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Happy 22nd Birthday Epsilon Gamma!

Alumni BBQ/CMU vs. EMU Football Game/Initiation

By John A. Reineke II '09, alumni relations chairman

Has it been a long time since you have seen the Central Michigan Football Team in action?
Has it been a while since you have seen the Beta Theta Pi house?
Has it been a while since you have seen the initiation ceremony of Beta Theta Pi?

If you said yes to any of these questions then we would like to see you November 16th for our Alumni BBQ/CMU vs. EMU football game/Initiation!

The BBQ begins in the parking lot to the south of Kelly Shorts Stadium at 5:00 p.m. Look for the Beta Flag. We'll be cooking until just before game time.

Then it's the final home game of the season when the Mighty Chippewas (currently 1st in the MAC) take on the Eagles of Eastern Michigan. The football game begins at 7:00 p.m. We'll be sitting together, hopefully waving the Beta flag. Tickets can be pre-purchased at www.cmuchippewas.com or at the game for \$15.00.

After the game, we'll be performing the initiation ceremony of Beta Theta Pi for this semester's pledge class. Feel free to bring your suit in the car and change in to your formal clothes at the house.

This would be a good time for all of the Alumni to get to know all of the brothers of Epsilon Gamma including the ones who will become brothers that night. It will also be a good time to re-light the Beta fire within us all.

To accommodate the alumni who might not live very close, we will be setting up beds in the library on the third floor of the house. To reserve a spot, contact me directly reine2ja@cmich.edu. [Editor's note: If you want to get a hotel room, the cheapest is the Chippewa Motel on Pickard for \$69, 2nd cheapest is the Microtel for \$89. Go to www.orbitz.com to see prices and book a room.]

Since it is directly before initiation this is a completely dry event for alumni and actives. We will be serving Monster Energy Drink, Mountain Dew, and a variety of other delicious beverages the do not contain alcohol.

As a colony that is on the cusp of getting its charter back, it's extremely important for us to have the support of all the alumni. I hope to see you there!

[Another editor's note: Initiation is taking place on Friday night so that the colony can attend a leadership conference in Traverse City on the 17th. -see below-

If you have any questions or think you may make the trip, please let me know

webmaster@epsilongamma.org so that the guys can plan on buying the right amount of food and beverages.]

Colony Update

By Chris Mueller '09, colony pledge educator/public relations chairman

The semester continues to fly by here at the Epsilon Gamma house. The Three Fires ritual was performed last week, October 26-27, and was a wonderful experience for the pledges who are moving through the pledge period showing great promise for the colony. As the active brothers prepare for initiation the weekend of the 16th, 17th, and 18th I would like to extend an invitation to all of our alumni to come and join us on this joyous occasion. Moving into November and the end of the semester there is a great deal that the colony has

done and even more that we have planned.

The men of Epsilon Gamma can put another win and another trophy on their shelf after sweeping the RSO games this October. With first place came five free seats to attend the [Connections Leadership Conference](#) in Traverse City November 17th & 18th. So far all of those seats plus some have been filled.

Along with that win the Betas have been making their presence known on the flag football field with some impressive showings against other Greek teams. So far we have bested Sigma Tau Gamma and Alpha Chi Rho as well as being the first team this year to score a touchdown on the undefeated Phi Sigma Phi team.

On a social note Brandyn Lawson '09 celebrated his 21st birthday recently and crossed that milestone with a party planned by a few the other men in the colony. The party was very successful and a good time was had by all. Our semi-formal is currently in the works under the direction of social chair Zak Zeoli '10 and will be a night to remember for everyone.

The big news this past month was the Beta's trip to Cedar Point to work as "ride pride." For those who are unfamiliar with this program, it is an opportunity for organizations to volunteer their time to work at Cedar Point and make some money extra money to use for expenses. The colony had 20 men attend this fundraiser and at the end of the weekend came home with \$3204.00 to supplement the budget. Brother Phil Klassen '09 organized the trip and did a great job making sure everything went well. On top of the extra money earned the Betas caught the eye of some of the park staff who sent letters to their supervisors complimenting us on our work ethic and attitude. Overall a very productive and useful weekend full of brotherhood and bonding.

Betas Win RSO Competition's "Maroon Bucket"

Taken from a 10/19 CMLife newspaper article entitled "Pie in the face turns RSO competition into messy affair"

Kyle James Smith and Brittany Mouzourakis spent Wednesday night with pie on their face.

The Dewitt and Garden City freshmen and Honors Outreach Network members completed tasks while eating cream pie. Smith's task required locating an M&M in the pie, which took longer than he expected. "I couldn't find it," he said. "It was small, and pie is in my nose."

The pie-eating contest was part of the registered student organization competition in Finch Fieldhouse.

The competition was part of LEAD week, a program designed to promote the Leadership Institute and student leadership development on campus. More than a dozen RSOs participated in the competition which included the pie-eating contest and an obstacle course, as well as other events. "I think it was an excellent turnout," said Dyke Heinze, director of the Leadership Institute. "It's not just all Greek (RSOs), which made it more exciting."

Fraternity Beta Theta Pi took home the Maroon Bucket, the RSO competition's annual trophy. Reserve Officers' Training Corps took second, and Best Buddies and Barnes Hall tied for third.

Beta Theta Pi also received five spots for members to attend the November's Leadership Institute's Connections Leadership Conference in Traverse City.

Additional activities included a tug-of-war contest, a quiz bowl and the final obstacle course.

For Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the tug-of-war was about bragging rights within the Greek community - one that Beta Theta Pi won. "It's fun to represent," said Chris Saylor, Blissfield sophomore and Beta Theta Pi member. "We try to put our name out there."

As for the obstacle course, members from each team were required to run through the obstacles blindfolded and make football and basketball tosses. **John Morelli, Warren junior and Beta Theta Pi member, competed in the obstacles blindfolded without touching the cups that lined the course. "I knew if I high stepped it, I would be fine," he said.**

Maj. Gregg Mays, department chair for military science, said he had high expectations for his ROTC cadets, who participated in the event.

"We had to tire the cadets to give the rest of the university hopes of winning," he joked.

The Pulse of EGAT

By Greg Compton '86, chapter counselor

Well my brothers it has been another month, and I do have a little update for everyone.

We are communicating with one another. Yes folks, on a bi-weekly basis the Colony/Chapter counselor sends out an e-mail to the team. Everyone is in the loop about what is going on with all of the different officers that I am responsible for, and the other advisors respond in kind. Keeping open lines of communication have been very good for the group so that we may be able to help this group charter this summer.

Ah, charter, which is the goal that we have for this year. We are off to a good start keeping our communication with the General Fraternity up and staying current with our bills. It is going well.

Trevor Wisniewski is doing a great job with the new member educator, and has offered some good advice to improve the program.

Risk Management Advisor Paul "Bubba" Koehn is in contact with Risk Manager Todd Wood '08 about risk management, and also installed a flagpole at the house. It's a beaut.

Jenell Barnard, our leadership advisor has done a great job with getting the members to think group involvement, as well as Chris Saylor '09, leadership chair in getting members to go to some leadership activities. This is important for the Knox award.

The other advisors for the team have good relationships with their active members, and we continually are defining our roles and learning how best to keep improving our colony and future chapter.

We will be meeting for our quarterly meeting at the house on Saturday, November 17, 2007 - the day after the BBQ/Football Game/Initiation. We will probably begin at about 11:00 a.m. I will let all know by posting it on the website.

Hope all is well with everyone, and don't be a stranger.

Flagpole Installed at 814 S. Main

By Tom Olver '98, EGHC president

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous alumni donor, a brand-new, 25 ft. flagpole has been installed in front of the chapter house. The flagpole will be dedicated in memory of Christopher David Baker '96 (EG 197), and a bronze plaque will be installed in the coming months to mark that dedication at the base of the flagpole. The American flag will be proudly flown in recognition and honor of those Epsilon Gamma alumni who serve or have served in the U.S. armed forces.

Special thanks to Paul "Bubba" Koehn (EG 241) for managing the installation process this fall.

[Pictures at www.epsilongamma.org]

DeRoche to be "Executive in Residence"

By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC Communications Director

[I'm resending this because Paul will be at CMU this Wednesday - there's an update below]

Paul DeRoche '91 will be visiting the CMU College of Business Administration (CBA) on **November 7, 2007** as a Dow Corning "Executive in Residence." According to the CMU website, The Executive in Residence program was established in 1989 *to provide faculty and students with the opportunity to interact with prominent executives in an open exchange of views on current issues and to gain valuable insight into the complexities of the business world as well as integrate practical experience into the students' base of knowledge.*

Paul was approached last year by some CMU friends who serve on the Alumni Board of Directors to think about joining the group. Soon thereafter, Executive Director of Alumni Relations Mary Lu Yardley met with Paul during a lunch meeting and by the end of lunch, he had agreed to join the Board. His term will begin this summer.

I'll let Paul tell the rest of the story:

"I've always wanted to teach business. Just for fun, rather than a career. Perhaps at a community college. This would be in addition to my career as a Financial Advisor. I started my MBA at Michigan about two years ago for this purpose. I will be done this summer.

"While at Homecoming this past fall I visited the alumni area and Mary Lu introduced me to Mike Fields, the current dean of the Business School. I told him that I would love to come back and teach a class of some sort - even if just for a day. He said he had something in mind. He contacted me some time later and invited me to do the *Executive in Residence* program."

For Paul, the day will consist of giving a keynote address to the CBA and teaching several classes throughout the day.

"I'm looking forward to speaking with the students. I plan to divide the talk into two groups. When I speak to the larger group, I plan to keep things general, such as setting goals and acting on them. When I speak to the individual classes, I plan to get more into the details of the investment business."

When I asked Paul how the Fraternity helped him help prepare him for success he answered:

"The Fraternity? Well, you know I love the Fraternity. Things like goal setting and time management were learned there. It was Oren Lane who helped me find one of my first jobs in the business."

Paul has been has been a staunch supporter of the Epsilon Gamma Chapter since his graduation in 1991. He served several years on the Alumni Association Board, including serving as President in the late 90s. Paul is also a contributor to EG's *Capital Fundraising Initiative*, and is playing an active role in the design of the *Paul M. Deroche* library on the third floor of the Beta House.

From the Oct. 19 edition of [CMLife](#):

CEO, vice president to speak to students

Brian Walker, president and CEO of Herman Miller Inc., and Paul DeRoche, financial adviser and vice president of Merrill Lynch, will speak on campus about their business experience. The business administrator's speeches are part of the Dow Corning Executive in Residence Program. As the CEO of Herman Miller, Walker oversees the production of office furniture for healthcare facilities. In addition to serving the healthcare industry, Walker has supported community service. Walker's employees have volunteered more than 58,000 hours to community service. DeRoche runs a team of financial workers that services families in need in the Metro Detroit area. His firm was ranked first among full-service brokers in the state by Smart Money Magazine. Walker will speak at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Charles V. Park Library Auditorium. DeRoche will hold his presentation at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Pierpont Auditorium in the Applied Business Studies Complex.

Upcoming Events

<p>November</p> <p>Initiation Week November 12 - 17, 2007</p> <p>Alumni BBQ/CMU vs. EMU Football/Initiation November 16, 2007 Kelly Short Stadium & 814 S. Main - Mt. Pleasant, Mich.</p> <p>Semi-Formal [tentative] November 30 - Dec. 1, 2007 Details TBA</p>	<p>December</p> <p>Final Exams December 10 - 14, 2007</p>
<p>January</p>	

Classes Begin
January 7, 2008

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

The Beta Network

- **Jim Mottern `91** writes: Kathryn and Jim (EG81) would like to announce the birth of Andrew James Mottern. Born Oct. 9, 7.7 lbs, 19.5' long. It was my first "all-nighter" since college. [Pictures at <http://www.epsilongamma.org/news/betanetwork.html>]
- **Bill Boyd`90** writes: Here's something to make the ol' guys feel older... My son Colin started college in August. He's currently a freshman at Michigan State University. He says he's going to major in Advertising, but I'm sure that will change several times over the next few years. Just thought I'd let ya'll know.
- **Dave Fouchea`00** writes: My wife Mandy (CMU `98, Delta Zeta) and I (CMU `00, EG 227) welcomed our second girl into the world on August 14, 2008. Claire Elisabeth was 5 lb. 10 oz. and 19 1/2 inches long. Everyone is doing well including big sister Olivia.

BETAS IN THE MILITARY

- **Major Matt Mularoni `95** writes: Hope all is well. About one more month until I get to go home. Then it will be time to pack the family and the pets, make a trip through Michigan for the holidays, and fly off to my new assignment near Tokyo. I guess I have something about not being the States for too long a period. But, I only have about 5 years to go before I am retired. Take care and yours in -Kai-, Matt

Send in your Beta Network News to scott.nadeau@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 35.8. The oldest brother with a birthday this month is **Bob Gronda, #22** at 45 and the youngest is **Erik Bilbrey, #292**, at 26.

11/3	Joe Santilli, #213	34
11/4	Kevin Martin, #101	40
	Matt McCluskey, #184	34
11/5	Bob Seeber, Jr., #35	44
	Rich Ballor, #68	41
	Eric Konopka, #252	29
11/6	Sandy Gaulin, #41	41
	Jeff Hughes, #152	35
11/8	Brent Bradley, #84	44
11/12	Bob Gronda, #22	45
11/13	Joe Balinski, #242	32
11/14	Steve Desmet, #141	35
11/15	Scott McQuillin, #148	38
	John Hill, #120	37
	Mike Griffin, #138	37
	Willie Hilliker, #194	35
	Tom Olver, #191	32
11/16	Chuck Parker, #89	39
	Rob Brisson, #304	27

11/18	Matt Louks, #106	37
	Jay Catania, #236	35
	Jim Cone, #218	32
11/19	Ted Gronda, #38	44
	Brad Bezeau, #159	37
	Marc Walkowski, #230	32
11/22	Gordon Tomlin, #119	40
11/24	Kevin Steele, #70	40
	Chad Springer, #198	34
11/25	Jacob Ott, #219	30
11/26	Dylan Wright, #229	33
	Kyle Ranson, #226	31
11/27	Marc Rosa, #128	38
	Mark Ruhling, #309	33
11/28	Erik Bilbrey, #292	26
11/29	Scott Willey, #225	32
	Bryan Scheffler, #260	30
11/30	Tom Ross, #50	42
	Jeff Fielstra, #161	37

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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