

BETA THETA PI NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S NEW AT EPSILON GAMMA

In October of this year, we were delighted to receive a visit from our new General President, Gupton Vogt. It was a sincere pleasure to show him and his wife our home and our Beta spirit. He then joined us for dinner and some songs. It was quite an experience and we hope to see him again soon.

Later in November, sixteen members of the Epsilon Gamma Chapter road tripped to Indianapolis, Indiana for the Beta Leadership Conference. The Beta's participating attended workshops on Rush, Pledge Education, interviewing techniques, and etiquette.

A pledge retreat was also held in November at John Hill's cabin, in Frankfort. The cabin proved to be a wonderful place to hold such an event. With a strong active turnout, this was one of the best pledge retreats in a while.

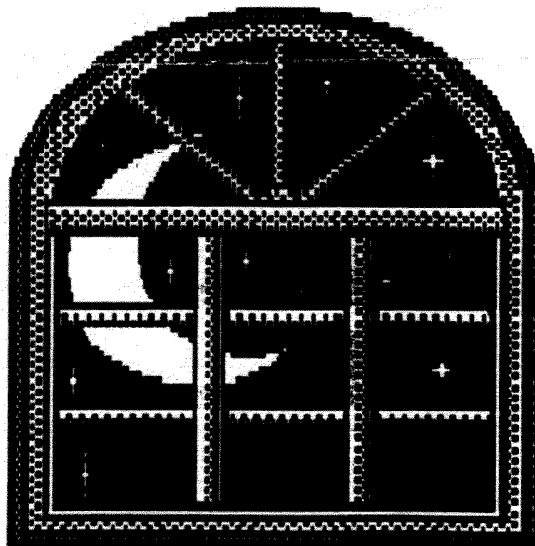
The Epsilon Gamma's have also been busy with philanthropic work. We have been making weekly trips to the Chippewa Indian reservation to tutor young children. Now the brothers are working on adopting a section of U.S.27 in the adopt a highway program.

As you can see we have had a busy semester. Next semester is looking no different. So check out the upcoming events section and plan ahead to stop up and see us.

Chuck Williams
Alumni Liason

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jan. 9 | classes begin |
| 11-12 | Ski Weekend |
| 13-19 | Beta Week |
| 19 | Initiation |
| 25-31 | Alumni Meeting
Rush |
| Feb. 1 | Bid day |
| 7 | John Reilly Knox
Ceremony 10:00 at
the house |
| 23 | Formal (location and
specifics will be
announced soon) |



PRESIDENT'S REPORT
DOUG ACKERMAN
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Looking back on the past semester I can confidently say that the chapter is in much better shape than it was last year. Our financial dilemma has been corrected. In fact, we are anticipating a surplus which will go toward an endowment fund. The exact amount available to start this fund will not be known until we close out the books for the past semester and project for the next. This money will be controlled by the financial advisor and it will only be available to the chapter in the event of an emergency. Ultimately, this money will be combined with other accounts from the Alumni Association and Housing Corporation to go towards the next chapter house.

The second area of improvement is with you, the alumni. There has been a considerable increase in chapter-alumni relations. The best thing about this is that it has been a dual effort. The chapter is doing more for you, and you are doing more for the chapter. The ski weekend and Euchre Tournament coming up next semester show the continued effort in this area.

Following the recommendation of Doug Radi from General. The chapter will be submitting a Sission application this year. While the overall picture is looking good, we still have some areas to work on. The major areas being Rush, Grades and Athletics. In order to be eligible for the sission we

need to have a chapter size larger than the average for the campus. At this time we are at the average. And several other groups have been doing exceptionally well at rush which could put us out of the running for the sission if we are not competitive next semester. Academically our grades improved a great deal last semester, but I haven't been getting much positive feedback in this department from the brothers this semester. Athletics have been another weakness for the chapter. While this is not a sission requirement, it is an area in need of improvement as we are currently in 11th place out of 12 groups.

I would also like to wish the Alumni Association the best of luck in drafting and approving its charter and constitution. I encourage any of you who have the time and interest to show up for this meeting. The Alumni Association needs your input and several positions are available.

Everyone at the chapter hopes you have enjoyed the holidays and looks forward to hearing from you.

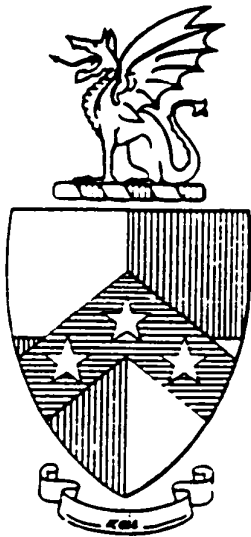
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Doug Ackerman



BETA'S MOST WANTED MEN

We do not have the correct address information for the following people. If you know the correct addresses for any of these people please let us know. Also if you know of anyone else who has not been receiving Newsletters, fliers, and Christmas cards from us we need that information too.

GEORGE CAMPBELL
TIM KIRKENDALL
MICHAEL COOK
DOUG OGDEN
PAUL WAGNER
DAVE GILLERIE
BOB GRONDA
SCOTT STOUGHTON



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CONGRATULATIONS

....To Thomas Schmidt on his wedding to Karen.

....To Matt Brauer for starting law school at the Detroit School of Law.

....To the graduating seniors who have joined your ranks.



THE FAB FOUR

We are proud to announce the following brothers have graduated. We wish them the best of luck and hope they keep in touch.

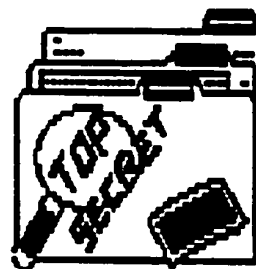
Brendan Lambrix
Greg Kacy
Dave Deighton
John Knaus

THIS OLE' HOUSE

I am very proud to report that all the money for last semester has been turned in and there are no outstanding debts from the current residents of the house.

I am also very excited to announce that we have done some more work on the house. This work includes a new island in the kitchen with a brand new, three pan steam table. Also brother Kevin Steele has built an oak mantle and surround for the fireplace. He also donated blinds and curtains for the formal living room. We would like to thank Kevin Steele, Todd Miller, Dave Dennis, Dave Deighton, Gordon Tomlin, and Matt Simpkins for their help in completing this project.

For any of you who have not seen the house lately, your in for a surprise.



RUSH REPORT

We have reached the end of the fall semester with thirteen pledges. Out of the thirteen three did not make grades. I cannot tell you how badly our chapter needs a large pledge class this semester. We need 17 pledges to reach our goal of thirty for the year. We need these men both financially and physically. We are asking for your help. You can help Epsilon Gamma in two ways; One is by giving us names of prospective members already attending Central and two, by providing alumni support at our rush events. If any of you can attend, the rush events begin the weekend of January 25th and continue throughout the following week. If there is any way you can attend, Please come and show your support. If you have any questions please contact me at 772-2390.

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