

A New Look for the E-News!

Our website has also changed. Take a look at www.epsilongamma.org.

Colony Kick-off Retreat Successful

Actives and Advisors gathered in Saginaw on August 5th for this fall's Kick-off retreat.

The day consisted of analyzing the past year to understand what the colony did well, what goals were missed, what needed to be done to improve for this school year. There was also quite a lengthy discussion on the [SCOE \(Standard Chapter Operating Expectations\)](#) and how to reach them.

Three main themes emerged from the discussions: Recruitment, Retention and Recreation. The following S.M.A.R.T. goals were agreed upon:

Recruitment

1. The colony will recruit at least eleven men by September 24th.
2. The colony will have one-on-one contact with at least fifty men by September 23rd.
3. The colony will have 100% external involvement on campus by December 16th.
4. The colony will hold a Recruitment workshop by September 5th with the assistance of Adam Porter-Price.

Retention

1. The colony will initiate eleven men by November 18th.
2. The colony will plan post-induction programming by September 10th with the assistance of Adam Porter-Price.
3. The colony will receive training on the Epsilon Gamma Incentive Program by September 10th.

Recreation

1. In accordance with the directives of the 167th General Convention, the colony will hold at least one brotherhood event every other week throughout the semester.
2. The colony will produce a long-term plan for participation in Central Michigan intramural sports by December 16th.
3. The colony will have no violations of the Risk Management Policy of Beta Theta Pi in the fall semester.

In addition to the three main themes, the issue of finances was also discussed.

Finances

1. The colony will elect a treasurer by August 26th.
2. The colony will collect 100% of dues by October 13th.
3. The Kai Committee will establish sanctions for financial delinquency during its first meeting.
4. The chapter will establish a PayPal account for dues payment by September 1st.

Now is time to put those words into action.

Special thanks to Brad Ervans for hosting the meeting and buying the doughnuts.

If you have questions about the event, please direct them to Chapter Counselor Greg Compton '86.
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(734) 484-1476

Homecoming 2006

October 14th is Homecoming at CMU. Bring the family and renew those Beta ties!

The schedule is as follows:

- 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast (by Barbara Koehn) & Open House — 814 S. Main Street
- 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. Ball State) — Kelly/Shorts Stadium. To order game tickets please call the Athletic Ticket Office at 1-888-FIREUP2 or visit them on the web at <http://www.cmuchippewas.com/>.

Remember, as of last year, the property at 814 S. Main is alcohol and substance free. Please do not bring either to the house.

**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>.*

For the Staunchest is coming your way

I'm in the process of putting together a newsletter. Included will be new reports from the Colony, Chapter Counselor and EGHC president. Some of the reports will be from previous E-newsletters as nearly 1/3 of our members do not receive the monthly updates.

If you have moved since November 2005 and have yet to update your address, please go to the update page on the web and update your info.
http://www.epsilongamma.org/alumni_files/betabase.htm

Lost Brothers: If you are on the listed posted [here](#) you will not get a newsletter unless you update your information. If you see anyone you know on that list, let them know that they are "lost."

If you have any personal news you would like printed in *For the Staunchest* either send it to me by replying to this message or use the link above to fill in the form on the web site.

EGHC Meeting & Work Weekend Wrap-up

By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC Communications Director

The Housing Corporation gathered in Mt. Pleasant on August 12th to hold its annual meeting and to perform a few tasks at the house.

The house remains in excellent condition after the massive renovations from last summer. The work weekend this year consisted of mostly routine maintenance tasks.

Here are some highlights from the meeting:

- The EGHC will be looking for suggestions for this year's golf outing
 - The board will be investigating the possibility of holding a poker night (informal) gathering
 - Our domain www.epsilongamma.org will be renewed for another five years
 - \$1500 in scholarships were awarded this summer, \$2500 more will be awarded spring semester
 - The 2006-07 budget was approved
 - The initiation incentive plan was extended for this year
 - Asset Allocation language was added to the By-laws
 - Leasing rates for 2007-08 were approved
 - Marty Kaiser was appointed the Housing Corporation Board
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- The slate of officers for the EGHC for 2006-07 was approved
- An update to the *Capital Fundraising Initiative* was presented
- A list of *Continuous Improvement Plan* projects was presented

Full meeting minutes will be posted on the new EGHC reports page on the web site soon. When they are posted you will be able to find them [here](#). As with all past reports, financial information will be available by password from the Members Only section of the site.

If you have any questions about the Housing Corporation meeting, you can reply to this message or e-mail me independently. scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org

Upcoming Events

<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>CMU - U of M FOOTBALL Saturday, September 9, 2006 Ann Arbor, Michigan</p>	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>Initiation Week November 12 - 18, 2006</p> <p>Alumni Dinner Friday November 17, 2006</p> <p>Initiation Saturday, November 18, 2006</p> <p><i>Details for initiation will be posted soon.</i></p>
<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>CMU HOMECOMING Saturday, October 14, 2006 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan vs. Ball State, Game time is 1:00 PM</p> <p>Three Fires Saturday, October 28, 2006 <i>Details TBA</i></p>	<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>Exam Week December 11 - 15, 2006</p>

EG's interactive full event calendar is [here](#).

The Beta Network

- **Jim Mottern `91** writes: My girlfriend of two years (yes 2) and I wed on July 28, 2006 in Traverse City, MI. We were happy to have a small 40 person wedding in Northern Michigan, where the surroundings and intimate setting made it the most memorable week of our lives. We decided against the 200 person blowout in Phoenix, which at the end of the day, ended up being the best decision we've ever made. Kathryn is a sales rep for the Geiger Company, and I'm a finance sr. analyst for Honeywell corporate. We reside in Gilbert, AZ. Please call us when you vacation in Phoenix, we'll take you out on the town.
- **David Steiner `99** writes: It's a BOY!! Henry David was born at 10:59 am on August 31st. He was 7 lbs 3 oz and 19.5 inches. Big sister Katie is fascinated by him and really likes him - we'll see if that changes by the end of the week. We look forward to introducing him to everyone!
[pictures here: http://www.epsilongamma.org/news_files/betanetwork.html]

BETAS IN THE MILITARY

- **Matt Mularoni `95** reported that he was scheduled to be redeployed to Iraq in August.

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-three members of the Epsilon Gamma rolls will celebrate a birthday this month. The average age of these men is 32. The oldest brother with a birthday this month is Kevin Lambrix, #25 at 40 and the youngest is Mark Andersen, #338, at 21.

9/1	Kevin Lambrix, #25	41	
9/2	Bryan Hix, #140	35	
	Brad Ervans, #220	34	
9/4	Mark Andersen, #338	21	
9/6	Erik Weatherford, #235		32
	Gary Hardwick, #295	25	
9/8	Khrist Baker-Donnan, #311	25	
9/9	Ken Almas, #157	37	
9/10	Mike Erickson, #60	39	
9/12	Glenn Cross, #102	38	
9/13	Brady Martin, #204	33	
9/15	Joe Metiva, #125	38	
9/16	Todd DeVito, #147	38	
	Jason Thuss, #239	28	
9/19	Tom Parr, #290	27	
9/20	Ramzey Samhat, #267		26
9/22	Lee Natzke, #189	31	
	Jim Levering, #249	28	
9/23	John Ruggerillo, #75	39	
9/26	Keith Parmley, #173	34	
9/29	Randy Kusowski, #66	40	
	Adam Hilt, #250	27	
9/30	Kurt Landreth, #289	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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