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## 20TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET UPDATE *by Tom Bussineau*

It hardly seems like it has been five years since our last reunion, but the 20th Anniversary Celebration is less than six weeks away.

The Charter **20th Year Anniversary Banquet** will be held at the **Comfort Inn** on **November 12, 2005**. The banquet starts at 5:00 p.m. with music/dancing following afterwards. Rooms are blocked off the Comfort Inn at a rate of \$107 plus tax per night. The phone number is 989-772-4000. Please be sure to tell them you are with Beta Theta Pi. The Super 8, which is across the street, has a rate of \$71.10 per night or \$65 plus tax per night if we register 20 people at once. If you would like to stay at the Super 8, please let me know.

We are going to start the weekend off with an informal social gathering at the Brass Saloon on Friday night. Just stop by any time after 8:00 pm and catch up with some of our brothers. On Saturday, there will be a house tour with lunch at the Beta House starting at noon. This will be a great opportunity to see the new renovations. There will be Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation and Epsilon Gamma Advisory Team meetings at the Comfort Inn.

Invitations are in the mail and everyone should receive them soon. The banquet tickets are \$50 per person or \$75 per couple. Please RSVP by October 15 by mail or register on our web site at [www.epsilongamma.org/banquet\\_rsvp.htm](http://www.epsilongamma.org/banquet_rsvp.htm). Our web site will be updated periodically to give more information on guest speakers and celebration details. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Yours in -kai-,  
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**RSVP NOW!**  
**CLICK**  
**HERE!**

### Updates:

- The musical "Pal Joey" is being performed in the Bush Theatre, Nov. 9-12 (8 p.m.) and Nov. 13 (2 p.m.) Considering that many of you will be bringing a wife or date, here's an option for Friday night or Sunday afternoon. Central Box Office: <http://centralboxoffice.cmich.edu>
- It has been confirmed that General Fraternity President P. Thomas (Tom) Purinton, Kansas State '63, will attend Epsilon Gamma's 20th anniversary celebration.

- A guest list has been started here: [http://www.epsilongamma.org/upcoming\\_events.htm#20th\\_guests](http://www.epsilongamma.org/upcoming_events.htm#20th_guests)

If you have questions about the banquet or the anniversary activities, you can send them to [banquet@epsilongamma.org](mailto:banquet@epsilongamma.org). Your message will be forwarded to the entire banquet committee.

## 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 (By Barb Koehn)	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>

The Student Life Homecoming Calendar is here:  
<http://www.stulife.cmich.edu/programs/homecoming/schedule.shtml>

## COLONY "KICK OFF" RETREAT *by Scott Nadeau*

The 2005 – 06 "Kick-off" retreat for the Epsilon Gamma Chapter was held Saturday, September 17th at the newly-renovated chapter house. The purpose of the Kick-off retreat is to set the agenda and set goals for the forthcoming school year.

The event was facilitated by Education Consultant Vito Brandle, Saint Louis `04 and Chapter Advisor Greg Compton `86. Betas Paul Ferri and Michael Kistner from the University of Toledo Advising Team helped. Scott Nadeau `89 was also on hand as a representative of the housing corporation.

The day started with the time-management and study skills seminar presented by Michael Kistner, who is a senior lecturer in Spanish at the University of Toledo. Instead of giving a template "from the book" type talk, Michael was able to provide insight from a professor's point of view. He talked about what professors are looking for, what to say and not to say, and tips for increasing your grade point just by doing simple things.

The second exercise entitled "See How Good We Look," involved breaking off into groups and grading the performance of EG in each category of Men of Principle goals from the viewpoint of colony members, new members, sorority women, and faculty members. ([http://www.epsilongamma.org/chapter\\_info.htm#requirements](http://www.epsilongamma.org/chapter_info.htm#requirements)) The point was to assess the progress of the colony over the past year, strengths and weaknesses, and to use that information for goal setting.

Following a hearty lunch catered by the Italian Oven in Mt. Pleasant, everyone jumped into

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to the task of goal setting. Some of the goals included learning the ritual better, setting rules for the house, getting parents more involved in the chapter, finding a faculty advisor and learning Robert's Rules of Order. (You can see all of the goals set at the meeting here: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/publications/chapter/Goals 2005-2006.pdf>)

It was a productive day and left everyone feeling excited for the potential of the coming year.

Part of the requirements for getting the charter reinstated for Epsilon Gamma is holding two similar retreats each year. Advisors are still a necessary entity, and in the future it would be nice to be able to run it with only our own advisory team.

Contact Greg Compton ([compton@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:compton@aaps.k12.mi.us)) if you are interested in joining the Advising Team.

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## THE BETA NETWORK

- **Mike Wharton** writes: I would like to announce in the Beta news that Michael and Jennifer Wharton have a new daughter Jordan Mackenzie Wharton on August 26, 2005. Everyone is doing great!  
*Congratulations can be sent to:*  
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### *Betas in the Military*

- **Kenton Barber** - *September 12, 2005* - I have been in Louisiana for almost 10 days as part of the recovery efforts. We are living in the New Orleans International Airport - Terminal C. Our primary mission has entailed security presence patrols in Jefferson and Orleans Parish as well as extensive search/rescue and search/recovery efforts with Task Force 6 California River/Fire/Rescue. What these Americans and now our paratroopers are enduring, seeing, experiencing and living through will no doubt impact us for the rest of our lives. We are honored to be here and will continue doing whatever we are requested to do. Take Care. Respectfully, Kenton
- **Jason Siewert** - *September 12, 2005* - Hello brothers, I saw this section and thought I should share with you what I do and where I am. I am currently attending Central again after a couple of state side deployments. As of right now I am an E-4 specialist in the Michigan Army National Guard. I was deployed to the pentagon for six months and then to Fort Jackson South Carolina for six months. I currently work for the 46th Military police Command in Lansing Michigan. I have had a few Iraq activations within my unit as well as a few scares myself. I'm glad to be back in school and am contracting with ROTC in October. Good to see that we are keeping tabs on the brothers in theater. Yours in \_\_KAI\_\_ EG299 SPC Jason Siewert 46MPCMD MIARNG

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! by Tom Oliver

Twenty-nine members of the Epsilon Gamma rolls will celebrate a birthday this month. The

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average age of these men is **32.6**. The oldest brother with a birthday this month is **Max Patrick, #72** at **43** and the youngest is **Ross McCallum, #333**, at **19**.

10/2	Ben Gallagher, #221	29	
10/3	Tim Bussineau, #129	35	
10/5	Kevin Brockman, #202	33	
	Ross McCallum, #333	19	
10/7	Tim Nichols, #61	38	
10/9	David Haske, #318		24
10/11	Dan Bigelow, #172		32
10/12	Jason Edwards, #203	32	
10/13	Bil Boyd, #58	38	
10/14	Chris Gauss, #47	38	
10/15	Scott MacDonald, #286	26	
10/16	Tim Kirkendall, #24		40
	Brad Reaume, #87		38
	Dave Ferricciolo, #149	36	
10/18	Kevin Warnack, #234	27	
10/22	Matt Brauer, #79	38	
	Dean Lemont, #113	36	
10/23	Carlisle Braun, #262	26	
10/24	Max Hunsicker, #171	31	
10/25	Matt Burchart, #316	24	
10/26	Todd Lincoln, #67	40	
	Edward Budd, #110	35	
	John Knight, #248	27	
10/29	Max Patrick, #72	43	
	Mike Godwin, #154		34
	Jason Potter, #231		29
10/30	Kevin O'Shaughnessy, #99	37	
	Ryan Walther, #265	25	
10/31	Jon Eadie, #122	36	

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*

Unfortunately, the delivery of the last newsletter was delayed by the hurricanes. (At least that's what they told me.) If you haven't gotten your copy in the mail yet, feel free to download the color version at: [http://www.epsilongamma.org/eg\\_publications.html](http://www.epsilongamma.org/eg_publications.html)

The renovations are completed on the Beta House! I hope to take the final pictures at homecoming and have them posted by the end of October.

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If you want to know what's been going on with the colony, meeting minutes are now regularly posted on the website.

They can be found at: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/colony.htm#minutes>

In my spare time, I'm working on two videos for the anniversary. My hope is to sell DVD copies at the banquet. I'll have more information next month.

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

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