

## The Pulse

*By Greg Compton '86, chapter counselor*

On February 3, the Housing Corp., people from the Beta Administrative Office, the District Chief, and the EG Advising Team met together with three of the colony E-board members to determine how best to perform as one to further the colony and make it ready to charter. We discussed how to communicate with each other better, and most importantly determine that we needed one captain to handle the organization and report out to the rest of the fraternity. This meant that the EGAT would be the hub and all lines coming into it and out of it will help to build the Epsilon Gamma Colony.

With the communication centralized, we have seen the colony, under the leadership of Brandyn Lawson, President, and the rest of the E-Board take the colony to new heights. We have become good at recruitment bringing in eight men during rush. This is more than any fraternity at Central. Being a man of principle has some merit to it, as friendship and integrity, along with being a good scholar are truly important characteristics to have. WE have these attributes, and will succeed because of them.

Keystone, a conference for the E-board members and advisers was attended well. Even though I did not attend, I could tell that it was a good conference. Hindsight being 20/20 I should have been there. Although some balance is necessary in volunteer roles with family, church, work and so on. I am grateful to Jeff Wandzel and Scott Nadeau for going to the conference on behalf of the AT.

In the meantime we have taken steps forward in communicating with the colony and seeing the fruits of our labor. This led us to the Three Fires ritual on Feb. 23rd.

The following is the excerpt from the next *For the Staunchest* Newsletter. I include this because it sums up how I feel right now:

The Friday activity was the Three Fires Ritual. This went off without a hitch, well except for Mark Anderson tripping in the snow. It was pretty funny. At least he was a good sport about it. We then gathered back and warmed up. We went upstairs and conducted an Eye. We finished six hours later at four in the morning. That wasn't it, as we went on to do some more conversations and such until just after five. Some of the actives stayed up and played Texas Hold'em. This lasted to at least 7:00 a.m. Long night and late morning.

The whole situation may have challenged me to be able to stay up, and to be able to be a dad later that day, but it was well worth it. Not only did it allow me to get to know the membership, but share some time with Scott Nadeau as well. Clearly it was beneficial to me, and I hope the colony as well. It was a bonding evening, and a good time, even without alcohol.

The part I wish to share with you the most is the fact that my job has become a bit simpler. The reason for this is due to the colony actually acting like a fraternity. They had it all together. They had great attendance, and they had everything that they needed. (The most important, being the key to Brandyn's cottage.)

I have to admit that I was becoming a bit weepy because I was so happy to see that they did not need my prompting, or advice to conduct the trip to the cottage or for the experience. This is one of the biggest steps in Epsilon Gamma returning to its stature at Central Michigan. I was truly overwhelmed by the whole experience, and it is great to see the camaraderie between the brothers. The interactions were so reminiscent of the days of yore when I was an undergrad.

I encourage anyone who can make it to some of the upcoming events and activities to visit with the group. The brothers and new members are in a class all by themselves. I am sure that

just by looking at them that you would be able to tell that they are Betas.  
After interacting with them, you will be able to confirm it by the way that they carry themselves.  
Epsilon Gamma is a force to be reckoned with now and in the future.

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## EGHC Update

*By Tom Olver '98, EGHC President*

On February 3, representatives of the Colony, advising team, housing corporation and General Fraternity met at the Friends Church in Ypsilanti to discuss how to best support the Colony in the weeks and months ahead. We had good conversation about facilitating communication, planning for the Chapter's future and establishing strategies for the next phase of the Colony's development. The Colony is making solid progress and is poised for a great spring semester in Mt. Pleasant (by now you've seen the updates on the induction of eight new members and the Colony's 3.21 fall semester GPA!)

After a fine lunch (thanks to Greg and Dana Compton), we got down to addressing the business of the EGHC. It was perhaps the most widely attended meeting in some time (two undergraduate officers, two Colony advisors, two other alumni, District Chief AJ Calkins, newly-appointed Assistant District Chief Matt Armstrong, and four EGHC Board members.) Ironically, we were without a quorum as five Board members were unable to attend.

Here are a few key pieces of information:

- The Pig Roast is slated for April 21 in Mt. Pleasant
- Jon Eadie & Mike Wharton will chair this year's golf outing
- We have collected \$7,550 in scholarship money since 10/12/2005 and have awarded \$2,900 to nine recipients (12 scholarships)
- Ten leases have been signed for fall 2007; nine for spring 2008. We may have a few members of the spring pledge class interested in signing for next year.
- Board terms for Olver, Grenus and Parker expire in Summer 2007; nominations will be sought in the coming months to fill vacancies.
- Capital Fundraising Initiative pledges/contributions stand at \$101,200. An effort to complete the Campaign solicitation will occur over the next six months.
- The EGHC will plan to institute an annual giving campaign in 2007. Those with CFI pledges will not receive direct solicitations for the annual fund.
- An effort to secure funding for Chapter House furnishings will begin soon, as an alternative to longer-term Capital Fundraising efforts.
- I will meet with the Colony membership before the end of the school year to discuss Continuous Improvement Plans for the Chapter House.

The annual meeting and work weekend will be held on Saturday, August 11 in Mt. Pleasant. A Conference Call or meeting (in conjunction with Pig Roast) will likely be scheduled for April. If you have questions or comments, please let me know.

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## Coming Soon

*By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC Communications Chair*

We've been fortunately lately to be able to announce many great things that are happening with our fraternity in Mt. Pleasant. I'd like to take this opportunity to announce some of the next steps that the guys are taking toward getting their charter. The plan is to win a Sisson and get a charter at the 2008 General Convention.

First of all, the colony is mailing out an alumni newsletter. This is something that the men are doing on their own from start to finish, and hope to send out once a semester.

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Secondly, the colony is in the process of holding their first outreach fundraiser. Letters have already been mailed to family and friends. They are also going to ask alumni for donations. The goal in this process is to provide a few "dues scholarships." The brothers have met quality men during the last few recruitment periods worthy to wear the badge yet unable to pay the fees associated with joining our group. A dues scholarship program will allow them to bring these qualified men into the group.

Third, the men are looking to move more people into the house than we've had since recolonization. There's even talk of sprucing up the basement.

Fourth, the men will be performing an honorary initiation ceremony the morning of the Pig Roast on April 21. The purpose of this ceremony is to initiate several of the active and supportive fathers. Just as fathers Bob Seeber Sr. and Paul "Bubba" Koehn showed their worthiness and signed the rolls, this generations fathers will do so at the end of April.

Finally, and one of the most exciting things.... The men in the colony are planning to have a second pledge period this semester. There are enough qualified guys still interested in joining the fraternity yet this semester. After this pledge class is initiated on March 17, the new pledge class will be inducted. Their pledge program will run until the end of Spring Semester.

I hope that you support the efforts that the EG colony is making this semester, and support their fundraising efforts so that more qualified men can join our ranks.

Feel free to send any words of encouragement to President Brandyn Lawson:

[lawso1bk@cmich.edu](mailto:lawso1bk@cmich.edu)

Brandyn reads all positive comments aloud during chapter meetings.

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## Golf Outing Update

*By Jon Eadie `93 and Mike Wharton `93, Golf Outing Chairmen*

A couple of weeks ago asked you to circle August 11th on your calendar's for this year's golf outing in pencil. Well we asked you do so in pencil for a reason. You can now circle **AUGUST 18, 2007** in **PEN**. One of the reasons we moved the date back a week is that we hope to have an appearance by Maj. Matt Mularoni '95, if we can get Uncle Sam's cooperation.

***What: Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing/Texas Hold'em Tournament***

***When: August 18, 2007 12:00 p.m.***

***Where: Brae Burn Golf Club, Plymouth, Michigan (home of the Monster, a 617 yard, double dog leg Par 5)***

There will be a boxed lunch when we tee off and a steak dinner afterwards. After dinner we will be holding a Texas Hold'em tournament (open to anyone, not just participants in the golf outing). We expect to have a hole-in-one contest, skins game, closest to the pin, longest drive, door prizes, gift bags, etc. We hope to make this an event you tell your grandchildren about...or at least worth your while for an August afternoon. We have had a nice response to our request for volunteers.

If you would like to help out in any way, or if you are interested in sponsorship or donating prizes please contact us at [golfouting07@epsilongamma.org](mailto:golfouting07@epsilongamma.org).

Yours in

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Michael Wharton `93

Jon Eadie `93

EG Golf Outing Co-Chairmen 2007

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## Pig Roast 2007

*By Scott Nadeau `89, EGHC Communications Chair*

April 21st is shaping up to be a historical day in the life of the chapter. Island Park is booked, Lenny "The International Pig Roaster" soon will be booked. By my count, this will be the 19th annual pig roast.

The day will begin at 10:00 am at the house for an honorary initiation ceremony. Up to three fathers of current members will be inducted onto the rolls of our chapter. Immediately following the ceremony, the house will open up for house tours.

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Beginning around noon we'll head over to Island Park for fun and games. Food will be served around 3:00 and the colony's awards ceremony will follow.

The event is BYOB, and everyone is expected to bring a dish or two to pass. We are still looking for a permanent sponsor for the pig roast though the [Capital Fundraising Initiative](#), so we will be asking for people to chip in to offset the costs of roasting the pig.

Next month we'll talk about what to bring and donating to the "pig fund."

Got ideas for the Pig Roast? Send them to [scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org](mailto:scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org).

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## Mason Receives Fall 2006 Baad Scholarship

*By Tom Olver '98, EGHC president*

The Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation recently awarded a \$200 academic scholarship to Drew D. Mason '10, 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 Francis Baad '85 in October 2005 to recognize the outstanding new member from each semester's pledge class.

Mason, an elementary education in mathematics major (music minor) from Lansing, earned a 3.87 during the fall 2006 semester. "I joined Beta Theta Pi because I really liked the guys and because I wanted to get involved in something," offers Mason. "Beta looked like the right thing to get involved in." As Colony chorister, his goals for the semester include becoming a chapter (chartering) and continuing to improve Beta's image on campus. Mason plans to contribute by maintaining the proper image as well as applying himself diligently to the well-being of the Colony. As for his personal goals, Mason would like to maintain a strong GPA through graduation and be a "great contributor" to Beta Theta Pi at CMU. A piano player and percussionist, Mason enjoys backpacking, canoeing, camping and "anything involving the outdoors."

In addition to the scholarship, Mason 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.

More than a dozen annual scholarship funds have been established by Chapter alumni through a special ongoing Capital Fundraising Initiative. Nearly \$3,000 — divided into \$250 and \$500 scholarships — has already been awarded since January 2006 and an additional \$3,250 is slated for distribution to undergraduate members in 2007-08.

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 121 campuses in the United States and Canada.

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## Epsilon Gamma Leaders Attend Keystone Conference

*By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC Communications Director*

Colony President Brandyn Lawson, Vice-President John Morelli, Treasurer Phil Klassen and Recruitment Chairman Robert Hunter along with Financial Advisor Jeff Wandzel and Communications Advisor Scott Nadeau attended the inaugural Northeast *Keystone Regional Leadership Conference*. They were joined by EGHC President and *Beta Theta Pi Magazine* Editor Tom Olver, District Chief AJ Calkins and Leadership Consultant Adam Porter-Price.

From [www.thebetathetapi.org](http://www.thebetathetapi.org):

The Northeast Keystone, held February 9-11 at the Pittsburgh Airport Holiday Inn, was a high quality, regional education experience focusing on chapter officer development, principled leadership and volunteer training. While Beta Theta Pi offers other values-based leadership opportunities, this was the first to target chapter officers with specific operational concepts.

The curriculum for this program, still in the pilot phase, focused on personal leadership, managing conflict and maintaining an effective team dynamic among chapter executive officers. The *Keystone* provides an opportunity for chapter executive teams to learn, discuss and set goals together. Similarly, chapter advisors participated in an *Advisory Team*

*Conference.*

The event, with more than 350 officers and advisors in attendance, served as a tremendous opportunity for fellowship, recognition and outreach to local alumni.

Overall, the *Keystone Regional Leadership Conference* has been a tremendous success in filling a void in officer and advisor training and fanning the flame of principled leadership in regions of the United States and Canada. "The *Keystone* experience is all about aligning chapter leadership with the three great principles, pulling together the missing piece in bringing Beta back to her founding principles," offered General Secretary David Wright, Ohio State '67.

The members of the colony executive board and advising team who attended will take the information gained from the experience and apply it to the daily operations of the colony. Beta Theta Pi provides numerous leadership opportunities for its undergraduates to meet and learn from fellow Betas throughout North America.

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## Need Your Help For A Great Foundation!!!!

*By Mike Stanziola '95*

Hello Brothers,

This July 26th-29th, I will be cycling 300 miles to raise funds and awareness for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. I will bike from Traverse City to Chelsea, for a total of 300 miles! The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions, to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation holds a cycling event called the Wish-A-Mile 300 Bicycle Tour, or WAM, to make these dreams happen. This year will be the 20th anniversary of WAM, and last year it raised over \$900,000 to make wishes come true! I am so excited to be a part of this inspirational event that is so important to children.

While I am cycling the 300 miles, I will be thinking of the kids, and the pain that they go through on a daily basis while battling a life-threatening medical condition. Riding a bike for 300 miles will be a challenge, but nothing in comparison to what these children and their families are facing.

Please join me in my journey of hope, strength, and joy by pledging towards my fundraising goal. Each rider is required to raise \$650 to participate, but the sky is the limit. Every bit helps towards granting a wish!

Thank you for your support of me and the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. I appreciate your donation, it will make a significant difference. Also, if you are interested in the ride or for more information on Make-A-Wish, you can check out the website at [www.wishmich.org](http://www.wishmich.org).

Take care, and best wishes!

Mike Stanziola  
EG 164

Follow [This Link](#) to visit my personal web page and help me in my efforts to support Make-A-Wish of Michigan

*Some email systems do not support the use of links and therefore this link may not appear to work. If so, copy and paste the following into your browser:*

*<http://makeawish.kintera.org/faf/r.asp?t=4&i=203588&u=203588-165687773&e=969244098>*

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## Web Designer Needed

*By Scott Bondy '97*

In addition to our full-time jobs, my wife (Melanie) and I have been immersed in building an educational publishing company over the past 2 years. That being said, we are looking for a professional and qualified web designer/developer with knowledge of the following:

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1. E-commerce (shopping carts, payment gateways, SSL certificates, etc)
2. LAMP Servers and PHP5
3. Ability to professionally design for I.E., Safari, and FireFox web browsers, and all the other skills that go along with building and maintaining a web site.

Please email me at [scott@mindvinepress.com](mailto:scott@mindvinepress.com) with any prospective candidates.

While teaching, Melanie developed a year-long program designed specifically for gifted and talented students who need extra challenge in the classroom. At the encouragement from her school district superintendent, she decided to publish it for all schools/students to use. The first program is for gifted 5th grade students, but grades 3, 4, and 6 are soon to follow. If you'd like more information, please visit [www.mindvinepress.com](http://www.mindvinepress.com).

If I ever see the light of day again, I look forward to seeing you at a Beta event. I hope everyone is doing well!

Scott Bondy  
EG 192

## Upcoming Events

<p><i><b>March</b></i></p> <p><b>Spring Break</b> March 3-10, 2007</p> <p><b>Initiation Week</b> March 11 - 17, 2007</p> <p><b>2nd Pledge Class Induction</b> March 17, 2007</p>	<p><i><b>April</b></i></p> <p><b>EG Trip to the Administrative Office</b> April 13 &amp; 14, 2007 (Tentative) Oxford, Ohio</p> <p><b>Pig Roast</b> Saturday, March 21, 2007 Island Park, Mt. Pleasant</p> <p><b>2nd Pledge Class Initiation</b> March 28, 2007</p> <p><b>Final Exams</b> April 30 - May 4th</p>
<p><i><b>May - July</b></i></p> <p><i>No events planned</i></p>	<p><i><b>August</b></i></p> <p><b>168th General Convention</b> <b>August 2-5, 2007</b> Orlando, Florida</p> <p><b>EGHC Annual Meeting &amp; Work Weekend</b> <b>Saturday, August 11, 2007</b> 814 S. Main Mt. Pleasant, Michigan</p> <p><b>18th Annual Golf Outing</b> <b>Saturday, August 18, 2007</b> Brae Burn Golf Club Plymouth, Michigan</p> <p><b>House Move-in</b> August 20, 2007</p>

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

## The Beta Network

- **John Coe '91** writes: Friends, Family and Acquaintances:

This is a quick e-mail to let everyone know I have recently accepted a sales position at [Golling Chrysler, Jeep & Dodge in West Bloomfield, MI](#). Golling is DaimlerChrysler's "Dealer of the Year" for

Sales, Service, and most importantly Customer Satisfaction; Ranking #1 over 24,000 eligible dealerships across the United States. They are also the #1 dealership for sales in Michigan and #2 in the United States. I am very excited to be working with such a distinguished company.

When you are ready for a new vehicle, please give me a call or come visit the dealership. If someone you know is ready for a new vehicle, please give them my information and make sure they tell me you referred them. All referrals are greatly appreciated.

I am available Tuesday-Saturday at the dealership, and as always, I may be reached via my cell phone anytime for your convenience.

At Your Service,  
 John A. Coe  
 Golling Chrysler, Jeep & Dodge  
 (248) 334-3600 Main  
 (248) 670-1014 Cell

## BETAS IN THE MILITARY

- -nothing to report this month-

Send in your Beta Network News to [scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org](mailto:scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org).

## Happy Birthday

By Tom Olver '98, EGHC president

Thirty 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 63 and the youngest is John Morelli, #337, at 20.

3/1	Jacob Wiebel, #319	25
3/3	Matt Bush, #326	21
3/4	Jimi Latoff, #215	33
3/5	Mark Newton, #29	42
	Trevor Wisniewski, #114	38
3/6	Scott Erickson, #190	32
3/7	Bob Seeber, Sr., #83	63
	Ed Smith, #30	43
3/10	Greg Gauss, #28	41
	Robert Lopez, #150	37
	Don Trabulsky, #297	26
	John Morelli, #337	20
3/11	Jerry Van Horn, #186	32
3/12	Joe Fox, #223	30
	Kevin Konopka, 264	27
3/16	Brandon Rogers, #195	33
3/17	Dave Deighton, #71	40
	Kent Richards, #76	39
3/18	Chris Makowski, #74	40
	John Coe, #77	39
3/19	Bob Hempton, #46	40
3/20	Terry Turkelson, #135	37
3/24	Todd Robinson, #51	42
3/25	Justin Jagger, #214	32
	Dan Martinez, #224	32
3/26	Bill Hanley, #93	38
3/27	Dave Dennis, #124	39
3/28	Mike Wharton, #121	36
3/29	Bryan Boyd, #263	27
3/30	James Eschelbach, #222	30

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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## **Sad News to Report UPDATE!!**

*By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC Communications Director*

Last month I told you about the sad news the H & R was sold to new owners. Last Friday Brother Compton and I had an opportunity to visit the new business that's taken over: Crust and Que's. (Que as in Barbeque)

The place still looks the same except they've painted some of the walls and some of the video games are gone. They've placed a large screen TV on the wall that is shared with 7-11. A lot of the home-made menus that were on the wall and the big chalkboard had been erased. There were specs of primer paint all over, so I assume that the renovation of the place is a work in progress.

The new owners have their own menu, but....they keep the H & R menu visible so that you can order from it. In fact one of the new owners bragged to the fact that Mrs. H taught her how to make the subs.

I am pleased to report that the Mr. Toby sub I ordered tasted just the same as the ones I used to get. Brother Compton had a steak sub and he also commented that it tasted fine.

Let's hope that they keep the H & R legacy alive and stay in business!

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## **One Last Thing...**

*By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC Communications Director*

I am working on a new *For the Staunchest* newsletter to be mailed out this month.

If you have moved in the last year or would like to share any news with the group, go to:  
<http://www.epsilongamma.org/alumni/betabase.htm> and fill out the form.

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