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Special points of interest:

- *3.21 Fall GPA—Highest fraternity GPA in recorded CMU history*
- *8 pledges this semester—One of the largest Spring classes on campus*
- *Paid back over \$1500 dollars in debt to General*
- *Increased overall membership to 22 men*
- *Reestablished highway cleanup program*
- *Increased involvement in leadership development programs*

COLONY UPDATE

Brandyn Lawson - President

There is much to talk about in this, the first issue, of what will become a semi-annual newsletter written by the undergraduates of Epsilon Gamma.

The colony is firing on all cylinders as we move through this school year and look ahead to events like the Orlando convention this summer.

The AO and AP pledge classes (Fall and Spring, respectively) are a great group of Betas. With their help we were able to break the cumulative GPA record for a fraternity here at CMU with a 3.21.

Involvement on campus has increased as well, with brothers holding positions in the SGA, club soccer and fencing teams, a cappella groups, ROTC, and many other student organizations.

The men of Epsilon Gamma are both capable and willing to do what is necessary to make the Betas great once

more at CMU.

We are aided in this by the General Fraternity in the form of some truly unique leadership development programs. Several members of the executive board, as well as myself, recently returned from the first ever Keystone Regional Leadership Conference held in Pittsburgh. This was an informative conference, and we garnered enormous

amounts of helpful information.

Finally, it is my wish that this newsletter serve to foster the chapters relationships with its alumni. Remember:

“Once a Beta, always a Beta, everywhere a Beta”



The brotherhood after the Fall 06 semester

THE ANNUAL PIGROAST

The Epsilon Gamma Colony will be hosting its annual Pig Roast April 21, 2007 at Mission Creek Park.

There will be house tours from 11:00AM until 12:30PM, with activities at the park following the tours.

Lunch will start about 3 pm. We would enjoy seeing as many brothers and their families as possible.

Final details will be coming out through the monthly “For the Stauncest” newsletter.

If you are planning on coming or have any questions, please email Shane Farrell at farre1sp@cmich.edu.

YOU'LL FEEL A KIND OF SOMETHING WARM YOUR MARROW THROUGH AND THROUGH...

In the fall of 2006 seven men were initiated onto the rolls of the Epsilon Gamma colony at



LC A. Porter Price (front-center) with the AO

Central Michigan University. Along with maintaining a one hundred percent retention

rate, these seven men, along with the active brotherhood of the colony, stayed true to the Beta value of cultivation of the intellect by achieving a 3.2 GPA for the fall semester. This was the highest GPA recorded by any fraternity

on CMU's campus in recorded history. Drew Mason EF 346 and pledged during the fall of 2006 received the highest GPA that semester with a 3.8. Thanks to the help of these seven men, the Epsilon Gamma chapter continues to achieve excellence in and out of the classroom.

-Chris Mueller EF 343

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YOU'LL FEEL A WHOLE LOT BETTER OFF WHEN YOU'RE A BETA TOO!

This spring semester the Epsilon Gamma colony of Beta Theta Pi at Central Michigan University has inducted eight men into the Alpha Pi pledge class. This spring's class is one of the largest on campus. The pledges are: Adam Kimo, Lance Prins, Chris Saylor, John Reineke II, Jamelle Doolley, Andre Mallet, Steven Witte, and Thomas Younger.

As the current Pledge Educator, I have had the privilege of working with all eight men

very closely. As we approach the halfway point of the spring 2007 pledge period, I am confident saying that the men have shown nothing but potential and determination to continue the already stunning growth of the Epsilon Gamma colony. With the guidance of the current brotherhood, I feel confident that Epsilon Gamma has one of the brightest futures on campus. The pledges have completed several pledge classes with my-

self, and have participated in serenading the campus sororities—which was a great success.

The current brotherhood is excited with the direction the fraternity is moving, and look on with pride as Epsilon Gamma and Beta Theta Pi continue, with the help of our eight new men, to change the face of fraternities on CMU's campus.

-Chris Mueller EF 343

814 SOUTH MAIN

Substantial changes are in the works for the house of the Epsilon Gamma men of Beta Theta Pi.

In the last week, plans have been formed to place letters back on the house.

This will be the first time our house has had our letters on it since 2002.

Before the start of next semester, we also hope to put in a full-size dinner table in

the dining room to seat 10-12 brothers, and new furniture throughout the house. As always, any possible assistance in these matters would be greatly appreciated.

-John Morelli EF 337



The Chapter House at 814 S. Main

THE DIAMOND...

Select members of the executive board recently attended the first annual Keystone Regional Leadership Conference in Pittsburgh.

While there, the men were able to interact with other chapters from across the northeast, as well as many prominent alumni and Friends of Beta.

The program split each officer into individual tracks, to develop the individual areas that each officer occupied.

The men that attended were Brandyn Lawson EF 335 - President, John Morelli EF 337 - Vice President, Phil Klassen EF 339 - Treasurer, and

Robby Hunter EF 347 - Recruitment Chair.

Not only was this conference a great weekend in terms of leadership development, but it was also a great bonding time for the executive board of Epsilon Gamma.

Following a drive through the night, the brothers took advantage of the location to explore the city of Pittsburgh. Between



John, Brandyn, and Phil in front of a Pittsburgh skyline

intense leadership development sessions, and the camaraderie shared between the men, this weekend was quite a success!

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AND THE THREE STARS

Also while at Keystone, the brothers of Epsilon Gamma had the opportunity to work with several Greek Life officers from other schools. Quite an impression was made on all by the boys from Epsilon Gamma!

One woman with whom the executive team worked closely with was Andrea Weber, Greek Life Coordinator at

Lehigh University. During the program she aided president Brandyn Lawson in facilitating discussion within the group. She had many great things to say after the conference, and in an email to CMU Director of Greek Life, Tom Idema, she stated that, “It was my pleasure to work with the above mentioned men and I truly believe that they have the

Beta spirit and are committed to making Beta a positive experience on campus.” We, the men from the Epsilon Gamma colony, truly know what it is to worthily wear the badge and bear the name of Beta Theta Pi.

MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE

Anyone who is worthy to wear a Beta Badge should not have finances be a barrier, but we have no funds set aside to support that idea. Every semester, we encounter potential brothers whose only objection to joining a fraternity is based purely on the inability to pay dues. Thus, we are establishing a “dues scholarship” in order to help potential members overcome the financial burden and help

those brothers who would have trouble paying dues for a semester. The fund would work like a grant, only being accessible through application, which would be monitored by the Treasurer, President, and Vice President of Epsilon Gamma. If this scholarship is something you would be interested in supporting, we are accepting donations. Checks can be made out to

Beta Theta Pi and donations can be sent to the house:

Beta Theta Pi
c/o Phil Klassen
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Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

Questions? Call Phil Klassen (Treasurer) at 231-670-0024

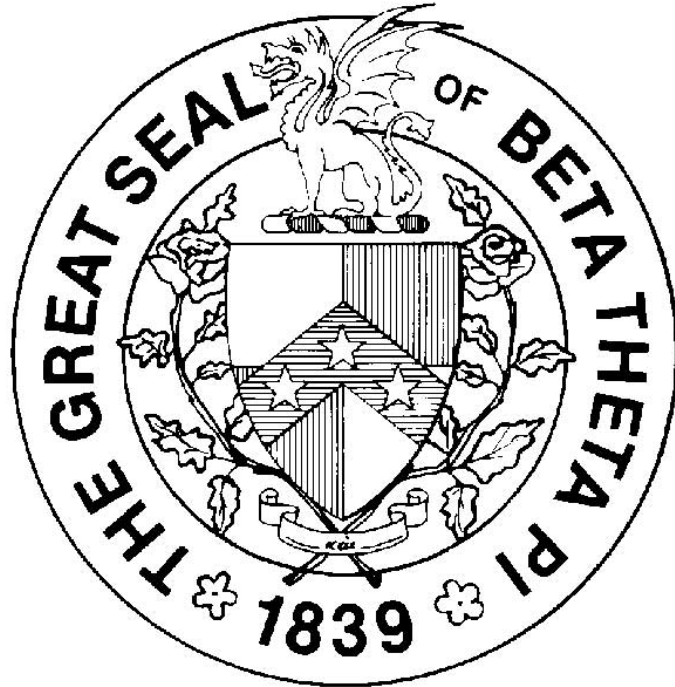
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A LOOK AHEAD

The Epsilon Gamma colony has continued and will continue to plan for the strong future of Beta at Central Michigan University. Throughout this last semester we have set many goals so that we will properly earn our charter at the 2008 General Convention in Texas. A few of our goals are:

- Send ten men to the John and Nellie Wooden Institute for Men of Principle
- Take an active role in Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol



Some of the brothers at the annual Christmas Dinner

- Continue to hold a minimum of two brotherhood events per month
 - Continue to hold study hours and attend multicultural events on campus
 - Adopt a national philanthropy and hold at least one major event per year
- We look forward to being the best chartered fraternity on campus once again for you (our alumni), ourselves, and for all

future generations.

-John Morelli EF 337

The Epsilon Gamma Colony of Beta Theta Pi is committed to enhancing our members' collegiate experience and to separate ourselves from the stereotypical images of fraternity life. We are dedicated to building men of principle for a principled life. Our brotherhood aids the individual, builds the fraternity and strengthens Central Michigan University through lifelong devotion to intellectual excellence, high standards of moral conduct and responsible citizenship.