

THE EPSILON GAMMA OF BETA THETA PI

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COLONY UPDATE *By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC communications director*

The colony is well on its way to having a terrific semester.

The second EG kick-off retreat of the year was held January 13th. Along with updating the goals established first semester, a large chunk of the time was spent organizing a recruitment strategy.

Most of us had older Beta brothers around to teach us how to recruit. The undergraduates, for the most part, are learning the ins and outs of trying to attract new members on their own. Guiding them this semester are Phil Adler '98, and Michael Woolford *Miami* '04, director of operations and education for area 1. According to one of the guys, "the brothers have been busting our ass as of late to get this lovely thing we call Beta going."

Recruitment (so far) seems to be turning out fairly well. They've had good turn out at the few events they've had so far, by the end of the week at least six bids will have been given out, and they received 32 applications for the RTS Scholarship. Not a bad start considering that they will be recruiting for another two weeks and they haven't even started interviewing the scholarship applicants. You can send any messages of support to colony@epsilongamma.org.

When it's all said and done, there will be a Pledge Induction ceremony on February 19th to welcome the new pledge class in style. The ritual will begin at 7:00. Details will be posted soon on our website. Alums of our fine chapter are more than welcome to attend.

Recruitment Chairman Ben Reedy has put together a 61 page pledge education manual. It's a pretty impressive document, and it will be a great resource for the chapter in the years to come. Colony Treasurer Matt Bush is in the early stages of putting together a chapter allegory. If you have drawing skills and would like to lend a hand, you can contact him at: bush1mj@cmich.edu. New Colony Secretary Brandon Lawson has been sending me the minutes to the weekly meetings when they are completed, and I am uploading them to the web here: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/colony.htm>.

In other news, planning has already begun to make the most of Greek Week and to have the maximum amount of members attend all of the leadership opportunities that the General Fraternity has to offer.

More news to come next month...

ADVISORY TEAM REPORT *By Greg Compton '86, chapter counselor*

The Epsilon Gamma Advisory team is in full effect. The reason I say this is because Jeff Wandzel '89 and Phil Adler '98 have stepped forward to fill the positions of Financial Advisor and Recruitment Advisor respectively. They are filling two very important positions for the colony to be successful for the remainder of the year and beyond. Please send them a note of thanks, and contact them if you would like to help out in those areas. Phil, will be able to fill the role for this term, but the late spring and fall will be somewhat difficult given his responsibilities with the CMU football team.

We are moving forward in our relationship with the actives, and with the help of Michael Wolford from the AO, we are getting more support in the recruitment process for this semester.

I guess this would be a good time to give a shout out to Phil, Jeff, Scott Nadeau, Chuck Williams, and Michael for their help with recruitment. They have all given support to make sure that it goes well.

The pledge program beginning this semester will be in alignment with *Men of Principle*. Chuck told me that Ben Reedy put in a lot of hours to get it finalized before the recruitment period is over.

Please check out the EG website for a calendar of events. Meetings happen at 8p.m. on Sunday nights. Our goal for this semester was to have at least one advisor in attendance per meeting. I have given Scott my

schedule thus far. If any of you from the Housing Corp or from the populous would like to attend one, or to lend your help for a ritual ceremony, then please contact me, or the actives as to how you would like to help.

We have had three out of four required meetings for the advising team so far this school year. My plan is to have one in the summer at some time, but not too close to the start of the year because we will have the fall kick off meeting. Just stay informed.

As always we are looking for more advisors to help out. Many hands make light work. There are a couple of advisor training sessions being held in the next couple of months. One will take place in Atlanta, GA, and the other at the AO in Oxford. Go to the Beta Website in order to get all the details. This might just be something you would want to do.

I must say that I have enjoyed it very much so far. It not only gives me a chance to re-connect to my college days, and allows me to build relationships with the present colony members as well as with alum that I did not have a chance to know from the past.

It is truly rewarding!!!!!!

Respectfully submitted in
__kai__,
Greg Compton
EG 6
Chapter
Counselor

EGAT-Colony Meeting Schedule - Spring `06			
2/6 (Monday night at 9) Open	3/13 (Monday) P. Adler	4/2 Compton	4/19 Wooglin 7p.m. Open
2/12 Greg Compton	3/19 J. Wandzel	4/ 9 Ervans	4/20 Dragon 7p.m. Ervans
2/19 Pledge induction and meeting B. Ervans and C. Williams	3/25 3-Fires Ritual in Wellston MI Williams, Koehn, Compton, Nadeau	4/16 Open	4/22 Initiation in Oxford TBD Open 4/23 Open
2/26 J. Wandzel	3/26 Open		4/30 Final meeting Greg

RECOMMEND A RECRUIT

The Epsilon Gamma colony is in the midst of a massive recruitment effort. Do you know of any CMU students that would make good additions to our brotherhood?

Send in any names (and other information if you have it) to colony@epsilongamma.org or visit <http://www.epsilongamma.org/join.htm> and fill in the information.

BETA THETA PI WEBSITE GETS A FACELIFT

Beta Theta Pi launched a new web site on January 26, 2006! Check it out at: www.betathetapi.org.

The EG website will be updated to a similar style later this year.

CMU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LAUNCHES CMU inCIRCLE *(Taken from the press release)*

With the increasing demand for more and better online communication tools, the CMU Alumni Association is very excited to have launched inCircle. CMU inCircle allows alumni to leverage their network of CMU connections to find jobs, housing, business associates and activity partners. It also allows an easy way for alumni to re-connect and stay-connected with people they have lost touch with over the years.

Powered by Affinity Engines, inCircle provides an exclusive, dynamic, secure, and user-friendly online community, driven by alumni users themselves. The unique design of inCircle allows alumni to "build their network" by searching for and inviting fellow alumni to join. The network grows quickly by friends inviting friends to partake in the virtual community. Commonly known as peer-to-peer or social networking, this provides a visual mapping of who you know, and who they know.

In other words, inCircle illustrates the popular six degrees of separation concept within the CMU alumni community. Customized groups allow alumni to discuss issues ranging from first time parenting to

mountain biking to real estate investing. Forums offer a place to ask and offer advice, find a sublet, or post a job exclusively to fellow alums. Other features include messaging, blogging, unlimited photo sharing, and much more, all generated dynamically to create an experience unique to each individual alumnus. Registering with inCircle is quick and easy, click [here](https://incircle.cmualum.com/) to find out. (<https://incircle.cmualum.com/>)

[Editors Note: Younger members may be acquainted with "FaceBook." This is a similar site for CMU alums. When you register, don't forget to "join" the Beta Group.]

EGHC MEETING By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC communications director

LOCATION CHANGE!

The Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation will be meeting this Saturday February 4 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the "Up Northville" Luxury Model Home by Michael Mocerri Design Build in Northville. The meeting is being hosted by John Coe '91.

The home is located at 18589 Steep Hollow Ct. Northville Twp, MI 48167. Directions can be found here: <http://snipurl.com/lvc2>.

According to meeting host John Coe, "The best way to get there would be to take the Beck Road exit either North or South to 7 Mile, depending on whether or not you came from 94 or 96 respectively. People will probably want to take a wander around the house, so arrive a little early to view the home so that the meeting can start on time. "

This meeting will be a strategic planning session open to all EG Betas. Lunch will be provided. Following the meeting, there may be a field trip to a local establishment where they serve adult beverages.

If you are not on the Housing Corporation but would like to attend the meeting, please contact Tom Olver (tolver@wooglin.com) so that we can plan to order additional food, etc.

BETA THETA PI HOUSING CORPORATION AWARDS \$1,000 IN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

[Editors Note: This is a press release that was sent out last week to CMLife]

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, January 25, 2006 - The Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation recently awarded \$1,000 in academic scholarships to three undergraduate members of the Epsilon Gamma colony of Beta Theta Pi. The awards were presented at the Chapter's 20th Anniversary Celebration, held on November 12th in Mt. Pleasant.

Norman S. Klein '07 was the youngest person to hold a chairmanship at CMU for the Supply Chain Management Association. He is currently participating in an internship with Toyota in Lexington, Ky., and was the only person accepted from CMU for this internship. Klein said his main goal for the Colony is "to get the Charter, and for the Colony to have strong numbers and be well known on campus as true gentlemen and scholars." Klein received a \$250 scholarship.

Benjamin R. Reedy '07 has participated in Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Cobb Hall Council. He would like to see the Colony get chartered and become a fully functioning chapter by 2007. Reedy has been through the ladder of officer positions and has an understanding of each one. He has a goal of "getting each person in the Colony involved, making sure they realize they are just as important as the next person in attaining the Charter." Reedy received a \$250 scholarship.

Christopher L. May '06, carries a 3.55 GPA, has been involved with Residential Hall Assembly and National Society of Collegiate Scholars and was a peer mentor. His goal for the Colony is "to see it receive its Charter within the next two to three years, and that Epsilon Gamma become the standard for fraternities at CMU and all other Beta chapters." May received a \$500 scholarship.

While these were the first such awards offered by the Corporation, more than a dozen annual scholarship funds have been established by Chapter alumni through a special ongoing Capital Fundraising Initiative. Up to \$3,000 — divided into \$250 and \$500 scholarships — is slated for distribution to undergraduate members in 2006.

The Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Beta Theta Pi is dedicated to building men of principle for a principled life. Our brotherhood aids the individual, builds the fraternity and strengthens Central Michigan University

through lifelong devotion to intellectual excellence, high standards of moral conduct and responsible citizenship. Beta Theta Pi, founded in 1839 at Miami University (Ohio), has more than 120,000 members including some 5,800 collegians on 122 campuses in the United States and Canada.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>JANUARY</p> <p>SPRING RECRUITMENT EVENTS January 26 - February 17 <i>Schedule posted on the main page at www.epsilongamma.org</i></p>	<p>APRIL</p> <p>INITIATION & BETA 101 Saturday, April 22 <i>Beta Theta Pi Administrative Office - Oxford, Ohio</i></p> <p>ALUMNI APPRECIATION WEEK April 24 - April 29 <i>Details T.B.A.</i></p> <p>PIG ROAST & FAMILY DAY (TENTATIVE) Saturday, April 29 <i>Island Park - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan</i></p>
<p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>EGHC WINTER MEETING Saturday, February 4, 2006 - 10:00 AM</p> <p>PLEDGE INDUCTION CEREMONY Sunday, February 19, 2006 <i>Time and location T.B.A. - Details will be posted on our web site.</i></p> <p>FOR THE STAUNCHEST DEADLINE Friday, February 24th <i>A printed newsletter will be mailed in March, get your articles and updates submitted this month.</i></p>	<p>MAY</p> <p>CMU FINAL EXAMS May 1 - May 5</p>
<p>MARCH</p> <p>CMU SPRING BREAK Saturday, March 4 - Sunday March 12</p> <p>3 FIRES RITUAL Saturday, March 25 <i>Up North Getaway</i> http://www.upnorthgetaway.com/ <i>14637 Pine Lake Road, Wellston MI 49689</i></p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p>17TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING Saturday, June 24, 2006 <i>The Inn at St. Johns - Plymouth, Michigan</i> <i>Registration will begin next month at www.epsilongamma.org.</i></p> <p>167th General Convention June 29-July 2, 2006 <i>Marriott Eaton Centre - Toronto, Ontario</i></p>

THE BETA NETWORK

Andrew Rowden ` 93 writes: I wanted the brothers to know that I am still alive & kickin'. I got re-married in July '04 to Dorothy, a wonderful woman. Although I was unable to attend the 20th Anniversary celebration, I hope to make it back to Michigan for an outing in the very near future.

Yours in _kai_

Andy "Halfway" Rowden
EG 160

Doug Ackerman ` 91 has been appointed Manager of Medium & Heavy-Duty component marketing strategies and sales training for Detroit Diesel Corporation. He has been with Detroit Diesel since 1991 and has held a wide-variety of positions including District Sales Manager, Mercedes-Benz Engine Program Manager, On-Highway Business Development Manager, Product Development Manager and Engineering Coordinator.

Will Hilliker ` 98 writes: He was not due for another 2 weeks...but now introducing Liam Dennis Hilliker!

11:14pm, 01/30/06, 8 pounds - 8 ounces, 21 inches. Baby Liam is healthy and mom is recovering fine. Dad is really tired...

More pictures at: <http://snipurl.com/m3ys>

Send your best wishes to:

Will and Shannon Hilliker

10940 Williams Street

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Betas in the Military

- *Nothing new to report this month.*

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 *By Tom Olver ` 98, EGHC president*

Nineteen members of the Epsilon Gamma rolls will celebrate a birthday this month. The average age of these men is **31.9**. The oldest brother with a birthday this month is **Grant Kersten, #32** at **44** and the youngest is **Chris May, #328**, at **20**.

2/3	Mike Severy, #166	35	
2/4	Ted Bott, #301	26	
2/7	Kris Wellman, #325		21
2/9	David Robertson, #144	36	
2/9	Chris May, #328	20	
2/11	David Hasenleder, #103	36	
2/13	Scott Sawyer, #205		31
2/13	Brian Brigham, #273	27	
2/14	Todd Finnin, #180	34	
2/15	Scott Stoughton, #15	41	
2/16	Jordan Buschmohle, #272	27	
	Joe Evenden, #317	25	
2/17	Keith Nagel, #116	36	
2/19	Jeff Wandzel, #52	40	
2/19	Ryan MacDermaid, #244	29	
2/20	Ben Johnson, #258	28	
2/23	Grant Kersten, #32		44
2/23	Greg Neper, #18	42	
2/27	Kenton Barber, #261	29	

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, EGHC communications director*

Friday night Tom Olver, John Coe and myself are getting together in Ann Arbor for dinner and a couple of drinks. If you think you may be interested in going, reply to this message or give me a ring on my cell. (734) 417-2615.

Next month we'll have a follow-up report on the meeting/strategic planning event for the EGHC, and an update on the Matthew Francis Baad Scholarship that was recently awarded.

Don't forget to send me your personal news as we'll be sending out *For the Staunchest* in March.

See you next month!

Yours in ____*kai*____,

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