
For The Staunchest E-News - Monday, July 04, 2005

Happy Forth of July and a special THANK YOU to all of our brothers serving in the military both at home and overseas. -Scott Nadeau

STATE OF THE COLONY

*Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Beta Theta Pi
June 25, 2005*

Dear Brothers,

I'd like to start by thanking you all for you generous contributions to all that we've been able to do. Without your generosity and love for what we are doing, none of this would be possible, so thank you for being my brother. It is with a strong heart and even stronger dedication to Epsilon Gamma that I am proud to announce that the state of the colony is that of a motivated young colony.

The first year of our brotherhood turned out to be a trying one. However, many speed bumps later we seem to be off and running. As some of you may know, our first semester we initiated six men, just like the Alpha class over 20 years ago; and our second ritual, we brought in 4 including our dedicated Education Consultant, Vito Brandle, bringing our active total to nine.

Along the way we picked up some debt from the General Fraternity. With some great help from Brother Steve Henderson, we were able to work with General with a lot of it, but some remained. Our last bill we received threatened us with suspension, so all of our semester dues will be going to pay off our bill and insurance for the coming year.

With the obstacle of having little to no budget for the semester, we've already been looking to fundraise. Before we left for summer recess, Brother Chris May set up an opportunity for us to go to Cedar Point and work during a weekend in October. Seeing a more urgent necessity for money, Brother Matt Bush had spoken with Brother Scott Nadeau and followed through with one of his leads, using campusfundraising.com. The men and I plan on holding a magazine drive from September 11th-14th to raise funds for recruitment and a social before November. We are obliged to sell or renew 42 subscriptions by the 14th to make approximately \$1,000.

I'd like to once again thank you, and give a special thanks to our wonderful advisory team; they have really helped us be the Epsilon Gamma that we are.

yours in ___kai___,

Chris Olson, President

IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT SOME PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW ABOUT THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

BANQUET ON NOVEMBER 12, 2005 AT THE COMFORT INN IN MT. PLEASANT, MICHIGAN.

NOW, YOU HAVE NO EXCUSE FOR NOT KNOWING ABOUT THE EVENT BECAUSE I AM TYPING THIS MESSAGE IN BIG, BOLD, RED LETTERING. (THAT IS IF YOU RECEIVE HTML E-MAIL)

THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE EPSILON GAMMA CHAPTER'S INSTALLATION WILL BE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2005. THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN A BALLROOM AT THE COMFORT INN IN MT. PLEASANT MICHIGAN. THIS IS THE SAME VENUE WHERE WE HELD THE 10TH AND 15TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUETS.

IF YOU ARE IN CONTACT WITH A BROTHER WHO DOESN'T READ THESE UPDATES, PLEASE CALL HIM OR SEND HIM AN E-MAIL TO TELL HIM ABOUT THE ANNIVERSARY BANQUET.

INVITATIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE SENT IN AUGUST. YOUR GOAL FOR THIS MONTH IS TO BRING UP THE TOPIC WITH YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER. NEXT MONTH YOUR GOAL WILL BE TO MAKE BABYSITTING ARRANGEMENTS AND MAKE YOUR TRAVEL PLANS. -Scott

GOLF OUTING REPORT

The heat was on as a record-setting 47 golfers teed it up on the "Matthew" and "Mark" courses at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth, Saturday, June 25, for the 16th annual Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing.

Eight foursomes and five threesomes, including 29 Epsilon Gamma alumni, two EG undergrads, three MSU Betas and 13 Friends of Beta, participated in the event, which included 18 holes of golf, contests, dinner, cards and fun in the sun! The three MSU Betas, who were standing in a Gamma Psi brother's wedding later in the day, were trying to get a round of golf in when they saw the Beta flag flying high above St. Johns. They joined in for 16 holes before having to leave to get their tuxedos on for the ceremony!

Congratulations to this year's Champions: Steve Desmet, Jeff Heck, Aaron McConnell and Andy Shubnell, who shot an impressive 8-under-par 62. Chapter Founders Matt Baad, Greg Compton and Steve Swindell posted a 63 to tie for second place, along with the team of Brady Martin, Jerry Martin, Dale Pioch and Scott Sawyer.

McConnell and Mick Behnan won the two closest-to-the-pin contests on No. 22 (our #4) and No.4 (our #13), respectively, and Desmet and Sawyer won prizes for the longest drives on No.25 (our #7) and No. 1 (our #10.)

Sawyer beat tough challenges from Jerry Martin, Desmet and Baad to win this year's putting contest and took home a case of Yellow Tail wine. The door prize (a round of golf for four), generously provided by St. John's Golf & Conference Center, went to Greg Zbikowski, a friend of Paul "Bubba" Koehn. Undergraduate member Chris May took home a whopping

\$185 in the 50/50 drawing.

While several brothers came in from out of state, (Swindell-Ga., Keith Nagel-Tenn., Olver-Ohio and Heck-Ill.), the award for outstanding dedication must go to Matt Brauer, who participated with a smile on his face even though he was suffering from a recent back injury.

The golf committee (Breen, Bussineau, Coe, Nadeau, Olver and Sawyer) would like to thank this year's Gallery sponsors: Matt Brauer, John Coe, Steve Siler and Dave Steiner for their generous support. Between these sponsorships and donations made through the 50/50, putting contest and Las Vegas hole, this year's event raised nearly \$1,500, which will help to support undergraduate scholarships and sponsorships, as well as Chapter activities and communications.

Details for the 17th Annual Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing will be posted on the web site in the next few weeks. -Tom Olver `98

Pictures from the event are posted at: http://www.epsilongamma.org/recent_events.htm#go_2005

HOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE *(June 30,2005)*

A quick update... The new "down" stairs have been completed. Working on the new "up" when I was there today. Should look pretty neat with the bench seat there. The kitchen floor has been leveled so the pantry matches the kitchen. Cabinets and countertops have been ordered. The new ceiling has been framed. The back apartment "breezeway" has been framed on both ends. The old framing in the hallway from foyer to kitchen has been removed. A majority of the electrical has been strung (as far as I can tell) The stained glass recess has not yet been started above the fireplace. Bob [Heydenburg- contractor] was going to try to get the framing approved by the building inspector middle of tomorrow if the stairs are done. It would appear as though we are moving forward! --

-Phil Adler
Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) chairman

Note: I'll be in Mt. Pleasant on Tuesday to take pictures of the current state of the house and should have them posted on the website the week of July 10th. You can view pictures from the on-going renovations of 814 S. Main at: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/EGHC.html>
-Scott Nadeau

EGHC ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 20 - ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR A VACANCY

The Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation will meet on August 20 at 814 S. Main. Renovations to the house are scheduled to be completed by that time. More information about the meeting will be included in next months E-news.

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. Nominations will be accepted through August 19.

THE BETA NETWORK

- **Jay and Renee Catania** are pleased to report the birth of their second son, Benjamin John, on Thursday, June 16. A few complications led to an emergency C-section, and mom and baby remained in the hospital for a few days. Jay and Renee brought Benjamin home on Wednesday, June 22. He weighed in at 5 lbs. 6 oz. and was 18 1/2" long. Jay reports many long days and sleepless nights, and Renee, while still recovering, says her new little boy is "absolutely wonderful." Benjamin's big brother, Joe, is helping out and taking it all in stride.

Send a note of congratulations to:

*Jay & Renee Catania
9664 Tower Street
Bridgman, MI 49106
269-485-4955
jcatania@sfschools.org*

- **Mark DuRocher** Writes: "I am proud to announce the arrival of Megan Rose DuRocher. She joined us on Friday June 3 at 5:03 pm. She was 8lbs 15oz and 21 inches. She already has me wrapped around her finger. Jennifer and Megan are both doing great. Since she can't really be a Beta we'll see if she can be a CHIPPY. Yours in _kai_ Mark DuRocher EG108"

Congratulations may be sent to:

*Mark and Jennifer DuRocher
38324 Santa Anna St
Clinton Twp, MI 48036
(810) 465-0054
cmubeta108@yahoo.com*

(You can view pictures of Megan Rose at <http://www.epsilongamma.org/betanetwork.html>)

Betas in the Military

- **David Partaka** (*Army Reserves*) writes: "I haven't wrote much but I thought I would drop a line to all the Betas. Most important I got married to Nicole Owens (now Partaka) last June and we are expecting or first child in December. We are both very excited and can't wait for all the sleepless nights. I am a member of the army reserve (NBC - chemical operations) and luckily enuff haven't been deployed yet (heard Iraq isn't a dream vacation spot). I'm an E-4 specialist but am promotable and in august hopefully will be a sergeant E-5. My wife and I are considering me returning to Ft. Lenardwood OCB and become a LT.

Time is flying and I hope I can make it to an outing one of these days and see some of the guys again. Until then take it easy and please be safe.

Catch Ya Later
David Partaka
EG 308"

- **Kenton Barber** writes: "*Gentleman* - I have spent the last two months at the United

States Military Academy, West Point in New York. I am definitely ready to come home. Two of our three batteries returned from their second tour in Iraq in March and we are turning our attention towards the elections in Afghanistan. I completed jump master school one day before I departed for West Point and am very proud and fortunate to have had the opportunity to attend that school. I handed off my fire support team to a young LT and am now the executive officer for Alpha Battery. My son Morgan turned 7 years old in June and I am looking forward to seeing him when I get home. I wish all of you well - and thank you sincerely for your support and encouragement. I appreciate it - as well as the outstanding paratroopers that I have been so fortunate to lead. Kenton EG 261 CMU 2002"

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thirty-one members of the Epsilon Gamma rolls will celebrate a birthday this month. The average age of these men is **34.6**. The oldest brother with a birthday this month is **Randy Helman, #1** at **45** (special initiate **Ron Helman, #200** turns **72** on July 13th) and the youngest is **Dustin Phillips, #323**, at **23**.

7/3	John Montooth, #57	39
	Ty Tinkey, #105	36
	Mark Valchine, #275	26
7/4	Randy Helman, #1	45
	Greg Kacy, #118	38
7/5	Andy Rowden, #160	34
7/6	Ricardo DeLaTorre, #134	35
	Brent Betzold, #187	30
7/8	Marc Sundberg, #92	36
7/11	Greg Abraham, #59	38
	Mark Hess, #98	35
7/12	James Zavasa, #133	37
7/13	Ron Helman, #200	72
	Nayef Samhat, #268	27
7/14	Mike Latuszek, #228	36
7/15	Aaron Leonard, #302	24
7/16	Eric Maurer, #37	41
7/17	Jeff Kinczkowski, #155	33
7/18	Steve Fouchea, #168	34
	Nick Pinazzo, #259	27
7/19	Josh Malkin, #146	36
	Dave Fouchea, #227	30
7/21	Kevin Moncman, #277	24
7/25	Mike Cook, #17	42
	Andy Brownell, #175	32
7/28	Chuck Williams, #104	35
	Dusty Phillips, #323	23
7/29	Dan Brudzynsky, #188	30
7/30	Chuck Heit, #145	36
7/31	Mike McDermott, #69	38
	Matt Chidester, #288	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*____,

Thomas C. Olver

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COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE/...ONE LAST THING

I'm planning to send out another *For the Staunchest* newsletter in August. If you have moved in the last year, please be sure to go to: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/betabase.html> if you have not done so.

See you next month.

Yours in ____*kai*____,

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