

# THE EPSILON GAMMA OF BETA THETA PI

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## **20TH ANNIVERSARY REPORT** *By Tom Bussineau '86*

The 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Beta Theta Pi was a huge success. More than 125 brothers and guests were in attendance at the Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant on November 12th.

The day started out with a luncheon at the newly renovated chapter house. Alumni and guest were treated to tour of the house. Many of the returning members couldn't believe how the great the house looked. Thank you to Barb Koehn for providing an excellent catered lunch.

Afternoon activities included Housing Corporation and Advisory Team meetings. This gave alumni the opportunity to sit in on these open meetings. Beta Theta Pi President, Dr. Tom Purinton, and Administrative Secretary Steve Becker were in attendance at the advisory team meeting.

The evening banquet included several guest speakers and a video produced by Scott Nadeau. Once again, Brother Nadeau put together an excellent production which recaps the events that have taken place with our chapter over the past 20 years.

The banquet program started with Chapter Advisor Greg Compton and Colony President Matt Bush giving us an update on the colony. The future looks bright for the colony with great leadership at the helm.

During Tom Olver's presentation on the Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation, he presented the Distinguished Service Award to Scott Nadeau. Brother Nadeau received the award for his outstanding work as a Beta Theta Pi volunteer. *[There will be a full report on that in January.]*

Brother Ken Breen entertained us with his "The Little Engine that Could" story as it relates to the Capital Fundraising Initiative. With his "I think I can" speech, we were able to pass the \$100,000 mark for the CFI campaign as brothers committed to gifts during the evening. *[More CFI news in January.]*

Dr. Purinton was the keynote speaker for the banquet. This was the fourth time since our installation that a General Fraternity Officer visited Epsilon Gamma. It was a pleasure to hear the Beta Theta Pi President speak about the future of our fraternity.

Thank you to all who attended this event. We look forward to seeing all of you in Mt. Pleasant in 2010 for the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

*[Pictures from the event are posted on our website: [http://www.epsilongamma.org/recent\\_events.htm#20th\\_banquet](http://www.epsilongamma.org/recent_events.htm#20th_banquet)]*

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## **20TH ANNIVERSARY FEEDBACK**

It's never too early to start planning for the next Anniversary Banquet. The Banquet Committee would like to know your thoughts on the anniversary weekend; what went well, what could have gone better and what you would like to see in five years.

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If you attended the 20th anniversary banquet and have a couple of minutes to offer feedback that will help to plan the 25th anniversary banquet, please visit:  
[http://www.epsilongamma.org/recent\\_events.htm#20th\\_survey](http://www.epsilongamma.org/recent_events.htm#20th_survey)

(We're also looking for feedback from wives, dates and guests)

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## **20TH ANNIVERSARY VIDEO** *By Scott Nadeau `89*

The video that was presented at the 20th anniversary banquet is now for sale from our website. The 32 minute video incorporates archival footage, pictures and several interviews to tell the story of our chapter's first 20 years.

The video is \$15 and it will be mailed to you via US Mail. You can order your copy here:  
[http://www.epsilongamma.org/recent\\_events.htm#20th\\_video](http://www.epsilongamma.org/recent_events.htm#20th_video)

Any profit that is made from the sale of the video will be funneled into the colony's general account.

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## **ADVISING TEAM UPDATE** *By Greg Compton `86*

Greetings from the Advisory team.

Since the Reunion banquet and festivities, Michael Woolford from the Admin. Office, and I have been working to recruit two open positions within the team, one, being the Recruitment Chair and the second, being the Financial Advisor. These two positions are paramount to the success of EG at Central Michigan. I am attempting to cover all of the openings at the moment, and it is a little overwhelming. I don't see as horrible, because I am able to advise on an as needed basis, but we really need to get our actives trained in their offices.

If you have expertise in any of these two areas, please contact me immediately, otherwise we will have some non-Betas serving in these positions.

The ritual of the Three Fires was held on Saturday, November 19th. It went fairly well for their first time. Brother Wisniewski, once again offered his cabin for this day and night affair. All of the actives were present, and each took on the responsibility to making it a great night. One added benefit to doing it in the same area as last winter, was that they were able to find the bricks once again.

I sat and talked with many of the brothers throughout the evening, and I felt that many have the same goals for the fraternity, but still need direction from us. It is evident that they are capable, but they still could use a helping hand. That is US!!!!

I will be working with the active membership to make up a calendar of events for the Winter term. I will then be determining where we can meet as a team, and where we can schedule advisors to be present at meetings and such. The more we can take off the pressure of holding an e-board position, or any position for that matter, the better we will be as a colony, and then chapter of Beta Theta Pi at CMU.

On another note, it was a great pleasure meeting up with many of you during the anniversary celebration.

Yours in \_\_kai\_\_,  
Greg Compton EG 6  
Chapter Counselor

*[If you have questions or comments for Greg, you can reach him at:*

## COLONY UPDATE *By Ross McCallum '07, (new) colony president*

On November 27, the colony elected new Executive Board members for the upcoming year. The results are as follows:

President - Ross McCallum

Vice President - Kris Wellman

Risk Manager - Ross McCallum

Secretary - Brandyn Lawson

Scholarship - Kris Wellman

Ritual - (Election still pending) Nick Bonner or Matt Bush

Treasurer - (Pending confidence/no confidence vote) Nick Bonner

Recruitment - Ben Reedy

Pledge Education - For spring semester the colony has decided to make a 3-man pledge education team consisting of Ben Reedy, Matt Bush, and Ross McCallum.

Over the next few weeks before winter break the colony will be undergoing the officer transition phase in hopes of having a well informed well managed E-Board and cabinet.

On December 3rd, 2005 two more men, Brandyn Lawson and Zac Beachler will join the rolls of Epsilon Gamma. This is an exciting time for both actives as well as new members. The colony will be taking a trip down to Oxford to commemorate their initiation.

On December 13, 2005 the colony will be holding a philanthropy event as well as a Christmas celebration at the house. We will be gathering toys and donating them to 'Toy-4-Tots' in the Mount Pleasant area. This is a great way for us to better ourselves as well as our community.

Heading into the new year brings new challenges as well as new ideas. Our main focus for Spring 2006 will be recruitment. We have already begun to meet people and introduce them into Beta in hopes that they one day these men will be able to wear the Beta Badge.

Through continued alumni support, an active advisory team, and continued dedication of the active members of Epsilon Gamma, we will once again be one of the top fraternities on campus.

Happy holidays to everyone of you!

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

The Brothers of Epsilon Gamma

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## THE BETA NETWORK

- **Erik Weatherford** writes: Just an update to stay in touch... I tied the knot with Amy Smalley (Delta Zeta, CMU '01) in October. She's teaching, coaching volleyball, and working on her Master's. I stay busy doing well in sales and I'm enjoying it. We also just got a new house here in G.R. and we're hoping to start filling it up with a family soon, so there's a lot of new things going on for us right now. Life is good for the Weatherfords. By all indications, all the new things going on with the new colony/chapter seem to be going well also. Nice to see it - keep it up. That's about it from me. If you're ever in G.R. for work or play, give me a call at 616-901-7501. Take care.  
Erik Weatherford

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- **David Partaka** writes: My wife (Nicole) and I had our first child Friday 11NOV05 at 3:17, a beautiful baby girl. Very sleepy but here are some pics. (Pictures at <http://www.epsilongamma.org/betanetwork.html>) We thank you for all the emails and hope everyone can meet her soon. I haven't slept in 3 days and this is the best time of my life. Thank You, David & Nicole Partaka EG308  
Congratulations can be sent to:  
*David and Nicole Partaka*  
[djprtk78@aol.com](mailto:djprtk78@aol.com)
- **Ben Reedy** and girlfriend Jamie Pease are now engaged! Following the chapter meeting on November 13, the members all got on one knee and hummed while Ben sang Beta Sweetheart to Jamie. Following the song, he popped the question, and she said "yes."
- **Jeff Miller** writes: A BIG HELLO FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN COUNTRY! GO BRONCO'S. My wife Amy, son Andrew, and myself re-located to Colorado back early 2000 from the Wolverine State of MI. We are going to be having another baby June 2006 and what a blessing that will be, just when I thought our house was just the right size, we are outgrowing it. I am eager to re-connect and will be sending an Alumni Financial Contribution soon to the support of Epsilon Gamma Association. Thanks again and congratulations on the website, it was put together really well.  
Cheers, Jeff Miller [millermountain@adelphia.net](mailto:millermountain@adelphia.net)
- **BREAKING NEWS!! Scott and Kelly Sawyer's** son STEVEN DAVID SAWYER was born at 8:37 PM, November 30. He weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and is 19" long.  
Congratulations can be sent to:  
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### **Betas in the Military**

- *Nothing new to report this month, David Partaka's report is listed above.*

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 `98

**Twenty-five** members of the Epsilon Gamma rolls will celebrate a birthday this month. The average age of these men is **30.12**. The oldest brother with a birthday this month is **Sean O'Bryan, #33** at **42** and the youngest is **Norm Klein, #329**, at **21**.

12/1	Sean O'Bryan, #33	42
12/2	Matt Hegenauer, #40	40
	Christian Thelander, #95	37
	Paul Marquardt, #256	28
12/3	Justin Warnack, #269	26
12/4	Kyle Russell, #257	27
	Dave Partaka, #308	27

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12/5	Matt Cagle, #281	25	
12/7	Norm Klein, #329	21	
12/8	Ryan Ward, #321	24	
12/9	Kevin Clark, #310	24	
12/12	Matt Graves, #298		24
12/13	Todd Miller, #115	36	
	Eric Dumont, #274		27
12/16	Hugh Witham, #49		39
12/18	Tobin Bailey, #156		34
	Josh Tilley, #291	25	
12/22	Trent VanWormer, #306	26	
12/23	John Doyle, #251	27	
12/24	Brian McCormick, #169	34	
12/25	Matt Simkins, #158	37	
12/29	John Knaus, #88	38	
12/30	Scott Verbeke, #243	30	
12/31	David Steiner, #207	30	
	John Parker, #303	25	

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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## ONE LAST THING... *By Scott Nadeau `89*

I would like to thank everyone who helped contribute to the 20th anniversary video. Matt Brauer, Bob Hempton and Jay Catania for sending me videotapes many years ago that are now part of the EG Archives. Everyone who agreed to appear on camera: Phil Adler, Scott Sawyer, Mark DuRocher, Martin Cobb, Steve Becker, Tom Olver, Greg Compton, Dave Steiner, Chuck Williams, Tom Bussineau, Vito Brandle, Chris Olson, Chris May, Matt Bush, Kris Wellman, Norm Klein, Nick Bonner and Ross McCallum.

I'd also like to thank Jeff Wandzel, Doug Ackerman, Bob Seeber Jr., Bob Hempton, Ed Smith, Trevor Wisniewski for not getting mad at me for using old interview footage in this new video. And, thanks to all of you that have sent me pictures, documents and items of note to store in the archives and use in the video.

I'm always looking for old newsletters, documents and pictures that will help to illustrate our history to future generations of EG Betas. If you have something you think might be good for the archives, send me a message.

We'll have more follow-up reports on the banquet, CFI and the colony right after the first day of 2006. Here's wishing you and your family the best this holiday season.

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