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## For The Staunchest E-News - Monday, June 06, 2005

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*I apologize that the E-news is out a little late this month. I attended a wedding in Spain last weekend, and it took a few days for me to recover. -Scott*

### CHRIS OLSON, EG PRESIDENT SAYS: "THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR!"

I spoke with Colony President Chris Olson on the phone on May 22nd. I wanted to get an update on how the end of the year went and if there was anything that he wanted to relay to all of you. He asked me to simply say "Thank You" to the Advising Team, Housing Corporation and brothers-at-large who put in the time to re-establish our presence at Central Michigan. "We got off to a rocky start, but thanks to the continuous support of the alumni, we are headed in a better direction for the coming year." The colony will be holding recruitment events over the summer; the first one is tentatively scheduled for July 16th. Undergraduates Matt Bush and Chris May will be attending the golf outing on May 25th, please make the effort to introduce yourself and give them your support. -Scott Nadeau `89

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### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Last month I mentioned that the Housing Corporation had discussed securing a loan to renovate the interior of the 814 S. Main house. As with previous EGHC meetings, I provided a link that you could click on if you wanted to read the minutes. It has been brought to my attention that many of you didn't do that, so many of you don't know what's going to be happening with the property at 814 S. Main this summer.

My philosophy about all this stuff is to briefly mention things in the monthly updates, expand the information in the printed newsletters, and provide complete information on the website - in other words, give you the option if you want to read further. Since there are some pretty big changes in store for the house during the next few months both physically and regarding policy, I'll provide expanded information in the next few monthly updates.

I'll cover some of the new "house rules" in a future edition of the E-news and *For the Staunchest*. For now, here's a bullet-point review of the discussions and decisions that were made by the housing corporation in April:

- For the past six months, Phil Adler has led the Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) committee in identifying various housing improvements to the physical structure at 814 S. Main Street. The Continuous Improvement Plan was adopted by the Housing Corporation in 2001 to ensure that our house remains the best fraternity house on campus and provides an optimum living experience for our members.
- Three plans were presented to the Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation board of directors during its April conference call.
- The Board approved proposal "A" calling for extensive renovation of the first floor, including renovation of the Fireside (previously known as the "formal") Room, the dining room, Wooglin's den and foyer (new flooring, drywall, insulation, electrical and duct work, etc.); improvements to the guest bathroom, and a complete remodel of the

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kitchen. The plan also calls for a reversal of the "up" and "down" staircases, carpeting the stairways, second and third floors, and bathroom enhancements on the second and third floors. An interior doorway will be added for access to the back apt. from the main house.

- Two bids were secured for the work from Merik Builders and Heydenburg Development. Bob Heydenburg resided in the house in the 1960s, built the addition (back apt.) along side his father and was the Corporation's contractor during the 2002 renovation of the second floor and exterior. We worked with Bob to define the scope of the project and bring the bid in line with EGHC goals and objectives.
- Financing was secured through Isabella Bank & Trust in the amount of \$100,000 in additional construction loan funds. The Corporation's remaining balance (\$48,500) on the 2002 construction loan was included in a new \$150,000 construction loan, which was approved by the loan committee. All required paperwork has been signed and submitted to the Bank.
- Construction has begun and is slated to be completed by August 15.
- In addition, in accordance with our goals to foster undergraduate leadership development, the board allocated up to \$1,000 from the Central Michigan Chapter Fund to sponsor two undergraduates to attend the Peter F. Griener Leadership College at the Beta Theta Pi convention in Scottsdale, Arizona, this summer. The Central Michigan Chapter fund is an endowment fund that is only to be used for academic and leadership development purposes. (This fund is not the chapter's bank account.)

The next Housing Corporation meeting is scheduled to take place on August 20th in Mt. Pleasant. *(See next item for more information)*

As always, these are open meetings, and you are all invited to attend. If you have any questions or comments for the Housing Corporation, please send them to me ([scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org](mailto:scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org)) or visit <http://www.epsilongamma.org/feedback.htm> where you can leave a question or comment anonymously.

You can download the April 19th meeting minutes, renovation proposals and construction bids here: [http://www.epsilongamma.org/EGHC.html#may\\_2005](http://www.epsilongamma.org/EGHC.html#may_2005)

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## EGHC ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee of the Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation (EGHC) is accepting nominations for vacancies on the board of directors. At its annual meeting, August 20, the Board will consider nominations for two 3-year terms and approve a slate of officers for 2005-06.

Board members participate in a mid-year meeting (usually held in the Detroit area in January) and an annual meeting/work weekend (usually held in Mt. Pleasant during the summer); conference calls (as needed); attend Homecoming, Pig Roast 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 August 19.

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## MESSAGE FROM DAVID STEINER

Hello Everyone,

I hope all is well and that you are all having a great "summer" so far. I guess it seems like summer some days more than others.

As many of you know by now, I'll be stepping down as the Chapter Counselor. Greg

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Compton will be the new head guy in charge and therefore the ONLY Chapter Counselor for the colony.

I have been pondering this decision since the beginning of the spring semester, as I knew things would be changing for my wife and I this year, and figured it was best, for the sake of the colony, to wait until the spring semester was over to then give Greg the summer to prepare for the fall.

With the fall being so important to Epsilon Gamma, I didn't want to head into it half-heartedly, knowing I was not going to be able to dedicate the time needed to be successful as a Chapter Counselor.

I would love to remain a general advisor, just a phone call away for any of the guys (colony or advisors) who would like to talk. I can ALWAYS do that, because I know there will be those times come this fall.

Please give me a call if there's ANYTHING you would like to discuss, my phone lines are always open.

Yours in \_\_Kai\_\_

Dave Steiner

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## **16TH ANNUAL EPSILON GAMMA GOLF OUTING**

***Saturday, June 25, 2005***

***St. John's Golf & Conference Center  
Plymouth, Michigan***

It's almost time! As of this writing, we have 40 golfers registered, which is a new record! (We had 36 in 2001) Here's a list of Betas, family and friends who have registered thus far (in no particular order):

|                  |                    |                  |                             |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ken Breen        | Tom Olver          | Scott Nadeau     | Charles Parker              |
| Will Hilliker    | Todd DeVito        | Jeff Heck        | A.J. Calkins                |
| John Coe         | Matt Brauer        | Paul DeRoche     | Trevor Wisniewski           |
| Greg Compton     | Steve Swindell     | Matt Baad        | Paul Wagner                 |
| Chad Saha        | Marc Rosa          | Tim McGovern     | Steve Henderson             |
| Scott Sawyer     | David Sawyer       | Ramsey Behnan    | Rick Behnan                 |
| Matt Bush        | Rob Hanschu        | Chris May        | Mick Behnan                 |
| Dave Steiner Jr. | Dave Steiner Sr.   | Todd Spellman    | <a href="#">Dan Donahue</a> |
| Phil Adler       | Paul "Bubba" Koehn | Christian Benard | Bryan Onderick              |
| Andrew Shubnell  | Steve Desmet       | Keith Nagel      | Chris Thelander             |

Other brothers have express interested or have been mentioned on registration forms, they include: Mark Valchine, Andrew McDonald, Brady Martin, Tom Bussineau, Jon Eadie, Mike Stanziola, Doug Ackerman, Mike Wharton, Brent Betzold, and Dan Bigelow.

Let's go people - get registered! You have two ways to do it:

1) Go to: [http://www.epsilongamma.org/upcoming\\_events.htm#golf\\_2005](http://www.epsilongamma.org/upcoming_events.htm#golf_2005) to see the complete details and fill out the registration form.

2) Send an e-mail to me [scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org](mailto:scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org) and I'll contact you with all

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the information on how to arrange payment.

The cost for the outing this year is \$85 which includes 18 holes of golf, driving range, sleeve of golf balls, two beverage tokens, picnic dinner and refreshments at the 18th hole "gallery." Contests this year include Closest to the Pin (front and back nine), Longest Drive (front and back nine), a putting contest, 50/50 drawing and a Vegas-style betting hole (hit the green, double your money) complete with a gallery and heckling.

If you cannot attend the golf outing for the day, at least consider attending the picnic dinner at the Mission Grille (at St. Johns). Dinner is scheduled to start at 6:00 PM. The cost to attend dinner is \$15, and you can register to attend the dinner (only) the same way you register for the golf outing. We have the room reserved for the remainder of the evening, so feel free to play cards, hang out or enjoy a few beverages. There is a picture of the Mission Grille on the same web page that the golf outing information appears.

One more thing. Consider sponsoring a hole this year. The cost to sponsor a hole is \$250, and it includes a complete golf and dinner package for one person, recognition at the event and a thank you gift. (If two or more brothers want to pool their resources to sponsor a hole, that's fine too. Just let us know who is using the included golf package.) Call or e-mail John Coe (248-670-1014, [jalvah@msn.com](mailto:jalvah@msn.com)) or Tom Bussineau (252-531-3657, [Thomas.Bussineau@uscellular.com](mailto:Thomas.Bussineau@uscellular.com)) to inquire about a sponsorship.

Proceeds from the golf outing (mainly sponsorships) go to NON-HOUSING expenses. The money raised is used to help to defray costs associated with producing "For the Staunchest," maintaining [www.epsilongamma.org](http://www.epsilongamma.org), funding advisory team expenses, sending undergraduate members to leadership development opportunities, financing scholarships and hosting various alumni events such as anniversaries, homecoming and pig roast.

And... we do need to raise non-housing revenue. For example, our last printed newsletter cost over \$500 to print and send out, and this event is one of the only ways to offset those type of costs. Revenues from renting the house do not pay for non-housing expenses, and non-housing donations do not pay for any housing expenses.

If you have any questions about the Golf Outing, send them to me.  
[scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org](mailto:scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org).

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## 2005 STEVEN W. MARTINEAU AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ALUMNI CONTRIBUTION

On April 30, 2005 at the final meeting for the school year, the Epsilon Gamma colony chose Thomas C. Olver as this year's recipient of the Steven W. Martineau award.

Colony President Chris Olson reports that it was real tough decision. "A lot of people were nominated and it was really hard just to pick one person. All alumni contributed something to help us this past year." Olson mentioned that it came down to the fact that Tom visited the colony "a lot," participated in colony events, held weekly phone calls with Chapter Counselor Dave Steiner and never let the fact that he lived six hours away interfere with his commitment to seeing the new colony succeed.

Upon learning that he had received the award, Tom Olver said "It was a real honor to learn that the undergrads had selected me for the 2005 Martineau award; we've been blessed to have so many remarkable Beta alumni step forward this year to assist with the recolonization. To know that my time has been well spent is reassuring."

Olver grew up in Bay City, Michigan, as the youngest son of Bill and Judy Olver. His parents had both been married before, with his dad bringing four children to the marriage. His mom had a son from a previous marriage. He has two sisters who live and work in Bay City, both in the health care industry. He also has 19 nieces and nephews.

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Tom graduated from Central in December 1998 with a bachelor of science in political science (public administration) and a minor in business administration, and began working for Beta Theta Pi as an education consultant in January 1999. Having served as director of risk management and chapter operations for two and a half years, he then moved to the Fraternity's Communications department in June 2001. Olver became the 12th editor of The Beta Theta Pi magazine in December 2001 and recently accepted a promotion as director of communications, a job he began in May 2005. He's in his third year of service on the board of directors for the College Fraternity Editors Association; serves on the local Rotary board in Oxford, Ohio and has been a member of the Central Michigan University Alumni Association board of directors since May 2002.

I asked Tom to name a time during his undergraduate days that he truly felt the brotherhood of the fraternity. He replied: "Some time during my sophomore year, my dad picked me up from the Beta house to take me back home to Bay City. When he entered the house, the brothers stood and introduced themselves. He talked with the guys for quite a while and I was proud of my friends for taking the time to make him feel welcome. The Betas were always good at that sort of thing. When we got in the car, dad told me how proud he was of my decision to become a Beta, noting specifically the men with whom I had chosen to associate. A few months later, my dad passed away after a battle with cancer. Despite the fact that it was the middle of July, brothers from all across the state came to Bay City to be by my side. I've never forgotten about the kindness expressed to me and my family in our darkest hour. It was the epitome of mutual assistance."

When asked why he stays involved in the fraternity to this day, he told me: "Over the years, I have seen the best and the worst of Fraternity life. During my time as director of risk management, I learned the hard truths of the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse, sexual assault and hazing, and the effects such things have on individuals, parents, chapters and university communities. I had the privilege of coming to the administrative office during the infancy of the Men of Principle initiative. Since that time, I've seen the effect that leadership development and self-governance have on our chapters and colonies, and I've seen the remarkable dedication so many of our alumni, volunteers and undergraduate leaders bring to the table on a daily basis. I've sat in the roundtables with men from across North America and witnessed the support they are given by their fellow brothers. I have climbed mountains, discussing the intricate points of our ritual and have been awed again and again by the promise of Beta Theta Pi. Until a higher calling moves me in another direction, I can think of no finer profession than serving an organization that shares my values so completely."

Olver would like to be remembered in the halls of Beta Theta Pi as as a brother who could always be counted on to help others, one who continually worked to develop his level of understanding and one who could always be trusted. "If that happens" he said, "I will have fulfilled my obligation to worthily wear the badge and bear the name of Beta Theta Pi."

The Steven W. Martineau award was established in the mid-80s to honor one alumni member each year for his commitment to Epsilon Gamma. The award is named after Steven W. Martineau, Miami '66, Epsilon Gamma's first chapter counselor. Brother Martineau played an integral part in establishing and maintaining a quality chapter at Central Michigan University. The undergraduates of the Epsilon Gamma chapter choose the recipient of the award in the Spring of each school year.

*-Scott Nadeau` 89*

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## **BETA "EARLY WARNING SYSTEM"**

*Mark your calendars!*

- **16TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING** - Saturday, June 25, 2005 - 10:00 a.m. - St. Johns Golf & Conference Center - Plymouth, Michigan  
*'nuff said above. [http://www.epsilongamma.org/upcoming\\_events.htm#golf\\_2005](http://www.epsilongamma.org/upcoming_events.htm#golf_2005)*
- **EG RECRUITMENT BBQ W/ A SORORITY** -Saturday, July 16th, 2005 - Mt. Pleasant, MI (Tentative)  
*We will have more information for you next month if not earlier. If you think you may be interested in attending, send a message to Matt Bush ([bush1mj@cmich.edu](mailto:bush1mj@cmich.edu)).*
- **166TH ANNUAL BETA THETA PI GENERAL CONVENTION** Thursday, August 4, 2005 through Sunday, August 7, 2005 - Scottsdale, Arizona  
<https://www.betathetapi.org/news/convention/registration-166th.htm>
- **EGHC ANNUAL MEETING & WORK WEEKEND** - Saturday August 20, 2005 - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
*Board Elections, Officer Elections, and planning for the 2005-06 school year.*
- **OPEN HOUSE, WELCOME BACK BBQ, RECRUITMENT EVENT** - Saturday, August 27, 2005 - 814 S. Main - Mt. Pleasant, MI (Tentative)  
*More details later this summer.*
- **CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING** - Saturday October 15, 2005 - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
*CMU vs. Ohio University. Details in the coming months.*
- **20th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET** - November 12, 2005 - Comfort Inn - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
*Early registration for the event will take place before the end of the summer. If you want to reserve your room now, you can do so by visiting <http://www.mtpcomfortinn.com/>.*

The Epsilon Gamma full event calendar can be found here: [http://www.epsilongamma.org/event\\_calendar.htm](http://www.epsilongamma.org/event_calendar.htm)

Anyone can post events on the calendar.

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## THE BETA NETWORK

- **Alexander "Sandy" Gaulin** writes: "My wife Sara, Daughter Erin and I would like to announce the birth of Maysen Michelle Gaulin. Maysen was born on 04/25/2005 at 8:00am, was 20 inches long and 7lbs, 2oz. Mother and Baby are doing great."

*Congratulations can be sent to:*  
675 Plainfield  
White Lake, MI 48386  
(248) 698-1055  
[sgaulin@highstream.net](mailto:sgaulin@highstream.net)

- **Brady Martin** writes: "Introducing Mr. Riley Gray Martin. Riley was born on Thursday, 05/05/05 morning at 10:55 AM. Weight: 8 lbs 4 oz Height: 20 1/2" Mom

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and son are doing good. Hope to talk to you all very soon. Brady, Kari, Sidney, Riley and Sampson too. p.s. We also got a new e-mail address."

[martinfamily4@earthlink.net](mailto:martinfamily4@earthlink.net) (Pictures at <http://www.epsilongamma.org/betanetwork.html>)

*Congratulations can be sent to:*  
36679 Mallory St.  
Livonia, MI 48154  
(734) 464-1839  
[martinfamily4@earthlink.net](mailto:martinfamily4@earthlink.net)

- **Steve Grenus** recently accepted a position with Oracle as a Principal Consultant for their higher ed market. "They've been recruiting me since November, and I got an offer couldn't refuse."
- **Kevin Steele** married his long time girlfriend Brook Larson on May 28th at a resort on Lake Holcomb near Eau Clair, Wisconsin.

*Congratulations can be sent to:*  
Kevin and Brook Steele  
1504 Altoona  
Eau Claire, WI 54701  
[eleetsnivek@yahoo.com](mailto:eleetsnivek@yahoo.com)

On May 14th a few Betas gathered for a "guys night out" in St. Clair Shores, Michigan to congratulate Kevin. A good time was had by all. (Picture at <http://www.epsilongamma.org/betanetwork.html>)

- **Kevin Warnack** writes: "Hi all, Just want to make a quick announcement. On May 29th I asked Natalie Poucher (CMU '02 and Alpha Chi alum) if she would be my sweetheart for life. She must have been blinded by the ring because she said YES! No date set as of yet, but it will be at least a year. Hope everyone is doing well. P.S. My brother Justin asked me to say hi to everyone. He is currently in Iraq serving in the best Air Force in the world. Hope they drop the MOAB.  
Yours in \_kai\_ Kevin Warnack EG234"

## **Betas in the Military**

- **Matthew Yandura writes:** "Dear Beta Brothers,  
Here's a quick situation report on what I've been up to since getting back from Iraq in October 2004:  
Went back to The Mighty Catholic University of America to wrap up my Masters in World Politics--am proud to report that this Beta will finally have his M.A. degree in hand on 14 May 2005! Other good news: I applied and was accepted in the PhD program here and will begin the course work this summer part-time while I continue working for the government full-time.  
Am still in the Reserves and will continue to serve in this capacity until the Army kicks me out. haha  
I will most likely stay in the DC area for the next couple years. But my ultimate plan is to return to Michigan someday to pursue my dream of holding public office. Would love to hear from you guys. Email or call anytime.  
One last thing: congrats to our newest batch of Beta brothers and those brothers that helped them get there.  
Sincerely,  
Matthew "Stallion" Yandura  
EG 170"

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 members of the Epsilon Gamma rolls will celebrate a birthday this month. The average age of these men is 34.7. The oldest brother with a birthday this month is Steve Martineau, #100 at 61 and the youngest is Shadoe Sibbald, #332, at 19.

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|------|--------------------------|----|----|
| 6/1  | Chris Martin, # 109      |    | 35 |
| 6/3  | Drew Wheatlake, #199     | 31 |    |
| 6/5  | Shadoe Sibbald, #332     | 19 |    |
| 6/6  | Andy Thueme, #271        | 26 |    |
| 6/7  | Mike Baker, #279         | 24 |    |
|      | Erik Gebhardt, #313      | 22 |    |
| 6/9  | Paul "Bubba" Koehn, #241 | 51 |    |
|      | Marty Kaiser, #253       |    | 26 |
| 6/10 | Doug Ackerman, #96       | 37 |    |
| 6/11 | Steve McDonald, #211     | 29 |    |
| 6/12 | Justin Melville, #247    | 26 |    |
| 6/13 | Bill Kosidlo, #163       | 33 |    |
| 6/14 | Matt Mularoni, #182      | 35 |    |
|      | Sean Looney, #123        | 34 |    |
| 6/16 | Mike Simons, #212        |    | 29 |
| 6/17 | Jim Harkness, #111       | 41 |    |
|      | Paul Matter, #312        | 23 |    |
| 6/20 | Gary Zarkowski, #55      | 38 |    |
| 6/23 | Tom Schmidt, #39         | 39 |    |
| 6/27 | Steve Martineau, #100    | 61 |    |

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 hope you all enjoyed this version of the E-news because it took a really freakin' long time to write it.

If you appreciate getting these updates every month, the newsletters and the website, how's about showing me and the rest of the EG crew a little love. You can do that by attending the Golf Outing (or just the dinner), sponsoring a hole, or just plain making a donation. We accept donation checks at the PO box listed below, or you can donate on-line here:

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<http://www.epsilongamma.org/Donations.htm>.

I hopefully will see you at the Golf Outing on the 25th.

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