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Colony Update

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

November has been a good month here at Epsilon Gamma. With initiation and the elections of the new officers over and done the colony looks to next semester with hope and drive. Initiation took place on November 17th at the Chapter House on Main Street where seven new men joined the rolls of the already stellar brotherhood that exists here at CMU boosting our colony roster to 27 men! After initiation a large delegation of Betas attended the Connections Leadership Conference in Traverse City at the Great Wolf Lodge. This event, under the direction of Leadership Development Chairman Chris Saylor '09, was an incredible success and the men who attended came back with newly sharpened leadership skills and got ready to finish out the semester strongly.

Probably the biggest news of the month comes in the form of the newly elected E-board. Robby Hunter '10 will take over as President this Spring backed by a strong advisory team and focused brothers. Phil Klassen '09 is the newly elected Vice President, Jeff Zapolski '11 who was initiated this fall will be the Treasurer, Thomas Younger '10 is the new Secretary, John Reineke II '10 is the new Pledge Educator, Brandyn Lawson '09 takes over as Recruitment Chairman, and Shane Farrell '10 rounds out the E-board as the Risk Manager. All of the men are as excited to be leading us as we are to see where they take us.

Semi-formal has come and gone and was a great success! The men of Epsilon Gamma traveled to Grand Rapids where they stayed at the Days Inn and ate, drank, and danced the night away at the local Margarita Grill. Social Chair Zak Zeoli '10 described the event as nothing but a wonderful time and he, as well as the other brothers look forward to this weeks Christmas party as well as formal in the Spring.

The focus now falls on finals and finishing the semester strong! This being the last update I will bring to you as PR Chairman I would like to introduce my replacement Jamelle Dooley '10 who will be continuing to spread the good word of Beta around CMU and keep everyone informed and up to date as the colony continues to grow and thrive.

Alumni BBQ/CMU vs. EMU Football Game/Initiation

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

November 16, marked the last home football game of the year for the Central Michigan University Chippewas, as well as the Beta Theta Pi alumni tailgate/initiation.

Central lost the game to Eastern 45-48; however, that did not stop the members of Beta Theta Pi from getting together with alumni and having a great tailgate, followed by the initiation of seven new members.

The tailgate consisted of hot dogs, hamburgers, and football in the parking lot, all with the Beta flag flying high. The cold weather and the BBQ falling out of the truck couldn't keep the Beta's from having a great time. All of the new initiates had a great time meeting many of the alumni and enjoyed the alumni presence at initiation.

Thanks to all the alumni that made the trip, all the members of the colony were very thankful.

Pictures are posted at http://www.epsilongamma.org/events/recent_events.htm

Welcome the New Initiates!

By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC communications director

As Chris mentioned earlier, seven men were added to the rolls on November 17th.

Those men are:

- 360 Justin Everett Mack from Saginaw
- 361 Jeffrey William Zapolski from Saginaw
- 362 Thomas Richard Ahearn from Midland
- 363 Michael Robert Panek from Rochester Hills
- 364 Alexander James-Jacques Jeffrey from Laingsburg
- 365 Brett Arthur Marquardt from Northville
- 366 Terry Lee Massie from Okemos

Congratulations gentlemen!

Motor City Bowl

By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC communications director

Congratulations to Head Athletic Trainer Phil Adler '98 and the mighty Chippewas for being MAC champions for the second year in a row!

Central Michigan University and Purdue University will square off in the Motor City Bowl at Ford Field in Detroit on Wednesday, Dec. 26. ESPN will televise the contest, set for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

For those of you that are interested in attending as a group or even interested in a tailgating opportunity, Will Hilliker '98 is heading up the alumni effort for Beta Theta Pi.

If you are or may be interested in attending, Will would like to know:

How many tickets will you commit to buying?

Do you want to "tailgate" (with the cold weather, meeting at a bar prior to kickoff)?

CMU's exclusive prices for alumni are \$40 for sideline tickets (\$5 savings off published ticket price.)

E-mail Will at mcb07@epsilongamma.org with the answers to those questions ASAP so that we can purchase the tickets early and get good seats.

You can also fill out the form at: http://www.epsilongamma.org/events/upcoming_events.htm.

Housing Corporation Update

By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC communications director

At the early hour of 8:00 AM last Saturday, members of the Housing Corporation met for a quick orientation meeting prior to the MAC Championship game at Ford Field. Last summer the board voted to expand the board from nine to twelve members - this was the first meeting since the expansion.

Topics included the mission and accomplishments of the EGHC, a short discussion of some of the important points of the bylaws, house operations, budget and alumni activities. We also spent a while discussing the upcoming challenges for the board, including Tom Olver's announcement that he is stepping down from the EGHC in August.

The next Housing Corporation meeting is taking place on February 2nd. The location is yet to be decided.

Special thanks to Matt Brauer for hosting the meeting at his firm in the Penobscot building, and thanks to Bob Hampton, John Coe, Jon Eadie, Mike Wharton and Will Hilliker for getting up early and attending.

Learn more about the Housing Corporation here: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/volunteers/eghc.htm>

Upcoming Events

<p><i>December</i></p> <p>Final Exams December 10 - 14, 2007</p> <p>Motor City Bowl</p>	<p><i>February</i></p> <p>EG Housing Corporation Meeting February 2, 2008 Meeting to be held in Southeast Michigan Details TBA</p>
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December 26, 2007 Ford Field - Detroit, Michigan	
January Classes Begin January 7, 2008 Colony+Advisors Kick-off Meeting (Tentative) January 8, 2008 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan	March CMU Spring Break March 1 - 9, 2008

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

The Beta Network

- **Jamie Riley `86** writes: I wanted to share some good news. I have been awarded the "Dr. Louis Graziano, Outstanding Marketing Educator Award" for the state of Michigan this year. It's a great honor to be recognized by my fellow marketing teachers. I do have to say that I really love what I do and that teaching marketing is fun. I hope to make it to a Beta event one of these days, but with school and two teenage boys soccer schedules it makes it awful tough to do. Maybe the golf outing will fall on the right dates this summer so I can come out and play.
- **Brad Ervans `01** writes: After spending 10 months in Chicagoland working for NextMedia, I have decided to return to Michigan. I had a great time, but I decided that I would rather be closer to my family and friends. I was presented with an opportunity to return to my old job in Saginaw with the radio stations, and I took it. I am living in Bay City right now while I wait for my renters to get out of my house in Midland. Once they're out I will move back into the house I bought a couple years ago.

BETAS IN THE MILITARY

- -nothing this month-

Send in your Beta Network News to scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org.

Happy Birthday

By Tom Olver `98, EGHC president

Twenty-seven members of the Epsilon Gamma rolls will celebrate a birthday this month. The average age of these men is 31.3. The oldest brother with a birthday this month is Sean O'Bryan, #33 at 44 and the youngest is Shane Farrell, #344, at 20.

12/1	Sean O'Bryan, #33	44
12/2	Matt Hegenauer, #40	42
	Christian Thelander, #95	39
	Paul Marquardt, #256	30
12/3	Justin Warnack, #269	28
12/4	Kyle Russell, #257	29
	Dave Partaka, #308	29
	Todd Wood, #340	22
12/5	Matt Cagle, #281	27
12/7	Norm Klein, #329	23
	Shane Ferrell, #344	20
12/8	Ryan Ward, #321	26
12/9	Kevin Clark, #310	26
12/12	Matt Graves, #298	26

12/13	Todd Miller, #115	38
	Eric Dumont, #274	29
12/16	Hugh Witham, #49	41
12/18	Tobin Bailey, #156	36
	Josh Tilley, #291	27
12/22	Trent VanVormer, #306	28
12/23	John Doyle, #251	29
12/24	Brian McCormick, #169	36
12/25	Matt Simkins, #158	39
12/29	John Knaus, #88	40
12/30	Scott Verbeke, #243	32
12/31	David Steiner, #207	32
	John Parker, #303	27

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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