

# THE ETA NEWS

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## Upcoming Alumni Events

All alumni and friends are invited to the following events. For more information about the events, please visit [www.ohioeta.com](http://www.ohioeta.com).

### Burgers & Birdies -

#### Senior & Alumni Golf Outing

Saturday, **April 9, 2011**, at Hueston Woods in Oxford. Tee times from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. RSVP with **Pat Trabold '13** at (585) 259-4710 or [trabolpw@muohio.edu](mailto:trabolpw@muohio.edu) by March 31, 2011.

### Miami University Alumni Weekend

**June 16-19, 2011.** Celebrating the classes of 1951, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '01 and '06. Additional information is also available at [www.miamialum.org](http://www.miamialum.org).

### Event-In-The-Tent X

Saturday, **June 18, 2011.**

Class Reunions - 1956, 1961, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 2001 and 2006.

Contact **Mark Durket '76** at

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## Local Alumni Events:

### Camping Event

**Joe Storm '02** is organizing an overnight camping trip with brothers who graduated in the late 90's through the early 2000's. Of course, any brother is invited if they live nearby or have interest in coming. Exact date and location is still to be determined. If you are interested in learning more or want to help plan the trip, please contact Joe at [josefstorm@yahoo.com](mailto:josefstorm@yahoo.com).

### Columbus Event

Volunteers are needed to help plan an alumni event in Columbus. Please contact **Brant Smith '01** at (440) 773-6724 if you are interested.

### Cincinnati Event

Volunteers are needed to help plan an alumni event in Cincinnati. Please contact **Mark Durket '76** at (513) 520-3773 if you are interested.

## Two Ohio Eta Brothers Honored by Miami, Inducted into the Cradle of Coaches Association

For Miami alumni, the university's nickname of "The Cradle of Coaches" is nothing new. What you may not know is that an official Cradle of Coaches Association was established in 1971. While all Miami Alumni who go on to coach, or those who have coached at Miami, are considered a part of the Cradle of Coaches, the Cradle of Coaches Association began inducting individuals into the Association in 1992 to further recognize their accomplishments. In February of this year, two Ohio Eta alumni were inducted into this esteemed association. **Gary Quisno '76** and **Rob Patrick '83** joined the honoree list that already included Woody Hayes and Bo Schembeckler, among many other outstanding coaches.

**Gary Quisno '76** amassed a 253-95 career record in 33 years as a head football coach at Danbury, Oak Harbor and Perkins high schools. His teams won or shared eleven



(L to R): Gary Quisno '76 and Rob Patrick '83.

conference titles, qualified for the state playoffs nine times and made two state semifinal appearances (1999 and 2006) in his tenure. He also produced three players who won Most Outstanding Performer in the Sandusky Bay Conference. Quisno was named the Associate Press Division III State Coach of the Year in 2002, Northwest Ohio District Coach of the Year four times (1991, 1995, 2002, 2006) and was twice

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Harold Redden '50 and Mark Durket '76 at Event-In-The-Tent IX



Event-In-The-Tent IX was a success! Alumni and their spouses gather outside of the SigEp House.

*Additional Event in the Tent pictures on page 4.*

## 2011 Ohio Eta Executive Board

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## A Look Back on 2010 with Matt Frazier '11, Outgoing Ohio Eta President

The Ohio Eta Chapter had a busy fall of 2010! With a strong returning group of over 90 men, Sig Ep remains one of the top three largest chapters at Miami. The Greek system at Miami has undergone some major changes for the 2010-2011 school year, after some poor press last spring. The university administration passed a new set of strict social regulations the day before fall classes started. The regulations limit social activity by chapters and impose strict punishments on chapters that do not comply. Fortunately, the leadership of Ohio Eta has not had an issue conforming to the new guidelines. In fact, while many chapters are having difficulties, Ohio Eta is excelling to new heights!

Sig Ep has a record number of members serving as leaders in on-campus organizations and club-sports teams. The Division I intramural football team had a record-setting perfect season (15-0) and placed second overall in Greek Week, only eight points behind the winner.

Ohio Eta is stronger than ever. The annual Balanced Man Scholarship

had a record number of applicants and Coach Enrico Blasi of the #1 ranked NCAA Hockey team gave an inspiring speech at the BMS awards dinner.

The success of Ohio Eta is due largely to the dedicated support of all alumni. With their continued support, Sig Ep brothers will be the best leaders, scholars, athletes, and gentlemen at Miami University.

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## Ohio Eta Dominates Greek Week in Multiple Events!

The annual Greek Week is a great opportunity for all of Greek life to enjoy friendly competition with each other. This year for Greek Week, Sigma Phi Epsilon came in second place, which made the atmosphere within the chapter all the more exciting.

Ohio Eta succeeded with championships in football, volleyball, kickball and the eating contest. The first event of Greek Week was football. It came down to the wire in the championship, when the football team pulled through with the help and support of all the brothers. The next day, Ohio Eta came away with another victory in volleyball. In an exciting game, the volleyball team came from behind to take title during the final matches against Beta Theta Pi.

The brothers enjoyed participating in other events, such as the raft races and quiz bowl. Incoming President **Matt Ressmeyer '12** stated, "Although SigEp did not win all the events, the brothers competing provided great support!"

Thank you to **Andrei Hogeia '12** for doing a great job organizing the Greek Week events for Sigma Phi Epsilon.

## IFC Enforces New Rush Format for Winter 2011

The Inter Fraternity Council (IFC) voted on the new changes to the Rush format during the fall semester of 2010. IFC intends for the changes to allow smaller fraternities to gain more exposure and to give rushees a more well-rounded view of the Greek community at Miami. For this upcoming winter, Rush will have a slightly different arrangement. Instead of the traditional three-day rush cycle, this year's event will take place over four days.

The first two days of Rush will be an open format in which every student rushing has to go to four different fraternities. The third and fourth days of Rush will be similar to how it has worked in the past where students can choose to go to any house they like. The main difference is that between the second and third days of Rush, fraternities will be able to submit preferences on which students they would like to come back.

## A Message from Incoming President Matt Ressmeyer '12

Since joining Sigma Phi Epsilon in January 2009, **Matt Ressmeyer's '12** goal has been to become president of the fraternity.

The chapter has the potential to make a big impression on Miami University. There is no question that Greek life, in general, is entering a new transition at Miami. It is important that the chapter shows the University not only why it is valuable to the campus, but why all fraternities and sororities are so important. If the Greek community can resurrect the image of Greek organizations from only being

concerned with partying and drinking and move towards being about brotherhood or sisterhood, then this next year will be a success. By reevaluating the chapter's core values of virtue, diligence, and brotherly love we will be successful in achieving our goals.

"I look forward to working for all of you, both brothers of the past and brothers of the present. I am here for all of you, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to see anything happen for this fraternity," added Ressmeyer.

## Cradle of Coaches Association *continued from page 1*

chosen to coach in the North - South All-Star Game, including the year 2000 when he was the head coach of the winning North Team led by Ben Roethlisberger. Quisno was a walk-on three-year letter winner in football at Miami from 1973-75, helping the Red and White to three consecutive Tangerine Bowl titles.

**Rob Patrick '83** has been the head volleyball coach at the University of Tennessee for 14 seasons. He has twice been named national coach of the year; once by *CVU.com* in 2004 and the second time by *VBall Magazine* in 2005. He has led the Lady Vols to NCAA Tournament berths in six of the last seven years, including a run to the Final Four in 2005. Patrick owns a 292-150 record at the helm of the Tennessee program, becoming its all-time winningest coach in October 2008. Under Patrick's guidance, 10 different student-athletes have been named All-Americans on a total of 17 occasions. He is a two-time SEC Coach of the Year recipient, earning the honor in 2004 and 2008, while earning American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) South Region Coach of the Year honors those same years. Additionally, Patrick has

served as president of the AVCA since 2009. Prior to his stint at Tennessee, Patrick served as an assistant coach at Stanford from 1994-96, helping the Cardinals to two national titles and a 92-6 mark. He served as the Director of Youth Development and Programs for USA Volleyball in 2006 and served as a highly successful club coach from 1987-96. In addition to playing club volleyball at Miami, twice serving as president, Patrick was also a member of the Miami football team.



## Financial Snapshot

By Dan McKenzie '74

Financially, this year has been a challenge for Sig Ep. With a few empty beds in the house, money has been tight. We have been trying to actively control costs.

Alumni can continue to show their support for Ohio Eta by purchasing an engraved brick or supporting the Alumni & Friends Association by visiting [www.ohioeta.com](http://www.ohioeta.com) and clicking on the Alumni Association or Alumni News links.

### Current Financial Snapshot:

Checking.....	\$26,826	Mortgage.....	\$773,629
Savings .....	\$123,032	Rainy Day.....	\$118,402

## A New Look for the SigEp Chapter Basement

Sigas of the 2010 class worked together and painted SigEp murals on the walls of the basement in the SigEp chapter house.

The new paintings include the SigEp crest, the Founder's badge, the words "SigEp" and the chapter's Greek letters.

The murals were completed in October, and a special thanks goes out to all those who contributed! Next time you're in Oxford, make sure you stop by to see them!





## Alumni Board of Trustees

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## Welcome Patrick Murphy, Ohio Eta's New Regional Director

The Ohio Eta chapter would like to extend a warm welcome to **Patrick Murphy**, the new Regional Director. Murphy is a 2010 graduate of Northeastern University in Boston and will be serving as a direct liaison with nationals for all of the SigEp chapters in Ohio and Michigan.

The brothers had the pleasure of introducing Murphy to Miami

University during his visit in late September. He attended the weekly chapter meeting, caught a glimpse of an annual sorority philanthropy, and spent time at the house getting to know as many members as possible. The chapter is very excited to work with Murphy this year!

## SigEp Wins Intramural Football Championship!

The SigEp intramural football team capped off an undefeated season in the championship game by defeating Kappa Alpha Order. Throughout the fall semester, the SigEp team played games weekly and finished the season by winning three rounds of playoff games for the championship.

The entire active chapter supported the football team by showing up and cheering. "It was a

really exciting season! Winning the championship was certainly icing on the cake," said Senior **Adam Atallah '11**.

After losing in the championship last year, graduated senior **Jim Anter '10** said somewhat prophetically, "We will win the championship next year, I'm sure of it."

It came true this year and the chapter is very proud of the intramural football team.



Ohio Eta's Largest Benefactors, Richard Puzitiello Sr '60 (right) and Richard Puzitiello Jr. '84 (not present), are honored with a plaque on the Alumni Wall of Fame presented by Graham Mitchell '73 (left). Thank you for your exemplary and enduring leadership and generosity from all of Brothers past, present and future.



## Tough Job, but Flannery's Gotta Do It

Mystical guardians of the earth's most precious elements are deeply imbedded within the histories of many great cultures. Zeus, most notably, is the Greek god of the sky. In Roman mythology, Neptune rules the sea. In 2010, several thousand years after Zeus began his rule, another deity has spawned - the Lord of the Trash. He does not wield an electrically charged lightning bolt or a lethal trident, but rather a splintering wooden mop.

There is much speculation as to the origin of this five-foot-nine enigma. He first appeared as, and still remains today, a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon at Miami University.

"I'm Andrew Flannery," he told Ohio Eta brothers during a formal Rush event. "I'm here to join your fraternity." What he really meant was, "I'm Andrew Flannery. I'm here to clean up your fraternity."

**Andrew Flannery** was elected as the Vice President of Operations in April 2010. Perturbed by the excessive amount of clutter throughout the fraternity house, the newest member of the executive board sprang to action. Flannery, initially thought of as a valuable asset to the fraternity image due to his boyish good looks and enchanting grin, morphed into an authoritative allocator of household chores, making sure brothers "Clean the kitchen!", "Mop the stairwell!" and "Pick up that trash!"

Brothers agree that the overall condition of the house has improved significantly as a result of Flannery's "tough love". "It's nice to be able to enjoy myself at the house," junior **Joe Turk '12** said. "I like to lie down on the carpet and roll around during study breaks. My life is so much easier without trash on the floor." "Flannery's love for cleaning is contagious," sophomore **Chris Mackey '13** explained. "Not only do I now enjoy cleaning around the house, but I also keep my own room organized and orderly."

Flannery takes pride in the vast improvements made concerning the cleanliness of the house. "That's glorious," he said, admiring the Mount Olympus-sized heap of trash piled above the brim of the fraternity

dumpster. "All of that trash made it to the dumpster." He clapped bits of residue from his hands, satisfied that every bit of trash had been removed from the house. "Now let's go clean the windows," concluded Flannery.

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## Thank You from the Active Chapter

By: Sean Wallace '11, Outgoing VP of Communications

On behalf of the active chapter, I would like to thank all those who made it to Homecoming weekend this past September. A great time was had by all who attended and special thanks goes to **Kyle Hallion '11**, **Joe Turk '12**, **Matt Frazier '11** and **Matt Ressmeyer '12** for helping to organize and making sure the weekend's events ran smoothly.

I would also like to thank the alumni who played a huge role in facilitating Homecoming's success including **Graham Mitchell '73**,

**Sarge Wilson '58**, **Dan McKenzie '74** and the rest of the Alumni Board of Trustees.

I look forward to Birdies and Burgers in the spring where alumni and seniors can enjoy a casual day of golf and grilling out. A belated "thank you" to everyone who made Event-in-the-Tent this past summer a great success. Overall, I am extremely proud of the active brothers for putting so much of their heart into Ohio Eta. Thanks again to the alumni that are always supporting us!

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## Founders' Picture Donated

The active chapter would like to thank **Harold Redden '50** for donating a picture of the founding brothers of the Ohio Eta chapter. The picture (below) features the 27 brothers that founded Ohio Eta over 60 years ago. It is currently being displayed in the SigEp house.





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