any fraternity on campus. Some thought that the number may have been too high, but thanks to excellent new member education, this group of new members has outshone all others on campus. The new member class won two major philanthropies, Delta Zeta's Puttin' on the Hits dance competition and Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash swimming competition, and finished third in the Pledge Puddle Pull tug of war. They achieved all of this while maintaining the third highest new

member GPA of 3.23. The older members are eager to further teach the new class the true meaning of being a SigEp and watch them grow into leaders.

- The chapter will return to campus this fall with 101 members, making SigEp the 4th largest chapter at Miami.
- This past semester, the chapter hosted two classes for university credit in the house. One, EDP 450, was taught by Dr. Steuart Watson, the chair of the Educational Psychology. Dr. Watson is a SigEp from the University of Richmond. The class, Motivation and Performance Management, was only open to brothers, and everyone enrolled was required to write a 12 page research paper, take exams, and attend every class. The second class, ITS 390, was taught by Sheldon Anderson of the History department. This class was open to all Miami students and dealt with diversity and world issues. The classes are attracting much media attention locally and nationally. The efforts were recently recognized in Time Magazine and have also been featured in the Miami Student and on Channel 12, WKRC in Cincinnati.

# Join the Ohio Eta Alumni & Friends Association

Last year, the alumni board launched the Ohio Eta Alumni & Friends Association. The intent of this program is very simple – to make sure Ohio Eta never falls into a state of disarray the way they did a decade ago. These efforts have been successful, and as SigEp at Miami continues to strive, holding alumni events and communicating with alumni is an ongoing responsibility and challenge.

In addition, just maintaining the status quo is a costly undertaking. Implementing additional alumni programs and suggestions will take additional resources. That's why alumni support for the 2006 Ohio Eta Alumni & Friends Association is so vital. The alumni board relies on alumni support to continue the alumni programs of the fraternity.

Based on the resources alumni provided last year, we were able to:

- Hold a successful Alumni Reunion last June 2005 in Oxford
- Produce two alumni newsletters in August 2005 and February 2006
- Continue to host and maintain the alumni

webpages available at <http://www.ohioeta.com>


- Hold monthly conference calls of the Alumni Board

"We are so appreciative of all of the men who contributed to our 2005 campaign, and who have already provided support for our 2006 effort," said alumni president **Graham Mitchell '73**. "I've made my annual contribution, and I hope all alumni will do the same."

Annual dues for the Association range from \$1,000 to \$35 per year. If your circumstances permit, please consider supporting the Association at the \$1,000 or \$500 levels. In 2005, four brothers participated at these levels.

Should the \$1,000 or \$500 dues per year be out of the question at this point, we hope all alumni and friends will consider other options available, particularly at the \$250 or \$100 levels.

Most brothers believe that the careful attention being paid to these important alumni programs has played a key role in the progress Ohio Eta has made over the last few years. Broad-based alumni support and involvement will be the key to our continued success.

Anyone can make a pledge by visiting the website at <http://www.ohioeta.com> or by completing and returning the form below. Please select the membership level that's best for you and respond today. 

## 2006 Supporters of the Ohio Eta Alumni & Friends Association

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## Alumni Board of Trustees

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## ☐ Yes, I want to Join the Ohio Eta Alumni & Friends Association!

I wish to pledge:

- ☐ \$1,000 – Ohio Eta Trustee      ☐ \$75 – Ohio Eta Investor
- ☐ \$500 – Ohio Eta Leader      ☐ \$35 – Ohio Eta Member
- ☐ \$250 – Ohio Eta Partner      ☐ Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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Brother to Brother

Jeffery Schulze '74 left this message for his class, "I have been out of contact pretty much since graduation. Makes sense as I was probably the shyest in our class. I have been living in London for three years as the Chief Financial Officer for Corporate IT with HSBC. We have financial institutions in 73 countries, and I tend to travel to many of them. Prior to this I spent the bulk of two years in India. Having said all this, I am actually still married and have three kids. Two went to Missouri, and one is currently at Northwestern. I think I over sold MU so they all went elsewhere."

Richard Doyle '61 had a few things to say regarding the last newsletter. "In regards to the picture in the last newsletter 'The active members gather for a picture at SigEp Formal 2005,' I have only one thing to say, and it comes straight from Heaven, 'What a rowdy looking

bunch of guys!' On another note 'Ohio Eta placed second in the Greek Week Puddle Pull', you must have some heft in there, and knowing how brutal tugs-of-war are, also determination and a strong grip. Good going!"

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*Do you have interesting information you'd like to share with other alumni? Post it on the website by visiting <http://www.ohioeta.com> and clicking on "Alumni News" then "Brother to Brother."*

Visit [www.ohioeta.com](http://www.ohioeta.com) the official Ohio Eta website to:

- Learn more about the chapter
- See pictures of the new house
- Search for alumni
- Update your address, phone number and e-mail address
- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage, a recent promotion, etc.)
- Make a pledge to support the new house
- Join the Ohio Eta Alumni & Friends Association

Ohio Eta Looks to the Future

Five years ago the idea of a house at 224 Church Street was simply an idea and a lot of hope. The hope and idea is now a reality, and Ohio Eta has the best fraternity house at Miami and an exceptional group of young men on campus.

Because of alumni of Ohio Eta, the chapter was able to conduct a successful fundraising campaign with 24% of SigEp alumni pledging \$871,216. To date, the collection rate for the campaign has been over 91%,

something Ohio Eta can be very proud of!

With this first phase of fundraising completed, it is now time to look to the retirement of the mortgage debt. In 2007, Ohio Eta will enter into a second phase of fundraising. As a precursor to this new campaign, chapter and alumni leadership are preparing a detailed summary of all income and expenses involved in the building project thus far. This summary will be sent to each member of Ohio Eta around the first of the year. These materials are being provided so that everyone will know how their money has been spent and to answer any questions that you might have about new fundraising efforts and needs.

"This is a way of detailing where we have been and a view of where we might want to go. We appreciate everyone's support in the revival of Ohio Eta," said Dave Chittock '80.



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