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**For The Staunchest E-News - Wednesday, December 01, 2004**

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## **EG CHAPTER "SECRET SANTA" EVENT**

The new colony is looking for alums to take part in a "Secret Santa" event. Matt Bush, the colony's alumni relations chair is looking for 22 people to take part. The event is scheduled to take place in two weeks. Here are the details:

### ***EG Colony Secret Santa Christmas Party***

Lake Michigan Room, Second Floor of the UC  
Saturday, December 11, 4-6pm

Please contact Matt Bush at the email address listed below **ASAP** if you are interested in taking part in this event. Don't forget to leave contact information.

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## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A BIG BROTHER?**

For years, the Big Brother program was one of the most important features of our chapter. Every pledge was matched up with an older member of the Fraternity so that they would have guidance throughout their pledging semester. Now that we have recolonized the chapter, we have 22 Re-Founders/Pledges with no big brothers.

The Advising Team is looking for dedicated alums to become big brothers to these men. The main responsibility of a big brother will be to communicate with his little brother on a regular basis via the phone and email. Some other recommendations for big brothers are:

- Try to attend at least one meeting before January 22, 2005 (Initiation)
- Meet with your little brother at least once before January 22, 2005
- Try to attend the Initiation in Oxford, Ohio on January, 22, 2005

The relationship will not end at initiation - it is our hope that you keep the lines of communication open throughout your little's college career and beyond. We are also hoping to have a big/little event next semester after initiation takes place.

If you fulfill your duties as a big bro, and your little bro is initiated, his name gets added to the Epsilon Gamma family tree under your name. You can see the EG family tree and enter your information (if you haven't yet) at: [http://www.epsilongamma.org/eg\\_genealogy.html](http://www.epsilongamma.org/eg_genealogy.html).

If you are interested in becoming a big brother, contact the Chapter's Pledge Education Advisor **Chuck Williams** at:

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## NEW RITUAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED!

Having had a look at Epsilon Gamma's ritual supplies last month, I can assure you that it is in rough shape. I would suggest to each of you that we work to replace our old collection with a new one, to be officially presented to the chapter after the initiation in Oxford on Jan. 22.

After all, if we can raise \$1,500 for sweatshirts, we certainly should be able to raise that much for ritual regalia!

Let me know if you'd like to sponsor an item and I'll lead the process of collecting money and ordering the items, or **pay with your credit card online right now**. Given the 6-8 weeks for delivery lead time, a prompt response would be appreciated.

A listing of the items needed, their costs, and online payment options can be found at: [http://www.epsilongamma.org/MembersOnly/member\\_only\\_news.html](http://www.epsilongamma.org/MembersOnly/member_only_news.html)  
(This is a password protected page since it contains sensitive information)

Thanks for supporting EG!

Yours in \_\_\_\_kai\_\_\_\_,

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## NEW DONATIONS PAGE FOR EPSILON GAMMA!

Guys,

It is time to show our ongoing financial support of the Chapter! I am requesting that every member go to <http://www.epsilongamma.org/Donations.htm> and sign up to support the Chapter. You can donate as little as \$9.99 per month and stipulate if you want it directed at Housing or Non-Housing items. My goal is to have 50 Brothers signed up for at least \$9.99 per month. This alone would be enough to sustain our monetary needs and not have to hound Brothers for donations all the time.

50 guys @ \$9.99 will net us close to \$6,000 per year!

Please sign up... Think about how many things you waste \$9.99 on each month. This \$9.99 is going to help us help the Chapter. There is also a button at the bottom to enter one time donations.

After you sign up please call or email two other Brothers to sign up.

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## HOUSING CORPORATION VACANCY

The nominating committee of the Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation (EGHC) is accepting nominations for a vacancy on the board of directors. At its mid-year

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meeting, January 29, the Board will consider nominations to fill one director position and elect a treasurer to complete the remainder of the 2004-05 term.

Board members participate in a mid-year meeting (usually held in Southeast Michigan in January) and an annual meeting/work weekend (usually held in Mt. Pleasant in July); conference calls (as needed); attend Homecoming, Pig Roast, golf outing and anniversaries whenever possible; and contribute content for newsletters/website. Officer tasks vary, but tend to be more involved than directors-at-large.

If you are interested in serving the EGHC, or would like to nominate someone for service on the Board, please contact Tom Olver at 800-800-2382, ext. 235 or [tolver@wooglin.com](mailto:tolver@wooglin.com). Nominations will be accepted through December 15.

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## MONTHLY ALUMNI GET-TOGETHER REMINDER

Join your fellow brothers for spirits and fun chat tonight, December 1st at [THE POST in Novi](#). (Click the link for a map)  
Try to arrive between 6:00 and 6:30.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the brothers below. On January 5th, we'll be at [DICK ODOW'S IRISH PUB](#) in Birmingham.

Yours in \_kai\_,  
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## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SECRET SANTA EVENT** - Saturday, December 11, 2004 - 4:00pm - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
Lake Michigan Room, Second Floor of the Bovee University Center  
Send an email to Matt Bush ([bush1mj@cmich.edu](mailto:bush1mj@cmich.edu)) if you are interested in participating.
- **INITIATION CEREMONY** - Saturday, January 22, 2005 - Alpha Chapter - Oxford, Ohio  
*We will have more information for you in our January E-newsletter. If you think you may be interested in attending, send a message to Dave Steiner*

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([djsteiner2@yahoo.com](mailto:djsteiner2@yahoo.com)).

- **ADVISING TEAM MEETING**

**Saturday, January 22, 2005 - Oxford, Ohio** (Either prior to or following the initiation ceremony)

- **EGHC MEETING - Saturday, January 29, 2005 - Russell Video Services - Ann Arbor, Michigan**

The EGHC mid-year meeting will be held on Saturday, January 29th at the office of Scott Nadeau (Russell Video Services), 4528 Concourse Drive, Ann Arbor. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and we will plan to have lunch at a local restaurant around 12:30 p.m. Scott has asked that participants wear casual business attire, as he will be taping segments for the 20th anniversary video presentation. All EG Betas are welcome to attend this meeting.

- **20th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET - November 12, 2005 - Comfort Inn - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan**

When you get your 2005 calendar make sure this is one of the first things you write in it. Chairman Tom Bussineau '86 will be sharing many of the details in the coming weeks, you won't want to miss it!

You can view Epsilon Gamma's interactive web calendar and add your own events at: <http://www.calsnet.net/egbetas>.

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## THE BETA NETWORK

- **Rick Leinaar** writes: "Hello all, Well I guess its been a while. So here it goes, though my address is AZ, I'm currently living in Cedar Crest, NM. I'm managing a new golf course here in the area. The love of my life Laura will be joining me here after winter is over. (Her dad is a Beta from Rutgers). Anyways, hope all is well with everyone. Have a beer for me.""

### *Betas in the Military*

- **Kenton Barber** - November 11, 2004 - "I am currently a Fire Support Officer in 2-319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. I work for Bravo Company 1-325 Airborne Infantry Regiment. I have actually been in here since February of 2004.

In September I went to Ranger School - the course is 64 days long - 17 days from graduating I broke my foot and that was the end of that. However, due to my broken foot I was able to attend the re-colonization meeting. Which was a great experience and something I will never forget.

My team of forward observers and myself control all indirect fire assets such as mortars, artillery, attack aviation and naval gunfire for the infantry company. We advise the commander on how to best employ his fire power - and I walk around with a huge radio antenna sticking out of my back!

I can't be 100% sure but - we are looking at deploying to Iraq very soon.

Respectfully, Kenton \_kai\_"

- **Joe Alexander** - November 23, 2004 "Hello from cold and rainy Germany! Well, after reading November's newsletter, I was inspired to write in and give my latest and greatest Army update! It is hard to believe I have been back from the desert for 10 months now after spending the previous year in Iraq. Time really does fly when you are having fun!

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I'll pass on talking about the ridiculous amount of paper I push in my new job and move on to the more exciting part of Germany. I am still stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany (just west of Frankfurt) and taking full advantage of what Europe has to offer. Since returning in Feb of this year I have managed to travel virtually all over Europe. I first found myself in Ireland on St. Patrick's Day, shortly later down to Rome, Venice, Munich and then to Paris. These are all excellent cities with soooo much to see and do! I pulled off one ski trip to the Alps, but hope to get back this winter for several more.

The summer found me hanging out in Prague, Stockholm, a weekend to see Lance Armstrong at the Tour de France and then a final fall trip to Munich and Oktoberfest! I can't even describe the atmosphere in Munich during Oktoberfest!!! If you've never been there before, it should be part of your life's goals!! Somehow I found myself walking out of a club in downtown Munich at 830am on Sunday morning, this after nearly 48 hours of no sleep and consistent drinking, I don't know how I survived it! Incredible weekend, a MUST do!

Oh yea, I almost forgot about my trip back to the states where I hung out with Kenton Barber. Us Army types have to meet up and trade stories every once in awhile. Kenton and I managed to tear up Raleigh, NC and then moved on to ravage Myrtle Beach. Madness, I tell you! Kenton, I look forward to the next get together!

This fall I also went to Poland and checked out Warsaw, Krakow and Auschwitz. What a great country with so much history and pride! I rounded out this fall with a trip a few weeks ago to London. Yet another incredible and historic city! During this trip we also ventured out to Stonehenge! What's up with those huge rocks in the middle of nowhere? England is no exception to the beauty that is seen throughout Europe!

I do actually do work when I'm not traveling if you can believe that. I'm not flying as much as I like, but I'm hoping to get out of my current staff job and back into the cockpit this coming spring. We'll see! I'm glad to have gotten the flight time in Iraq last year.

Well, I encourage you all to venture to Europe on a vacation sometime. Please let me know if you would like to come and visit. You've all got a place to stay and a tour guide. If you're just looking for some traveling tips, please let me know. If I haven't been there yet, I have friends who have!

Take care to all and Happy Holidays!

Yours in -kai-,

Joe Alexander  
EG 238"

To send in your Beta Network News go to: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/betabase.html> or send your information to [webmaster@epsilongamma.org](mailto:webmaster@epsilongamma.org).

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Twenty-four members of the Epsilon Gamma rolls will celebrate a birthday this month. The average age of these men is 29.5. The oldest brother with a birthday this month is Sean O'Bryan, #33 at 41 and the youngest is Matt Graves, #298, at 23.

12/1      Sean O'Bryan, #33      41

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12/2	Matt Hegenauer, #40	39
	Chris Thelander, #95	36
	Paul Marquardt, #256	27
12/3	Justin Warnack, #269	25
12/4	Kyle Russell, #257	26
12/5	Matt Cagle, #281	24
12/8	Ryan Ward, #321	23
12/9	Kevin Clark, #310	23
12/12	Matt Graves, #298	23
12/13	Todd Miller, #115	35
	Eric Dumont, #274	26
12/16	Hugh Witham, #49	38
12/18	Tobin Bailey, #156	33
	Josh Tilley, #291	24
12/22	Trent VanWormer, #306	25
12/23	John Doyle, #251	26
12/24	Brian McCormick, #169	33
12/25	Matt Simkins, #158	36
12/29	John Knaus, #88	37
12/30	Scott Verbeke, #243	29
12/31	David Steiner, #207	29
	Justin Parker, #282	24
	John Parker, #303	24

Please help these brothers celebrate by [sending an email](#), making a phone call, sending a card, paying a visit, taking them out, etc. Best wishes for a healthy, happy and safe birthday, brothers!

Yours in \_\_\_\_\_*kai*\_\_\_\_\_,

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## COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE/...ONE LAST THING

I've been extremely happy with our new web hosting company. We moved the site a little over a month ago, and we have yet to experience any downtime. We had 700 unique visitors to [www.epsilongamma.org](http://www.epsilongamma.org) in the month of November alone!

Some of you may have received a spam message last week that was addressed to everyone on our emailing list. This is the first time anything like this has happened since I started sending E-newsletters. Rest assured that I am monitoring this situation and will change the method of delivering these messages if spamming to our list gets out of hand. One of the reasons I don't give out the list is that we are trying to avoid this type of thing.

As always, if you need a message sent to all of the EG Betas, send it to me first and I'll include it in the next E-newsletter. If the message is time-sensitive, I'll send out a news alert or an special E-newsletter.

On another note, I've added a couple of things to the website in the last month. First of all, the chapter now has a weblog or "blog" at the site to use at their discretion. The blog can be found at: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/blog/>. All

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undergraduates are welcome to register on the blog page and start posting! Secondly, chapter meeting minutes are being posted on the website (as soon as I get them). You can find meeting minutes here: [http://www.epsilongamma.org/chapter\\_info.htm#minutes](http://www.epsilongamma.org/chapter_info.htm#minutes). Finally, as mentioned earlier in this newsletter, I have added a donation page at: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/Donations.htm>.

The Feedback/FAQ feature of this newsletter is still available, even if no questions or comments are being sent. If you want to ask a question or put in your two cents, go to <http://www.epsilongamma.org/feedback.htm>. If you leave the name and email fields blank, your comment or question will be sent anonymously. We'll address any questions or comments next month.

See you next month.

Yours in \_\_\_\_kai\_\_\_\_,

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