

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.

Miami University Alumni Weekend
June 20-23, 2013 - Celebrating the classes of 1953, 58, 63, 68, 73, 78, 83, 88, 93, 98, 03 and 08.
Additional information is also available at www.miamialum.org.

Event-In-The-Tent XII

Saturday, June 22, 2013

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

224 E. Church St.

Open house and cookout

Class Reunions - 1958, 1963, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 2003 and 2008

Contact **Mark Durket '76** at
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Come Back to SigEp for Alumni Weekend 2013

Mark your calendars and make plans now to attend **Alumni Weekend 2013** on June 20-23! Join other alumni to reminisce about the old days at Miami. Missing Alumni Weekend means you may not connect with alumni like **William Gordon '82** who recently reflected, "Back in the day we had two chicken soup...and the saying 'your horse too' was very common. I acquired a horse myself in 1981 from the Miami stables. I wore full Roman regalia and walked through campus, then tied the horse in front of the house."



Howard Brownstein '72 Earns 500th Victory

Becomes the 41st coach in OHSA history to reach 500 career wins

Howard Brownstein '72, boys basketball and track coach at Cincinnati Country Day School, became the 41st coach in Ohio High School Athletic Association history to reach 500 career wins.

According to Brownstein, "I didn't think I'd be in it this long. I love teaching math, but coaching is a real passion."

Brownstein has coached at Cincinnati Country Day School since 1987. His teams have won 10 sectional titles, three district titles and a regional title. He coached the 1992 team to the Division IV state final four.



Howard Brownstein '72

Ohio Eta Named Greek Week 2012 Champions

First place finishes in quiz bowl, hockey, football and the CROP walk



Greek Week is a great opportunity for all Miami fraternities and sororities to enjoy friendly competition with each other. For Greek Week 2012, Sigma Phi Epsilon placed first in quiz bowl, hockey, football and the Crop walk. These top finishes led to Ohio Eta being named overall Greek Week Champions!

"It was an exciting week and the chapter is proud," stated chapter president **Trent Gilchrist '14**. "We were happy to place first in both athletic events and academic and organizational events. The hard work over the past few years allowed us to reach the top and take the trophy."

Left: Ohio Eta brothers celebrate with the Greek Week trophy.

Chapter Raises \$5,000 to Support Kids4Cure

Inaugural broomball tournament a huge success



Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers stand with a banner made to advertise the 1st Annual Sweep Away ALS Broomball Tournament. Sixteen teams participated in the tournament.

Last fall, Ohio Eta hosted its first *Sweep Away ALS Broomball Tournament*. Sixteen teams participated in the inaugural tournament and the chapter raised \$5,000.

All proceeds from the tournament were donated to Kids4Cure, a nonprofit organization founded by **Paul Carey '13**, one of the chapter's seniors. Kids4Cure was founded to raise money and awareness for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) after Carey's mother was diagnosed with the disease in 2004. ALS, commonly referred to



The Ohio Eta Chapter presents a \$5,000 check payable to Kids4Cure, a nonprofit organization founded by chapter senior Paul Carey '13. Kids4Cure raises money and awareness for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease.

as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a motor-neuron disease that typically kills victims within two to five years after being diagnosed. There is no cure for ALS.

"The chapter was instrumental in making the event a success," stated chapter vice president of communications **Thomas Cedoz '14**. "Brothers worked hard to publicize the event, solicit donations, organize the brackets and much more. This event will continue to be a great source of pride for the chapter."

2012-13 Ohio Eta Executive Board

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Board of Trustees Creates Strategic Plan

Takes a proactive approach in maintaining the chapter house

The Ohio Eta Alumni Board of Trustees is focused on three goals: 1) Sustain a house occupancy level of 90% or more 2) Reconcile security deposits and individual responsibility with actual maintenance costs and 3) Reduce the overall maintenance and repair expense of the house. The board is working to take a proactive approach in maintaining the best asset on campus, the SigEp chapter house.

"Reaching these goals is vital for the chapter," reported **Brant Smith '02**. "Once these items are accomplished, the chapter will be more financially sound, brothers living in the house will be more satisfied, the chapter will be more competitive during recruitment and the board can focus on creating a comprehensive property management plan."

Further action is being led by **Joe Hornsby '06** to implement chapter-level changes in response to the sophomore fraternity restrictions put in place by the University. "The requirement the University implemented requiring all sophomore students to live in campus dorms has had a profound impact on the Oxford off-campus rental market and has directly impacted fraterni-

ties and their ability to maintain high occupancy," said Hornsby. Among the changes is a dues discount policy for upperclassmen who live in the fraternity house more than one year, a common area agreement for the chapter as a whole, and a live-in requirement starting with new members. "It is challenging to adapt to such a large change in the culture and process of where students live in Oxford and how they are signing leases."

Update from 5/5/2013 In-Person AVC Meeting. Highlights include:

- Meeting lasted from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. covering all topics on-hand;
- AVC made a motion and voted to offer Chapter Counselor position to **Tony Terrell**;
- AVC created a **Chapter Counselor and Executive Board Leadership Development Sub-Committee**, chaired by **Bill Greer '81** (in-attendance). Sub-Committee will meet with Undergraduate Leadership and specific classes, draft policies, recommend policies to AVC, and implement these policies for creating strategic improvements at the House and with the Brothers;

- ♦ If you have an interest in joining this committee, please contact: **Bill Greer '81** at *william.greer@kellogg.com*

- AVC made a commitment to attend more Undergraduate Chapter meetings and to hold AVC meetings at 224 E. Church Street on a bi-monthly basis for the 2013-2014 School Year, in an effort to have more direct and personal impact on Undergraduate leadership;

- ♦ To attend these on-site meetings please contact **Joe Hornsby '06**

If you have questions regarding the Board's strategic plan, please contact **Brant Smith '02** at (404) 773-6724 or **Joe Hornsby '06** at (513) 659-5210.

Support the 2013 Alumni & Friends Campaign Today!

Support the **Ohio Eta Alumni & Friends Association Campaign 2013** today! Donations to the campaign support the fraternity's alumni relations and communication program, like this newsletter and the *www.ohioetaalumni.com* website.

To make a donation, visit the alumni website at *www.ohioetaalumni.com* and click the "Support this Campaign" button. All pledges may be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or as a one-time gift. In order to make the payment process as easy as possible, you can even set up your pledge to be automatically drafted from your checking account or posted to a credit card on a recurring basis.

Financial Snapshot

The chapter remains financially strong. Over \$38,000 was spent on house maintenance this past year. The mortgage has just over 15 years remaining and should receive an interest rate reduction in August.

Current Financial Snapshot

The balances, as of our March 6 call and rounded to the nearest \$100 are as follows:

Checking:.....	\$48,000	Mortgage:.....	\$709,600
Savings	\$192,900	Rainy Day:.....	\$125,400

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Passing Of Ohio Eta Patriot

U.S. Navy World War II Veteran OH Eta Brother **Robert E. "Bob" Oberlin '53** died in Marysville, Ohio on May 2, 2013. During WWII, Bob served in the Pacific Theater aboard the USS Iowa (BB-61). Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday (May 8, 2013) at Marysville First United Methodist Church. Burial took place at Oakdale Cemetery where military honors were provided by the Union County Military Funeral Honor Guard.

Stay in Touch!

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



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- Find out about upcoming events
- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage, a recent promotion, etc.)
- Join the Ohio Eta Alumni & Friends Association