

THE EPSILON GAMMA OF BETA THETA PI

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COLONY UPDATE *By Ross McCallum '08, colony president*

The first half of the spring semester for Epsilon Gamma was a challenging, yet rewarding experience. We received help from Leadership Consultant Michael Wolford and Alumnus Phil Adler to help form a solid plan for recruitment. I am pleased to announce that the framework for an effective recruitment period is finally in place that we will be using in the future. Congratulations to all the active members who have taken the time to learn how to recruit. Although we didn't attain our goal of 12 – 15 men this semester we built a stepping stone for the future.

On February 19th, 2006 Epsilon Gamma inducted 8 men as pledges of Beta Theta Pi. All of the pledges seem excited about what's to come out of the Beta experience and the active members have shared in this excitement bringing brotherhood in the house to an all-time high. Ben Reedy 07' has put together a Pledge Education Program that will engage all the pledges and give them a real feel for what Beta Theta Pi is. The first pledge education meeting took place on February 22, 2006 and was the most enjoyable pledge program that I had ever been a part of.

The men of Epsilon Gamma have been planning a retreat that will culminate with the 3-Fires Ritual here in Mount Pleasant. The ritual will take place March 25, 2006. On April 22, 2006 we will be Initiating our largest pledge class since the re-colonization. The following weekend, Epsilon Gamma is bringing back one of its best traditions, the year-end Pig Roast. The brothers are looking forward to a large crowd for the event. Details will be posted on the Epsilon Gamma web site soon and will appear in this newsletter.

Of course this fraternity wouldn't be what it is today without great alumni involvement. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the support and guidance the alumni have given the colony in the past few months. Your insight is truly invaluable and we look forward to seeing you at the house for some of our upcoming events. Your continued dedication has brought to life the phrase, "Once a Beta, Always a Beta, Everywhere a Beta."

Yours in ____kai____,

The Brother of the Epsilon Gamma Colony of Beta Theta Pi

17TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING *By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC communications director*

Last year we had a record turnout for the golf outing. This year we hope to do the same.

When:	Saturday, June 24, 2006
Where:	The Inn at St. John's (formerly St. John's Golf & Conference Center) 44045 Five Mile Road Plymouth, Michigan 48170 www.stjohnsgolfconference.com
Who:	Beta Alumni, Undergraduates, Parents and Guests
Cost:	\$85 è \$75 if you register and pay before May 1, 2006 \$15 (Dinner Only)
Includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18 Holes of Golf w/ Power Cart• Driving range

- Sleeve of golf balls
- Two beverage tokens
- Picnic dinner *(Includes hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, condiments, coleslaw, potato salad, chips, brownie and coffee, decaf, iced tea or lemonade, cash bar)*
- Refreshments at the 18th hole "gallery"
- Free shot at winning two "closest to the pin" and two "longest drive" contests

Format: Four-Man Scramble

- Contests:**
- Closest to the Pin *(Front & Back Nine - included with entry fee)*
 - Longest Drive *(Front & Back Nine - included with entry fee)*
 - Vegas Style betting hole on the final hole *(Chance to double your money if you land on the green)*
 - 50/50 Drawing and other door prizes

Accommodations: The Inn at St. Johns

Go to www.theinnatstjohns.com, click on **RESERVATIONS** (under accommodations) and from the reservation screen click on **GROUP RESERVATIONS**. They will be prompted for a Group Access Code. **YOUR GROUP ACCESS CODE: CMU-ATT**

[Click on this direct link](#) to our group reservation screen. This link does not require the Group Access Code. (or use this address: <http://snipurl.com/n7uj>)

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION: If you go to the St. John's website, you MUST reference your group code to receive your group rate. If you do not use this group code, you will be making reservations at the regular weekend rate.

You can also call The Inn at St. John's to make reservations. Main number (734) 414-0600, and ask for reservations.

Registration:

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Step one will be the registration form.

Step two will allow you to pay on-line or download the registration form and pay by check.

Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

EGHC MEETING WRAP-UP *By Tom Olver `98, EGHC president*

The Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation had a great meeting in Northville on Saturday, February 4th. (Special thanks to Brother John Coe for hosting!) The full minutes from the meeting are posted on the EG web site. (http://www.epsilongamma.org/EGHC.html#feb_2006_meeting)

Here are a few of the highlights:

1. Pig Roast has been slated for April 29 in Mt. Pleasant; Brother Nadeau will work with the Colony to bring back this great EG tradition.
2. The golf outing will be held June 24, 2006. (See above)

3. The next *For the Staunchest* will be mailed in March.
4. www.epsilongamma.org will be redesigned in 2006.
5. The Scholarship committee will make applications available to undergraduates on April 24. The deadline is May 15, and awards will be presented at the golf outing in June for the 2006-07 academic year.
6. The Board established a ceiling for 2006-07 rental rates and a sliding scale for rental rates based on occupancy.
7. The Board refined its policy regarding violations of the substance-free housing policy.
8. The Board adopted an initiation incentive plan, which provides for up to 100% reimbursement of the \$225 initiation fee. The plan is based on success in three key areas: academics (GPA during the pledging semester), recruitment (introducing new people to Beta) and leadership (holding office in the pledge class or in an outside organization.)
(http://www.epsilongamma.org/news.htm#initiation_incentive_feb_06)
9. Capital Fundraising Initiative commitments stand at \$103,700. Payments are being made and a strategy is being outlined for securing the remaining \$46,300 of the \$150,000 goal.
10. The Chapter's Sisson awards have been framed and are now hung in the Helman Foyer, along with a cool addition to the stair bench. Blinds have been ordered for Wooglin's Den and will be installed soon. A plan for other home furnishings (window treatments, furniture, etc.) is being outlined.
11. Our annual meeting and work weekend will be held in late-July or early August.

FOUNDERS AWARDS *By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC communications director*

If you read President Ross McCallum's report above, you know that we are bringing the Pig Roast back to Mt. Pleasant this year on April 29th. As you remember, one of the special aspects of the event is the chapter's presentation of the founders awards.

The EGHC is in the process of updating the plaques that were posted in the house for all of the awards. Tom Olver has spent many hours pouring over newsletters and meeting minutes to find the names of the people who should appear on the plaques and don't.

Here's a listing of the awards:

Randall Scott Helman award	
Responsible Leadership (Outstanding Beta of the Year)	
1986	Thomas J. Bussineau
1987	Kenneth B. Breen
1988	Todd J. Robinson
1989	Jeffrey T. Wandzel
1990	Douglas A. Ackerman
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1992	Keith C. Nagel
1993	Steven D. Desmet
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1995	Steven E. Henderson
1996	Chad E. Springer
1997	Gerald W. Van Horn

Matthew Francis Baad award	
Cultivation of the Intellect (Highest Pledge GPA)	
1986-Winter	Gary A. Zarkowski
1986-Fall	---missing information--- <i>Gamma Pledge Class (Steele, Kusowski, McDermott, Deighton)</i>
1987-Winter	Christopher P. Makowski
1987-Fall	Bradley D. Reaume
1988-Winter	Douglas A. Ackerman
1988-Fall	David M. Hasenleder
1989-Winter	John C. Phillips
1989-Fall	Gregory T. Kacy
1990-Winter	Stephen J. Pohe
1990-Fall	Andrew J. Shubnell

Thomas Joseph Bussineau award	
Father/Son Euchre Tournament	
1985	Richard & Scott Stoughton
1986	Ted & Bob Gronda
1987	Jim & Tyler Bollaert
1988	Jim & Tyler Bollaert
1989	David & Brendan Lambrix
1990	Mottem/Wisniewski (tie)
1991	Bob & Oren Lane
1992	Bezeau/Hill (tie)
1993	--missing--
1994	Dan & Steve Desmet
1995	Mike & Dave Dennis
1996	Bob & Oren Lane
1997	--missing--

1998	Thomas C. Olver
1999	Thomas D. Santilli
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2001	Mark B. Valchine

1991-Winter	Michael J. Godwin
We Are missing the information from Winter 1991 to Fall 1999	
1999-Fall	Joshua D. Weakland
We Are missing the information from Winter 2000 through Fall 2001	
2005-Fall	Brandyn K. Lawson

1998	Frank & Drew Wheatlake
1999	Larry & Dave Fouchea
2000	Rudy & Jason Nurmi
2001	Eric J. Konopka/Kevin Moncman

Steven Andrew Swindell award	
Lifelong Friendship (Beta Spirit Award)	
1990	Timothy F. Bussineau
1991	Todd A. DeVito
1992	Matthew J. Yandura
1993	Matthew J. Yandura
1994	--missing--
1995	Matthew J. Yandura
1996	Max J. Hunsicker
1997	Thomas D. Santilli
1998	Jason A. Catania
1999	Matthew J. Lonsway
2000	Bryan C. Scheffler
2001	Eric J. Konopka

Gregory Michael Compton award	
Responsible Social Conduct (Most Gentlemanly)	
1988	Todd J. Robinson
1989	Gregory A. Gauss
1990	Mark A. Hess
1991	Dean G. Lemont
1992	Stephen J. Pohe
1993	Steven M. Fouchea
1994	Steven M. Fouchea
1995	Phillip J. Adler
1996	Phillip J. Adler
1997	Donavan Jackson
1998	Jason A. Catania
1999	David A. Fouchea
2000	David A. Fouchea
2001	Seth M. Martin

Steven W. Martineau award	
Outstanding Alumnus	
1990	Robert A. Seeber Sr.
1991	Robert F. Seeber Jr.
1992	Kenneth B. Breen
1993	Todd A. DeVito
1994	--missing--
1995	Steven M. Grenus
1996	Douglas A. Ackerman
1997	Jeffrey T. Wandzel
1998	Steven M. Grenus
1999	Phillip J. Adler
2000	Scott R. Willey
2001	Kenneth B. Breen
2003	Gregory J. Abraham
2004	Scott D. Sawyer
2005	Thomas C. Olver

No awards were giving out from Spring 2002 - Fall 2005 with the Exception of the Martineau award.

If you know of any of the missing information for the awards, please contact Tom Olver (tolver@wooglin.com) or reply to this message and I'll pass on the information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>MARCH</p> <p>CMU SPRING BREAK Saturday, March 4 - Sunday March 12</p> <p>3 FIRES RITUAL Saturday, March 25</p>	<p>MAY</p> <p>CMU FINAL EXAMS May 1 - May 5</p>
<p>APRIL</p> <p>INITIATION & BETA 101 Saturday, April 22 Beta Theta Pi Administrative Office - Oxford,</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p>17TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING Saturday, June 24, 2006 The Inn at St. Johns - Plymouth, Michigan</p>

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**PIG ROAST & FAMILY DAY
(TENTATIVE)**
Saturday, April 29
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Registration at www.epsilongamma.org.

167th General Convention
June 29-July 2, 2006
Marriott Eaton Centre - Toronto, Ontario

THE BETA NETWORK

- **Steve Masters** `90 writes: Things in the UP (Escanaba) are fine...very busy I am the Executive Director for the Bays de Noc Convention and Visitors Bureau, and am currently serving on the Upper Peninsula Travel Recreation Board....keeps me pretty busy.
If anything happens and there is interest from any other brothers (if there are any in the UP) about colonizing at Northern Michigan University let me know I am only about an hour away and I am in Marquette a couple of times a month for meetings. Hope things are well and keep up the good work!
- **Brad Ervans** `99 was promoted to the position of E-Sales Director for NextMedia. Brad is responsible for all of the new upcoming sales programs on their websites. NextMedia is a rapidly growing out-of-home media company that owns and operates radio stations and outdoor advertising properties in large and mid-sized markets throughout the U.S.

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*

Twenty-eight members of the Epsilon Gamma rolls will celebrate a birthday this month. The average age of these men is **35**. The oldest brother with a birthday this month is **Bob Seeber, Sr., # 83** at **62** and the youngest is **Jacob Wiebel, #319**, at **24**.

3/1	Jacob Wiebel, #319		24
3/4	Jimi Latoff, #215	32	
3/5	Mark Newton, #29	41	
3/5	Trevor Wisniewski, #114	37	
3/6	Scott Erickson, #190	31	
3/7	Bob Seeber, Sr., #83	62	
3/7	Ed Smith, #30	42	
3/10	Greg Gauss, #28	40	
3/10	Robert Lopez, #150	36	
3/10	Don Trabulsy, #297		25
3/11	Jerry Van Horn, #186	31	
3/12	Joe Fox, #223	29	
3/12	Kevin Konopka, 264		26
3/16	Brandon Rogers, #195	32	
3/17	Dave Deighton, #71		39
3/17	Kent Richards, #76	38	
3/18	Chris Makowski, #74	39	
3/18	John Coe, #77	38	
3/19	Bob Hempton, #46	39	
3/20	Terry Turkelson, #135	36	
3/24	Todd Robinson, #51		41
3/25	Justin Jagger, #214		31
3/25	Dan Martinez, #224		31
3/26	Bill Hanley, #93	37	
3/27	Dave Dennis, #124	38	
3/28	Mike Wharton, #121	35	
3/29	Bryan Boyd, #263	26	

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*

I'm in the process of putting together a newsletter.

This month I'll also be updating the Alumni Directory.

Update your contact information here: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/betabase.html>

Yours in ____*kai*____,

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