

# THE EPSILON GAMMA OF BETA THETA PI

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## INITIATION/PIG ROAST - APRIL 29, 2006

*By Scott Nadeau `89, EGHC communications director*

The Pig Roast is on! Mark your calendars and start making plans.

The day will begin with the initiation ceremony for the current pledge class. This will be the first time since recolonization that the ritual will be performed in the Beta House. Because we are a small and growing colony, various alumni volunteers are needed for parts in the initiation ceremony. If you can volunteer your time the morning of the 29th, please contact Chapter Counselor Greg Compton. [compton@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:compton@aaps.k12.mi.us) or (734) 484-1476

That afternoon, we'll be carrying on the tradition of the year-end Pig Roast. The Varner Family has been booked to roast the Pig. Most of you will remember Lenny Varner "The International Pig Roaster." We don't know if Lenny is going to make an appearance, (He has mostly retired from Pig Roasting) but we do know that his son will be there.

The event will be held at a local park in Mt. Pleasant. (Preferably Island Park - as of this writing the park is not confirmed.) As with past Pig Roasts, you will be highly encouraged to bring a dish to pass. The event will be Bring Your Own Beverage.

After dinner, the undergraduates will be presenting the founder's awards for the first time since recolonization followed by a Loving Cup.

Within the next couple of weeks I'll send out detailed information including the schedule for the day and information to let you know what type of food to bring.

For now, call your family and friends in the fraternity and let them know that the Pig Roast is on! Let's bring this proud tradition of our chapter back in style.

If you would like to help with the organization of the event from the alumni side, please contact Scott Nadeau. [scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org](mailto:scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org) or (734) 417-2615.

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## FROM THE DESK OF GREG COMPTON, COLONY COUNSELOR

*By Greg Compton `86, colony counselor*

Gentlemen,

The members that we have at Central Michigan are functioning like a fraternity. With six active members and four to five new member pledges, they are making progress. With the leadership of Ross McCallum as President and a cabinet of Kris Wellman, Brandyn Lawson, Matt Bush, and Ben Reedy, Epsilon Gamma is moving forward.

The new member pledges have stepped up to the plate to get involved right away. They are taking on tasks already, and making the organization run a bit more smoothly. Many hands do make light work. It is good to see some enthusiasm from the group.

Greek Week has begun and they are attempting to be a force in their participation even with a small group. They are a bit stretched here, but they are doing well all the same.

Colony meetings have been running well. They are able to conduct their business expeditiously, and are typically done within an hour's time. It is great to see this happening.

I must recognize Phil Adler who stepped up to the plate to help these guys over this semester. His dedication to recruitment was a key to some of the success they were able to have this term. It has been a blessing to have a person right in the area helping the group out.

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One way that I have been able to stay in touch with the group has been through web conferencing using a Web Cam. This helps when the trip to CMU can be a long one at times, but working with these brothers is a treat. They are upstanding men, and are wearing the badge well.

We are moving forward. It seems slow at the moment, but I believe that we are gaining momentum. With this I can see that we can see Epsilon Gamma improve to the status that we once had at CMU.

Dates to mark down. Advisor Meeting and Kickoff retreat. August 5, 2006. Location to be determined. I am looking to find a place in Lansing, so that it would be central to all of us. Let me know if you have any ideas.

Initiation on April 29th and Pig Roast in the afternoon.

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## 17TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**By Scott Nadeau `89, EGHC communications director**

You have until the end of the month if you want to save \$10 on your registration fee.

**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](http://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)**

**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.

All the details are here: [http://www.epsilongamma.org/upcoming\\_events.htm#2006\\_GO](http://www.epsilongamma.org/upcoming_events.htm#2006_GO)

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## LAWSON RECEIVES FALL 2005 BAAD SCHOLARSHIP

**By Tom Olver `98, EGHC president**

The Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation recently awarded a \$200 academic scholarship to Brandyn K. Lawson '09, an undergraduate member of the Epsilon Gamma colony of Beta Theta Pi. The Baad Scholarship was created and funded by Epsilon Gamma founding father, Matthew F. Baad '85 in October 2005 to recognize the outstanding new member from each semester's pledge class.

Lawson, a biomedical sciences major from Sandusky, earned a 3.93 during his first semester at Central Michigan University. "I chose to join Beta because of the brotherhood, the leadership opportunities and, most of all, because Beta is a different type of fraternity — one that will set the standard here at CMU," said Lawson. His goals for the semester include working on pledge retention, along with making the pledging program fun. "This semester, we are really focused on growing and becoming more visible on campus," he added. As for his personal goals, Lawson intends to go on to one of the top seven medical schools in the country to become a plastic surgeon and open his own practice.

In addition to the scholarship, Lawson will have the privilege of wearing the "Baad badge" — a custom made Fraternity pin bearing Baad's name and roll number — for the duration of his first active semester.

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More than a dozen annual scholarship funds have been established by Chapter alumni through a special ongoing Capital Fundraising Initiative. Up to \$4,000 — 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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## TREVOR IS SELLING HIS TICKETS

*By Trevor Wisniewski `91*

Guys,

I have season tix to the Lions and U of M. I am selling all of the games so I thought I'd give you first crack at them if you want any of them. Email me at [trevorw@comcast.net](mailto:trevorw@comcast.net) if you are interested.

**U of M tix – 35 yard line, sec 44, ¾ of the way up, four seats.**

Schedule:

Sept 2 – Vanderbilt

Sept 9 – CMU

Sept 23 – Wisconsin

Oct 7 – MSU

Oct 21 - IOWA

Oct 28 - Northwestern (Homecoming)

Nov 4 – Ball State

**Lions tix – endzone, section 118, 16th row off the field, four seats.**

Home game dates not announced but the opponents have been announced:

Chicago  
Green Bay  
Minnesota  
San Francisco  
Seattle  
Buffalo  
Miami  
Atlanta

Let me know.

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Trevor Wisniewski

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

#### INITIATION & BETA 101

**Saturday, April 29 10:00 AM**

*814 S. Main  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan*

#### PIG ROAST & FAMILY DAY

**Saturday, April 29 STARTS AT  
NOON, DINNER AT 4:00 PM**

*Mt. Pleasant, Michigan*

### JUNE

#### 17TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**Saturday, June 24, 2006**

*The Inn at St. Johns - Plymouth,  
Michigan*

*Registration at*

[www.epsilongamma.org](http://www.epsilongamma.org).

#### 167th General Convention

**June 29-July 2, 2006**

*Marriott Eaton Centre - Toronto, Ontario*

<b>MAY</b>  <b>CMU FINAL EXAMS</b> May 1 - May 5	

## THE BETA NETWORK

- **Mitch Uyeda `05** writes: Just graduated from CMU with a degree in Marketing and Advertising in December. Started my new job at ForeSee Results in Ann Arbor on January 17, 2006 as a Data Analyst. We measure customer satisfaction of eCommerce and websites. I am currently living in Saline pretty close to my little brother, Jake Weibel (EG 319).
- **Dave Steiner `99** writes: ...been pretty busy lately, as we all are, but wanted to share the news - Liz and I are expecting another baby in September. So far so good, we're both excited! Katie has no idea what's about to hit her! Hope all is well, -Dave

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).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY *By Tom Olver `98, EGHC president*

Twenty-two members of the Epsilon Gamma rolls will celebrate a birthday this month. The average age of these men is 33. The oldest brother with a birthday this month is **Scott Batchelor, #31** at 44 and the youngest is **Bob English, #324**, at 23.

4/1	Scott Jackson, #245	30	
4/5	Chad Allen, #153		34
4/11	Steve Hunt, #42	40	
4/13	Aaron Schmitzer, #278	25	
4/14	Scott Batchelor, #31	44	
	Donavan Jackson, #183	37	
	Burke Daneman, #294	25	
4/16	Jim Mottern, #81		38
4/20	Adam Williams, #270	26	
4/21	Tom Santilli, #233		27
4/22	Paul Wagner, #14		41
4/23	Todd Binsfield, #196	31	
4/26	Tony Boomer, #53		40
	Chris Hayes, #63		39
	Bob English, #324		23
4/27	Jason Cooley, #217	32	
4/28	Mark Woodard, #10	44	
	James Cox, #86	41	
4/29	Matt Baad, #2	43	
	Matt Frendewey, #322	24	
4/30	Matt Lonsway, #246	27	
	Jeff Weakland, #280	25	

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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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