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## For The Staunchest E-News - Monday, September 05, 2005

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Many of us have been shocked this past week by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Please consider making a donation today by clicking [HERE](#), [HERE](#) or [HERE](#).

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### **814 S. MAIN RENOVATIONS UPDATE** by *Scott Nadeau*

By the time you read this, the renovations to the house at 814 S. Main should be completed, and they look amazing. The first floor has been completely remodeled, the up and down stairs have been "switched," the original wood trim has been restored, carpeting has been installed on the 2nd and 3rd floors as well as the stairwells, and the kitchen has been transformed into a modern facility.

Kudos to Phil Adler, the *Continuous Improvement Plan* chairman for overseeing this monumental task.

Last month when the project was 90% completed Gordie Tomlin, Tom Olver and I took several pictures of the changes. You can view them at: [http://www.epsilongamma.org/EGHC.html#summer\\_meeting\\_2005](http://www.epsilongamma.org/EGHC.html#summer_meeting_2005)

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### **HOUSE FAQ'S** by *Scott Nadeau*

Here are a few questions that have been buzzing around for the past few weeks. I'll do my best to answer them here:

*Q: Will there be parties at the new house?*

No. The property is alcohol and substance free. The house is tobacco free. The chartering requirements for our colony state: "Where applicable, the colony or chapter shall reside in a substance-free living environment."

[http://www.epsilongamma.org/chapter\\_info.htm#requirements](http://www.epsilongamma.org/chapter_info.htm#requirements)

This is non-negotiable and all of the residents of the house agreed to live in a alcohol/substance free environment when they signed their leases.

Furthermore, the house is now by far the nicest fraternity house at CMU, and nicer than most sorority houses. We intend to keep it that way.

So, it's real simple. If you are an alum and want to visit the house, enjoy it, but don't open alcohol on the property and don't smoke or chew tobacco in the house. Take the party to a local bar.

*Q: When will the letters go back up on the house?*

The short answer is, they're not. We are at least one year past the grandfather clause of the sign ordinance in the City of Mt. Pleasant. Letters on a house are considered to be a sign. We are currently working on a classy and dignified sign to place on the house that would comply with local ordinances. You can see a sample of the sign and a sample of what the sign would look like on the house by going here: [http://www.epsilongamma.org/EGHC.html#sign\\_2005](http://www.epsilongamma.org/EGHC.html#sign_2005).

*Q: How many people are living in the house this year?*

A total of nine. All eight undergraduates are living in the main house, and President Chris Olson's brother is living in the back apartment. Leasing

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procedures for the 2006-07 school year will start sometime around October. The house will be filled next fall.

*Q: What happened to all of the fraternity items that were in the old house?*

The majority of the fraternity archives, plaques, trophies, awards, ritual equipment, composites and framed pictures were inventoried and stored at Phil Adler's house in Mt. Pleasant while the chapter was closed. The items are now back in the house and are being cleaned, re-mounted, stored, etc. by the undergraduates.

I'm sad to report that not all items were salvageable. The most devastating loss is that all of the picture books are missing. I'm currently in the process of collecting as many pictures as possible in an effort to digitally re-create the archives. If you want to help with the effort, please send me an e-mail. ([scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org](mailto:scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org))

If you have more questions about the house, you can find more information [here](#) and [here](#). You can also send your questions to me or fill out the anonymous feedback form on our website <http://www.epsilongamma.org/feedback.htm>.

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## **OPEN HOUSE REPORT** by *Greg Compton, chapter counselor*

Saturday, August 27th was the Open House Barbecue. It was attended by a fair amount of people, and we definitely got off to a good start with the fraternity of Phi Kappa Tau across the street as some of them came to enjoy some burgers and see the house.

Alumni in attendance were Trevor Wisniewski, Chuck Williams and myself. We got there early enough to attempt to lend a hand in the finishing touches with mounting composites on the wall and so on. We were disappointed to see that the house was not fully completed, as some trim and a couple of other odds 'n' ends were not done. However, it did not detract from what had been done, and the fact that everyone who toured the house was impressed.

It was certainly a pleasure to see all the actives in one place and supporting one another. There was good food, weather, family, friends and entertainment. One such event was throwing the football around and another with President Chris Olsen destroying Brother Matt Bush in a PlayStation football game, which many of us were enjoying the various antics. It was exactly what the brotherhood needs to have, everyone together, and having a good time.

I was encouraged by the number of former pledges from the initial pledge class coming to see what is being formed. I was also encouraged by the number of friends who attended from the various network of actives. It appears that we are making a good impression, and that is extremely important for us to do.

I was thankful for the gentlemen who came up the weekend before and the others that showed up for this event. I would encourage any and all of the brotherhood who live in the area and/or who are a short 2hour drive away to see the house and encourage this group of fine gentlemen.

The next scheduled activity is September 16 and 17 for a kickoff retreat. Any alum on the advisory team or interested in becoming an advisor should be in attendance. If you are looking to find out what is going on with the re-colonization, please come and join us.

Yours in -kai-  
Greg Compton EG 6  
Chapter Counselor

## COLONY FUNDRAISER - SEPTEMBER 11-14

The men of the Epsilon Gamma colony will be holding a magazine subscription fundraiser starting next Sunday and running through September 14th. Their goal is to get at least 14 orders by the 11th and a total of 42 by the 14th. If the sale is successful, they can raise more than \$1000 and help make the chapter self-sustaining.

The guys will be selling subscriptions on campus, and alums can help out. Not only are they offering subscriptions to every major magazine, the prices are good. You can see the prices and selection at <http://www.campusfundraiser.com/familymagazinetitles.asp>.

If you would like to get in on the action, you can call Vice President Matt Bush at (586) 337-1386 or drop him an e-mail to [Bush1mj@cmich.edu](mailto:Bush1mj@cmich.edu). Be sure to include your contact information in the e-mail along with your choices.

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## HOUSING CORP ANNUAL MEETING AND WORK WEEKEND *by Scott Nadeau*

On Saturday, August 20, the Housing Corporation met in the kitchen of the Beta House at 814 S. Main in Mt. Pleasant. Items discussed included the golf outing, Homecoming, 20th Anniversary, the EGHC Mission Statement, finances, house renovations, scholarships and a variety of other topics. After the meeting everyone got to working on the house.

You can download and read a copy of the minutes here: [http://www.epsilongamma.org/EGHC.html#eghc\\_meeting\\_aug-2005](http://www.epsilongamma.org/EGHC.html#eghc_meeting_aug-2005)

You can see the pictures from the work weekend here: [http://www.epsilongamma.org/EGHC.html#work\\_weekend\\_05](http://www.epsilongamma.org/EGHC.html#work_weekend_05)

Despite all of the asking, no one has stepped forward to serve as a director on the Housing Corporation. We still have a vacancy. If you know of anyone who would make a good addition to the EGHC leadership team, please contact Tom Olver at 800-800-2382, ext. 235 or [tolver@wooglin.com](mailto:tolver@wooglin.com).

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## RECRUITMENT THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP *by Scott Nadeau*

You've probably heard the term "*Recruitment Through Scholarship*" before. If you don't know what that is, I'll explain it here.

Over the summer, the colony applied for and received a grant from the general fraternity in the amount of \$500 specifically for RTS. During the last week of August, the colony sent more than 1200 letters to incoming students informing them of a scholarship opportunity. The letter read:

*Beta Theta Pi at Central Michigan University is pleased to be able to offer another scholarship this year to incoming students at the amount of \$500.*

*To be eligible for this scholarship the student must be an incoming male freshman with at least a 2.5 high school GPA. Academic achievement, community service, leadership abilities, athletics are certain qualities that will be considered in the application process.*

*The recipient of the scholarship is by no means expected to rush the fraternity at any time during his college career at Central Michigan University. This scholarship*

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*is a way for the fraternity of Beta Theta Pi to give back to the community and to award individuals for their qualities and achievements.*

*Please join us at our open house Saturday, August 27th from 12:00PM-6:00PM at 814 S Main St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. This open house is for all perspective students and parents to tour our newly renovated house, to set up interviews for the scholarship, and to learn more about what Beta Theta Pi at Central Michigan University is all about.*

*We would like to thank you in advance for your time and your consideration.*

*Sincerely,  
Chris Olson  
President of Beta Theta Pi  
Epsilon Gamma Chapter  
(989) 621-0023  
[xvogiovx@yahoo.com](mailto:xvogiovx@yahoo.com)*

The letter also included a link to an application page on our website:  
<http://www.epsilongamma.org/scholarship.htm>.

We received 15 applications through the website, and I'm sure that a few more were turned in in person. Here's a few of the comments we received via the scholarship application on the website when we asked the question: "What did you think when you saw that the scholarship was from a Fraternity?"

*"I was interested to learn what the fraternity's foundation was all about. I also was surprised and excited that there's more to fraternities than the media portrays."*

*"When I thought of fraternities in the past I'm ashamed to say that I didn't think of philanthropists. Now with new light shed, I'm considering finding out more about them and not passing judgment until I do so."*

*"That there was an organization willing to help aid a student and enable others to attend College. I thought that It was a wonderful idea and hope to someday be able to offer such a thing to someone else."*

*"I was impressed that a Fraternity would be that dedicated to academic excellence. I was under the impression that a majority of the fraternities on campus did not have academics as their focus of existence. It is nice to know that some people are taking interest in advancing student's academic careers."*

*"In closing I would like to say a big THANK YOU to the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity for offering this scholarship."*

I could post more, but I think you get the point.

The next step in the process is conducting face to face interviews in the house. This is an opportunity for the colony to get to know each applicant and vice versa. After all interviews are completed, all of the applicants and their parents are invited to a banquet where the colony announces the winner of the scholarship.

When *Recruitment Through Scholarship* is performed correctly not only do we get a list of men to recruit, we also get the opportunity to increase our name recognition and reputation on campus.

If you would like to learn more about RTS, you can find a detailed description on the Beta Theta Pi website. <http://www.betathetapi.org/mp/resources/memberrecruitment.htm>

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## COLONY "KICK OFF" RETREAT TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 17TH

The EG kick-off retreat is part of the partnership between the chapter and the General Fraternity. It is a day of goal setting that begins with an advisory team meeting, and then a meeting of the advisors and undergraduate officers.

Time:	Activity:	Attendees:
10 -11 am	Advisory Team Quarterly meeting	Advisors & DC
11- 12:15 pm	Advisor and Executive Committee Meeting	Advisors & EC
12:15-1:00pm	Lunch – (arranged by the President)	Advisors & EC
1:00-1:30pm	Leadership Opportunity Flash Testimonials from summer attendees	All
1:30-2:00pm	"Hey everyone, come see how good we look!"	All
2:00 -2:45pm	Goal Polishing in Committees	All
2:45-3:30pm	Goal Presentations	All
3:30-3:45pm	Break	All
3:45-4:45pm	Execution: Getting it done!	All
4:45-5:00pm	Conclusion	All
5:00-5:15pm	Executive Committee and Advisor Feedback	Advisors & EC

Any alum on the advisory team or interested in becoming an advisor should be in attendance. If you are looking to find out what is going on with the re-colonization, please come and join us. For more information contact Chapter Counselor Greg Compton at [compton@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:compton@aaps.k12.mi.us).

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## CMU HOMECOMING - October 15, 2005

The big event for EG this Fall Semester is the 20th Anniversary Banquet in November, so this year's Homecoming will be more of a low key event. The tentative schedule is as follows:

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast & Open House	814 S. Main
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Homecoming Parade	Main Street
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Tailgate	Rose Ponds*
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Football game (vs. Ohio)	Kelly/Shorts Stadium

\*Brothers to are encouraged to gather at the University's "Alumni Village" near the Rose Ponds for Tailgating. There is no cost for the alumni village, and food is provided by the CMU alumni relations office.

You can see the official CMU Homecoming event calendar at: <http://www.alumni.cmich.edu/homecoming.asp>

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

Invitations have been printed and should arrive in your mailbox shortly. Beginning on Monday, September 12, we'll be opening up RSVP registration and ticket purchasing on the website. The registration page will be posted here: [http://www.epsilongamma.org/upcoming\\_events.htm#20th](http://www.epsilongamma.org/upcoming_events.htm#20th)

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An E-mail alert will be sent out once the registration page is up and running.

If you want to reserve your room now for the event, you can do so by visiting <http://www.mtpcomfortinn.com>. We are currently in the process of working out a deal with the Super 8 motel across the street. We'll post the information as soon as the rooms are blocked out.

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## **SUMMER & CONVENTION REPORT** *by Chris May, EG secretary*

This past summer was the summer for being a Beta. This is especially the case for all the men in the Epsilon Gamma Chapter at Central Michigan University. Five people from the Epsilon Gamma Chapter attended the Institute for Men of Principle, UIFI, and Convention. Most of these opportunities would not have been possible if were not for the generous contributions from all the alumni that help support these leadership opportunities that help make Epsilon Gamma a true Men of Principle Chapter.

I recently attended my first convention, held in Scottsdale, Arizona, thanks to funds donated from the Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation. To see 950 Betas in one room during a loving cup ceremony is one memory I will always remember. Attending the Leadership College, I was able to take part in different activities including having the chance to listen to Dipper DiPaolo, one of the best motivational speakers I have heard. Dipper also lead one of the highlights of Convention in something called "the Great Conversation" where every Beta in the room had no idea what Beta they would be opening their hearts to next.

These experiences I had while attending the Leadership College at Convention I want to take back to Epsilon Gamma for the betterment of the chapter. I was not the only one at Convention representing Epsilon Gamma; Chris Olson was there representing the Chapter as a delegate, helping to make decisions that will shape the future of Beta Theta Pi for years to come. Brother Olson also was there at the review for our chartering requirements, and it looks we are on the right track to getting our charter back. It was amazing to see other chapters to get their charters and I just hope the next time I go to Convention I will be able to see Epsilon Gamma in that same position. Who knows, maybe we can earn some Knox awards afterwards.

Again, all this would not be possible without all the alumni support we receive that enables Epsilon Gamma to be represented at all of these leadership activities. Alumni have been generous in help making the chapter house resemble the potential that the Epsilon Gamma chapter has to offer.

This past weekend the Epsilon Gamma housing corp. met in the house and worked on renovations. With all the work on the house and all the leadership opportunities, the housing corp. is constantly raising money for the current capital fundraising initiative.

The golf outing last June helped this cause and was another highlight of my summer. Just to meet all the alumni that came out for the outing made me realize just how big the family of Epsilon Gamma is. By the end of the day I played the first 18 holes of golf I ever played on the beautiful St. Johns golf course, won the raffle and won a book that titled "learning how to play golf."

In all it was a great summer to be a Beta and now with our newly remodeled home it is time to bunk down for recruitment and classes.

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## **THE BETA NETWORK**

- **Burke Daneman** writes: "I have found someone that will put up with me and I decided that I should do something about that before she realizes what she's getting into... So, Mandy ( Sigma Kappa from CMU ) and I are going to get married in May of 2006. This marriage is bound to be great since we met at 2:30am on the Beta House porch. Well, wish her luck and talk to you all soon."

## Betas in the Military

- **Kenton Barber** has been deployed to Louisiana to help with disaster relief.

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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## DIRECTORY UPDATE/LOST BROTHERS by Scott Nadeau

I updated the Epsilon Gamma directory in August. You can download a new version by going to: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/directoryinfo.htm>.

The following brothers either have **missing** or **incomplete** information in our database as of *August 2005*. If you're on the list, go to <http://www.epsilongamma.org/betabase.html> and fix it. If you have any information about anyone else on the list, please forward it to [webmaster@epsilongamma.org](mailto:webmaster@epsilongamma.org).

With the 20th Anniversary banquet just around the corner, it is vital that we invite as many brothers as possible.

Roll	First	Middle	Last
9	Vincent	Paul Joseph	Schwager
15	Scott	Richard	Stoughton
17	Michael	Christopher	Cook
37	Eric	James	Maurer
42	Steven	Patrick	Hunt
47	Christopher	Gavin	Gauss
53	Tony	James	Boomer
64	Jason	Mills	Hansel
65	Thomas	Allen	Tracy
76	Kent	Micheal	Richards
78	William	Byron	Browning
84	Brent	Gordon	Bradley
87	Bradley	David	Reaume
88	John	David	Knaus
92	Marc	Clifford	Sundberg
125	Joseph	Edward	Metiva
131	Stephen	Jacobsen	Pohe
136	Douglas	David	Merrion
149	David	Scott	Ferracciolo
162	Joel	Paul	Hoppa
164	Michael	John	Stanziola
196	Todd	Travis	Binsfield
203	Jason	Thomas	Edwards
228	Michael	Joseph	Latuszek
257	Kyle	John	Russell
260	Bryan	Christian	Scheffler

261	Kenton	Ray	Barber	Jr.
263	Bryan	William	Boyd	
273	Brian	Henry	Brigham	
276	Joshua	David	Weakland	
282	Justin	William	Parker	
283	Will	Brison	Fathree	
285	Alexander	Bryant	Pfeiffle	
286	Scott	Langdon	MacDonald	
287	Stephen	Michael	Blake	
288	Matthew	Robert	Chidester	
291	Josh	Dick	Tilley	
297	Don	George	Trabulsy	
298	Matt	Pulkingham	Graves	
301	Theodore	Allen	Bott	
302	Aaron	Andrew	Leonard	
303	John	Richard	Parker	
304	Robert	Lee	Brisson	III
306	Trent	Grant	VanWormer	
307	Ryan	Daniel	Byrnes	
310	Kevin	Byron	Clark	
312	Paul	Aaron	Matter	
315	Jeremiah	Jason	Sherman	
317	Joseph	Lee	Evenden	
319	Jacob		Weibel	
320	Daniel	John	McLean	
323	Dustin	Craig	Phillips	
324	Robert	Franklin	English	

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! *by Tom Olver*

Twenty-two members of the Epsilon Gamma rolls will celebrate a birthday this month. The average age of these men is **31.7**. The oldest brother with a birthday this month is **Kevin Lambrix, #25** at **40** and the youngest is **Kurt Landreth, #289**, at **24**.

9/1	Kevin Lambrix, #25	40
9/2	Bryan Hix, #140	34
	Brad Ervans, #220	33
9/6	Erik Weatherford, #235	31
	Gary Hardwick, #295	24
9/8	Khris Baker-Donnan, #311	24
9/9	Ken Almas, #157	36
9/10	Mike Erickson, #60	38
9/12	Glenn Cross, #102	37
9/13	Brady Martin, #204	32
9/15	Joe Metiva, #125	37
9/16	Todd DeVito, #147	37
	Jason Thuss, #239	27
9/19	Tom Parr, #290	26
9/20	Ramzey Samhat, #267	25
9/22	Lee Natzke, #189	30
	Jim Levering, #249	27
9/23	John Ruggierillo, #75	38
9/26	Keith Parmley, #173	33
9/29	Randy Kusowski, #66	39
	Adam Hilt, #250	26
9/30	Kurt Landreth, #289	24

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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 *by Scott Nadeau*

A new edition of *For The Staunchest* will be arriving in your mailbox later this month. Included in the next issue will be new reports from Colony President Chris Olson, District Chief AJ Calkins, Chapter Counselor Greg Compton, Housing Corporation President Tom Olver and the usual blend of news and pictures.

If you've moved recently, you may want to go to the betabase page on our website and update your information. <http://www.epsilongamma.org/betabase.html>

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