

WELCOME BOTT ALUMNI

It is that time of year; the leaves are changing, the temperature is dropping and students are going back to school. the 97-98 school year is upon us and it is time to fill everyone in on what has been happening with the Epsilon Gamma chapter.

Summer Improvements

Those who watch football know the "frozen tundra of Lambeau Field" and have found this similar to Wooglins. No longer will that happen. This summer, with the help of Bob Hempton, Steve Grenus, and under grads Don Jackson, and myself, three new windows were installed into Wooglins in July. Under grad and new initiate Eric Weatherford helped finish the job by hanging wallpaper and putting up the trim boards around the windows.

With a kind donation from Oren Lane and the help of Bob H. the roof over Wooglins and the back apartment have been recovered.

In addition to the new roof over the back apartment, the presidential suite has been gutted this summer and is near completion. James Eschelbach (president) and his father donated their time and money this summer to remodel the apartment. New drywall all around, carpet, tile and new walls for the shower.

Two brothers took the time to redo their rooms this summer. Gutting the paneling and then insulating and hanging drywall. This kind of enthusiasm has people really taking care of the house.

Other significant improvements: a new toilet in the basement, a new spicket outside (the old one split from winter freezing), a new disposal, and a gas dryer was hooked up. Most of this work would not have been completed if it wasn't for the exceptional help from Phil Adler's father, Paul.

Ritual / Beta Week

Our Beta Week ran very smoothly and was incredibly productive. The week ended with the initiation of five new brothers:

Eric Weatherford EG 235

Jay Catania EG 236

Andrew McDonald EG 237

Joe Alexander EG 238

Jason Thuss EG 239

We want to continue to have an early Beta Week. It makes it easier and more productive when classes are not in session since they do not interfere with the weeks events.

Homecoming

Homecoming is on October 11 and the game starts at 1pm. Central's opponent will be Toledo, a team that will not beat us by 80+ points. A separate mailing will be sent regarding the plans for this event.

Rush

Dave Fouchea is our rush chairman and has assured us a large pledge class. To start off the year we had four open parties that every night were the largest on campus. Don Jackson and Willie Hilliker were instrumental in another successful Betapalooza. Getting these parties in before dry rush has helped draw much attention to our house. In addition to all the outstanding work Dave is doing, Gentlemen are calling our house and asking about rush. For us, a pledge class of less than twenty will be a disappointment.

Important dates for rush: Bid day is Sept. 19th at Island Park (rain out at Finch) and formal dinner is the 18th at 6pm. Just so you know, the pledge class will be called Alpha Alpha. Yes, we finally rolled over the alphabet.

Pledge Program

Tom Olver is our Pledge Educator this year and has, as always, an itinerary.

September 23	First pledge meeting
September 28	Pledge installation
October 18	Pledge retreat (notes to follow)
November 7/8	Miami trip
January 5	tentative start to Beta Week (school starts back on the 14)

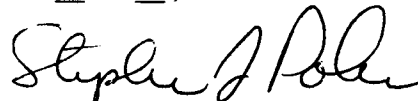
Pledge Retreat

Tom did a lot of pushing at convention about our pledge retreat. He talked to (and I will name drop) B. Hume Morris, Peter J. Floriani, H. H. Stephenson, Jerry Blesch, Paul Puckett, Bill Berry, and Irv Johnson. Tom also talked to some chapters and all the Chapter Management Consultants. The response was huge. Tom has invited several people from General to witness our home grown ritual. He has also sent invitations to 20 chapters. Participation, help, and spectators are welcome, but the space is limited. If you would like to attend or help in any way call Tom Olver at (517) 779-2166 or write to him and send your letters to the house. We would like to take Epsilon Gamma's name and spread it throughout Beta's Broad Domain.

Convention

At this year's convention, we had four under grads attend, James Eschelbach, Don Jackson, Tom Olver, and Tom Santilli. The chapters applied for and was in contention for the Outstanding Pledge Program Award this year but did not win. However, EG did walk away with a few notables. For the second straight year EG has won the Virginia Tech Award for our region and for the fourth straight year (5 overall) EG has won the Sisson Award. Our goal this year is to apply for and win the Know Award.

Yours in __ kai __,



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