

Advisory Report

By Greg Compton '86, chapter counselor

Hello brothers, and I am glad to greet you in this fraternal way. It is time to give you an update on how things are going with the advisory team, and also how I feel that the CMU colony is progressing. I hope that at the time of this entry that everyone is healthy and ready to greet the changing season from warm to cooler, well cold in the Michigan area.

Presently we are lead by a team of Jeff Wandzel, financial advisor; Brad Ervans, Risk Management; Chuck Williams Pledge Education; Phil Adler, Recruitment Advisor for Winter Semester; Mark DuRocher, Ritual Advisor. These roles are being attempted to be done as best as each brother can handle, but each has their own difficulties with being able to give as much as they would like. This is why I am really reaching out to you in the Beta's Broad Domain to think about assisting in these areas. Bubba Koehn is available to Brad to assist him, but I am sure that others would be a great addition to our team. Even Chris May '06 has come on board as a general advisor. Specifically, though I am speaking to you whom live in the immediate area of Mt. Pleasant. If you live within a 45-minute drive as opposed to the drive that many of us make of two hours, it would really allow us to do more as a team to support the brotherhood.

The more presence we have in Mt. Pleasant as a support system, the better off we will be. I know that many of you have busy lives, as do I. I do remember though that it meant a lot to me when I was helping to begin our chapter that when Steve Martineau, or Andy Prentice from General would come around, it was always good to bounce some things off of them. Without the Internet, they were our only lifelines. Some of you had some advisory team assistance and I hope that it was a beneficial experience. Maybe it is your turn to pay back what you received.

I know and realize that this is very impersonal, and you may believe that brothers are knocking down the door to be an important part of our presence at CMU, but sadly I don't get any e-mails of brothers wanting to give some of their times and talents. As well, I was very depressed at the turn out for Homecoming. You know, times do change and alcohol doesn't have to run our lives to have a good time for a couple of hours at the house to renew friendships and show support to the colony members. I know that I am not the best example, and I am probably not the best person to be saying this because I was a lost Beta for over ten years following my graduation from CMU. But, I have made up for it, and then some over the last three years.

Please think about the fact that when we joined this organization that we made a promise to be a Beta for life. It doesn't mean that we have to continually think about it however it was a gift that helped develop us into the men we are today. You too could be a difference maker by showing up for events and activities that are shown on the website that brother Nadeau keeps going for our group.

We are all at different places in our lives and some of us are out of the area and unable to lend a hand or visit. Some of us are fighting for our freedom overseas, but there are some of us who have something to give yet we just sit back and let life happen? Could you find it in yourself to see if it could fit for you? E-mail me, call me, and meet me in Mt. Pleasant during a function. You would be amazed at the energy of the brothers and the pledges, and well as seeing how your home for a few or a couple of years has changed since you attended.

I don't want to lay a guilt trip on anyone. I just want to invite you to a brotherhood that you are still a part of, and can continue to contribute to.

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Homecoming 2006

By Tom Olver '98, EGHC president

Alumni, spouses, children and friends joined the 11 active members and seven pledges of the Epsilon Gamma Colony in Mt. Pleasant on Saturday, October 14th for CMU's Homecoming.

Betas and guests were treated to a tasty brunch prepared by Beta Sweetheart Barb Koehn, wife of Paul "Bubba" Koehn and mother to Phil Adler. Following brunch, attendees braved a chilly mid-Michigan morning to watch the Homecoming Parade march down Main Street. "It's always fun to get together with old friends, connect with the undergrads and see the improvements to the house," said Colony Counselor Greg Compton '86. Playing foosball with his two young sons, Jay Catania '99 added, "I wanted my brothers to meet my boys." The Chippewas beat the Cardinals of Ball State, 18-7 in an exciting game at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

Pictures from this year's Homecoming are posted on our web site. www.epsilongamma.org

The Pulse

By Greg Compton '86, chapter counselor

I call this the pulse, because it is an article about the life of the brotherhood at this time for the EG Colony.

Brandyn Lawson is at the helm of the ship. He is driving the boat with John Morelli as VP and Risk Management Chair; Phil Klassen as Treasurer; Mark Anderson, Recruitment; Todd Wood as Ritual; Norm Klein as House M. Adam Porter-Price, from General is doing the Pledge Education at this time.

Some of the membership has changed, and it hasn't been an easy transition. A few members who were from the founding group have struggled with their roles and feeling a part of the changing colony. However, the group is moving forward and the seven pledges, fourth largest in recruitment for all fraternities on campus, are totally charged up and ready to take their places. They all have taken on roles as members of the cabinet. This is a great way to get pledges involved and feeling part of the fraternity.

With guidance from Adam Porter-Price, the group has been doing fairly well with becoming more of a fraternity. Brandyn has done a good job with follow through on a whole with the organization. Phil Klassen with mentoring from Jeff Wandzel have implemented a payment plan that can be used for the membership and the pledges to pay dues using PayPal. They have also made a commitment to paying down a debt from last year, and are right on top of it. Financially getting us in good standing.

The group is solid. Grades are the key and the new potential members are very energized and willing to go the distance. I had a chance to experience an Eye with the group along with Jeff Wandzel during the night of Three Fires. We did it outside around a fire, and man, was it cold, but comfortable in a strange way. We probably started around 11:00p.m. and ended at about 2:45 a.m. I'm telling you, as a wiser gentleman of 42, it was a bit late for me, and looking at Jeff, him as well. It was, however a great experience and it allowed me to really connect with the active membership more, and get to have a better understanding of the pledges. The group is solid!!!

More is in store for the group, and I am sure that they are ready to meet the challenge for this semester, and into next year. Go BETA!

Capital Fundraising Initiative Marches On

By Tom Olver '98, EGHC president

Preserving the Past . . . Enhancing the Future

Thanks to the generous support of 40 Epsilon Gamma alumni, we are now 68% of the way to our goal of raising \$150,000 for academic scholarships, leadership development sponsorships, alumni activities and communications and house improvements. That's right! As of October 31, 2006, we have received pledges totaling \$102,100. In the last two years, an impressive \$21,572.32 has been collected by the Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation and an additional \$9,275 has been paid into the Central Michigan Chapter Fund at the Beta Theta Pi Foundation.

In addition to his initial gift of \$2,500 to co-sponsor an academic scholarship and a bedroom in the house (with Trevor Wisniewski '91), Bryan D. Hix '93 recently elected to pledge an additional \$1,500 for landscaping at the chapter house. Thanks, Bryan, for your continued dedication and support!

Information on the Capital Fundraising Initiative can be found at www.epsilongamma.org/alumni_files/cfi.htm.

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>Initiation Week November 12 - 18, 2006</p> <p>Alumni Dinner Friday November 17, 2006 7:30 PM 814 S. Main</p> <p>Initiation Saturday, November 18, 2006 10:00 AM 814 S. Main</p> <p>Advisor Meeting Saturday, November 18, 2006 Following Initiation</p>	<p>Exam Week December 11 - 15, 2006</p>

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

The Beta Network

- **Joe Balinski `00** writes: Dear Brothers, I went to homecoming for the first time in five years. I had a great time and saw a lot of friends and brothers that I have lost contact with while I was on hiatus. Presently, I'm working for Spring Arbor University as the North Region Student Services Coordinator in the Gaylord University Center. I live in Petoskey with my wife of 3 years, Laura, who I lavaliered at formal. I plan to attend Pig Roast, and hope to see more of the alumni brothers in attendance. If anyone likes to ski or snowboard please email or call me as I live next to the ski resorts. One final note, the alumni brothers who are updating the web site, working on the house, and advising the actives are doing an excellent job. My hat is off to all of you.

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

Thirty-eight members of the Epsilon Gamma rolls will celebrate a birthday this month. The average age of these men is 34.8. The oldest brother with a birthday this month is **Bob Gronda, #22** at 44 and the youngest is **Erik Bilbrey, #292**, at 25.

11/3	Joe Santilli, #213		33
11/4	Kevin Martin, #101		39
	Matt McCluskey, #184		33
11/5	Bob Seeber, Jr., #35		43
	Rich Ballor, #68		40
	Eric Konopka, #252		28
11/6	Sandy Gaulin, #41		40
	Jeff Hughes, #152		34
11/8	Brent Bradkey, #84		43
11/12	Bob Gronda, #22	44	
11/13	Joe Balinski, #242		31
11/14	Steve Desmet, #141		34
11/15	Scott McQuillin, #148		37
	John Hill, #120	36	
	Mike Griffin, #138		36

	Willie Hilliker, #194		34
	Tom Olver, #191	31	
11/16	Chuck Parker, #89		38
	Rob Brisson, #304		26
11/18	Matt Louks, #106		36
	Jay Catania, #236		34
	Jim Cone, #218	31	
11/19	Ted Gronda, #38	43	
	Brad Bezeau, #159		36
	Marc Walkowski, #230		31
11/22	Gordon Tomlin, #119		39
11/24	Kevin Steele, #70		39
	Chad Springer, #198		33
11/25	Jacob Ott, #219	29	
11/26	Dylan Wright, #229		32
	Kyle Ranson, #226		30
11/27	Marc Rosa, #128	37	
	Mark Ruhling, #309		32
11/28	Erik Bilbrey, #292		25
11/29	Scott Willey, #225		31
	Bryan Scheffler, #260		29
11/30	Tom Ross, #50	41	
	Jeff Fielstra, #161		36

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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