

# 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.ohioetaalumni.com](http://www.ohioetaalumni.com).

### Burgers & Birdies - Senior & Alumni Golf Outing

Saturday, April 28, 2012\*

10:00 a.m. - Brunch at the House

12:00 p.m. - Tee times

Contact **Sam Dragul '14**, VP

Communications, at (303) 819-1800 or [dragulsz@muohio.edu](mailto:dragulsz@muohio.edu)

\*Please note the date change from April 29 to April 28

### Miami University Alumni Weekend

June 14-17, 2012

Celebrating the classes of 1952, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, '02 and '07. Additional information is also available at [www.miamialum.org](http://www.miamialum.org).

### Event-In-The-Tent XI

Saturday, June 16, 2012

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. -

Open house and cookout

Class Reunions - 1957, 1962, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 2002 and 2007

Contact **Mark Durket '76**

at (513) 520-3773 or [MDurket@rsanet.com](mailto:MDurket@rsanet.com)



Come back to SigEp  
for Event-in-the-Tent:  
Celebrate our decades of  
success and carry the  
tradition forward forever.

## Class of '77 to Celebrate 35 Years

Mark your calendars and make plans now to celebrate 35 years with the Class of '77 on the weekend of June 15-17, 2012!

Every five years, the Class of '77 faithfully migrates to Oxford for a weekend of reminiscing and fun. According to **Mark Niederhelman '77**, "It's hard to believe it has been 35 years and most of us are still standing!" Expected attendees include Mark Niederhelman '77 and his wife, Char, **Sam Narten '77**, **Kurt Heydle '77**, **Tom Stroup '77** and his wife, Barb, **Steve Herdeman '77** and his wife, Nancy, and the former editor of the infamous *Quinn's Quotes*, **Dan Quinn '77**. Other possible attendees include **Chip Frame '77** and **Jim Glendening '77**.

For more information or to register for University-hosted events, please visit [www.miamialum.org](http://www.miamialum.org). Stay tuned for more information regarding Ohio Eta events. We hope to see everyone in June!

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## 2011-12 Ohio Eta Executive Board

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## Aaron Walsh's Poem Part of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum

Ohio Eta's **Aaron Walsh '12** wrote a poem about 9/11 eleven years ago when he was eleven years old and in the sixth grade. The poem quickly spread and became an inspiration for many in the aftermath of the attacks. It continues to be inspirational and has a place in the hearts and minds of many.

Walsh's poem is on permanent display in the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center.

### "I Hold in My Hands..."

by Aaron Walsh '12

*I hold in my hands...*

*The dust.*

*The dust and wreckage of the towers.*

*Even though I wasn't there,*

*I can still feel it.*

*It has damaged my hands with dirt.*

*It has damaged my heart with sorrow.*

*It has damaged my body with fear,*

*and it has damaged my life with war.*

*I hold in my hands...*

*My life.*

*My life could*

*soon be filled*

*with war,*

*cruelty at its worst.*

*Miles away, I*

*can hear the planes' roaring engines,*  
*gliding through the air.*

*I hold in my hands...*

*My future.*

*My life ahead.*

*Whether it will be filled with war or*  
*peace, we will not know.*

*My future keeps me going from dawn*  
*to dusk.*

*I hold in my hands...*

*Hope.*

*Hope for the future.*

*Hope for peace.*

*Hope for my country's freedom.*

*And hope for America to win this war*  
*on terrorism.*



## Ohio Eta Largest Chapter on Campus

As any fraternity knows, recruitment is the lifeblood of a chapter. The ability to bring in new members to continue the traditions and history is what keeps the fraternal movement strong. Ohio Eta focuses on that each year and made a point to maintain the legacy of academics, community and

fraternity in this year's recruitment efforts.

After a successful Spring rush, Ohio Eta welcomed 29 new members into its ranks. According to **Trent Gilchrist '14**, VP of Recruitment, "Once again, the alumni and actives should be proud of another good recruitment year by the chapter's leadership."

Ohio Eta is now the largest chapter at Miami University with 129 members, and recruitment continues. Gilchrist stated, "We are not relaxing our efforts to improve and expand even more."

Congratulations to the 29 new members who joined the SigEp ranks!

## Cameron Innis '12 Named a Finalist for the Tragos Quest to Greece

Against all odds, **Cameron Innis '12** was recently named a finalist for the *Tragos Quest to Greece*, a 10-day journey through ancient Greece in search of Sigma Phi Epsilon's foundations. Innis has battled Lyme disease over the past year and has been unable to attend classes;

however, he exemplifies the ideals of SigEp in every facet of his life and is an honorable brother.

The *Tragos Quest to Greece*, endowed by Bill Tragos and his wife, Lilli, allows the continued emphasis on classic Greek philosophy, centered on the Balanced Man Ideal

of developing a Sound Mind and Sound Body. Recipients are selected based on academic standing, on- and off-campus leadership qualities and chapter involvement.

The National Fraternity will select the winners in May 2012.

## Brother to Brother

**Zach Tempel** is a Neurosurgery Resident at UPMC - one of the top ten neurosurgery centers in the world.

**Kip Johnson** and his wife, Juliana, just moved back to the States and have a new baby girl named Laura.

**Jerome MICHAEL Kunkel '03** cannot tell you what he does for a living - only that he 'handles things' for the DIA and contractors. He also says, "Crossfit RULES."

**Dan Hannon '04** was just promoted to Senior Sales Rep with Eli Lilly. He is still loving life in Sarasota, FL.

**Travis Nickels '04** is currently practicing at the Cleveland Clinic. He and his wife, Casey, have two children, Carter and Evan.

**Alex Melman '05** recently moved to Scottsdale, AZ, and joined Reliance Standard as a Sales Consultant.

**Dan Kehn '05** is a Senior Account Executive for Jack Morton Worldwide. He and his wife, Stephanie, live in Chicago and still pull way too hard for Ohio State.

Three Ohio Eta brothers are now working on the West Coast in the Bay Area: **Jon McCarren '07**, **Kyle Boston '08** and **John Owed '09**.

Do you have news you'd like to share with your brothers? Post interesting information about yourself online at [www.ohioetaalumni.com](http://www.ohioetaalumni.com) or send them to **Brant Smith '02** at [smithbh2@yahoo.com](mailto:smithbh2@yahoo.com). Did you recently get married? Have a baby? Change jobs? Retire? Let us know. Post your news today.

## Ohio Eta Wins 12th "Buc Cup"

Ohio Eta won its 12th **Buchanan Cup** at the 52nd Grand Chapter Conclave held in Phoenix, AZ. The Executive Board attended the event, held August 10-14, 2011, and accepted the engraved silver cup on behalf of the chapter.

The Buchanan Outstanding Chapter Award, named in honor of two-time Grand President and Grand Treasurer Edwin Buchanan, is indicative of the highest level of undergraduate achievement in our Fraternity. The "Buc Cup" recognizes the best-of-the-best Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters. Chapters are measured against the accomplishments of their peers at campuses across the country. Only the chapters that excel in every area of operations and further the Grand Chapter's strategic plan qualify for this high honor.

## The 31Heroes Project

For several months, Brother **Michael Kunkel '03** has been working out and raising money to support *The 31Heroes Project*. *The 31Heroes Project* is a non-profit organization created to honor the military heroes killed in action on August 6, 2011. The organization uses fitness as a means of remembrance and honor. Money raised through various fitness events provides financial support for the families of the fallen heroes.

According to Kunkel, "My friend, Marcus, and I just placed third in a gym competition, and the two teams that beat us were instructors. Thanks to everyone who supported me."

To learn more about *The 31Heroes Project*, or to make a donation to support Kunkel, visit [www.31hereos.com](http://www.31hereos.com). Once you make a donation online, please e-mail Kunkel at [IKRHSN@yahoo.com](mailto:IKRHSN@yahoo.com) so he can keep a record of individual support.



Michael Kunkel '03 lifts weights to support The 31Heroes Project.



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Alumni interested in serving on the Alumni Board of Trustees should contact **Mark Durket '76** at [mdurket@rsanet.com](mailto:mdurket@rsanet.com).



The House was in tip-top shape for move-in weekend 2011. Special thanks to Kyle Stadtmiller '06 and the rest of the Board.

## Alumni & Friends Campaign a Success

Thank you to the 48 brothers who donated \$7,350 to the **Ohio Eta Alumni & Friends Association Campaign 2011**. Donations to Sigma Phi Epsilon support the Fraternity's alumni relations and communication program, like this newsletter and the [www.ohioetaalumni.com](http://www.ohioetaalumni.com) website.

### Donor List as of 4/3/2012

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## Financial Snapshot

By Dan McKenzie '74

The current account balances are listed below. The Rainy Day balance is not exact due to incomplete year-end interest accrual information. We're still waiting on additional information from the bank. We transferred \$30,000 from the checking account to the savings account in order to capture additional interest. The only outstanding bill in the near future is the property and casualty insurance, which should be around \$5,800.

Checking: .....	\$47,600
Savings: .....	\$162,696
Rainy Day: .....	\$123,349 +
Mortgage: .....	\$734,336



The brick walkway is complete.

## Leave Your Legacy Bricks Installed

The *Leave Your Legacy* brick walkway is complete! A special thanks to the many alumni listed below who generously contributed to the campaign and pledged their support for Ohio Eta. The walkway will serve as a beautiful reminder that alumni contributions have a direct impact on the success of the fraternity. Our next step is to landscape the area. If you are interested in donating to this cause, please contact **Mark Durket '76** at [mdurket@rsanet.com](mailto:mdurket@rsanet.com). Special thanks and recognition to **Jim "Sarge" Wilson '58** for his enduring commitment to Ohio Eta and the *Leave Your Legacy* campaign.

### Leave Your Legacy Campaign Donors

*In alphabetical order*

#### Sharryl Allison (In Memory of Charlie Allison)

Eric J. Anderson '10  
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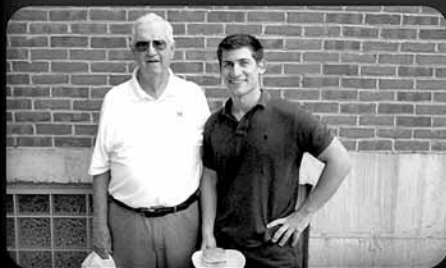
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## Highlights from Event-in-the-Tent X



**Don't miss Event-In-The-Tent XI on Saturday, June 16, 2012**



### Rededication of Puzitiello Library

**Saturday, June 16, 2012**

**1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

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