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# BETA THETA PI

## EPSILON GAMMA CHAPTER



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## Colony Update

*By J. Dooley '10, Epsilon Gamma public relations chairman*

December brought closure, January brought re-organization, re-acclamation, and transitioning for the new officers. February will bring action and follow-through. The Epsilon Gamma chapter has started the new semester running!

Commencing the new semester with an impromptu, in-house retreat, the brothers of Epsilon Gamma established a vision, and corresponding goals for the upcoming months. While Epsilon Gamma is always on the move, ready to better itself, two goals stand at the forefront: recruitment and the Knox award. Heading the journey to the Knox award is John Reineke II, '09 (EG 348): taking the initiative to ensure that all members, and the chapter collectively, are actively meeting the requirements to make EG eligible for the award. While all the requirements have not been met, Reineke is working hard to insure that all goals are met in a timely fashion. Using his organizational tools and fierce leadership skills, Reineke is slowly moving us in the direction of a victory.

Leading the chapter with his ambitious recruitment committee is Brandon Lawson '09 (EG 335.) Planning classy, respectful, and fun events, Lawson and the recruitment committee have opened the door of Beta and successfully welcomed a multitude of curious recruits. As of today, two very successful events have been planned and executed: a game night featuring Buffalo Wild Wings and a mocktail social with Alpha Chi Omega. The game night lured guys from all over the campus, tickling the fancy of those who enjoyed such games as poker, euchre, and speed. Approximately 15 men, plus or minus a few, showed up with an open mind, empty stomach, and a multitude of questions. Following the game night was the VERY successful social with Alpha Chi Omega. The night was full of food, music, laughter, games, and the chatter of excited recruits for both Alpha Chi Omega and Epsilon Gamma. From start to finish the beta house was full: JAM PACKED.

The brothers of Epsilon Gamma have a myriad of awesome, qualified, ambitious, potentials ready to accept the Beta challenge and the recruitment period isn't even finished yet. In the upcoming days Epsilon Gamma will hold the last of its "official" recruitment events: a bowling night and game show-esque event.

Expect more good news from Epsilon Gamma in the upcoming months. Caution: Epsilon Gamma is alive and well.

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## Next Stop: Charter

*By Tom Olver, Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation president*

I attended the Beta Theta Pi Board of Trustees meeting in Omaha, Nebraska on January 25. The General Secretary moved that the Board recommend that the Central Michigan colony proceed with its petition to be reinstated at the 169th General Convention. Motion passed unanimously. Dallas here we come!

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## 169th General Convention

*By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC communications director*

I'm mentioning this now because all indications are that we're going to be getting the charter back at this convention and some of you may want to be there.

### **The 169th General Convention**

Date: August 7-10, 2008

Location: Dallas, Texas

Hotel: The Fairmont Dallas, 1717 N. Akard Street, Dallas, TX 75201

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## Housing Corporation Update

*By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC communications director*

The EGHC Corporation met this past Saturday at the Law Office of Jonathan B. Eadie, '93 in Farmington Hills. It was the largest EGHC meeting that I've attended in a long time. Thanks to everyone that showed up to participate, it was a great meeting!

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After a thorough update from Colony President Robby Hunter, the board engaged in several discussions involving property management, leasing for 2008-09, summer renovations, finances, activities and our *Capital Fundraising Initiative* collections process.

We also discussed the transition that's going to take place this summer when Tom Olver steps down from his position as president, a position he's held for the past eight years.

Here's some noteworthy items from the colony report that may interest everyone:

- The colony is working toward getting a [Knox Award](#) this summer at convention in addition to the restoration of the charter.
- As of Saturday, the colony had given out 13 bids for Spring recruitment. 12 men have accepted and there's a possibility the more bids will be given out this week. The average pledge class size for any fraternity at CMU during the Spring semester is about 7 or 8 men.
- The colony is working on three philanthropic events for Spring semester.
- The house is on track to hold 9 - 13 members next year, 8 have already signed leases.
- The colony is looking to hold an Alumni/Active get together at a Tigers game this summer. The tentative date for the event is August 30th.
- Eight members from the colony's E-board and cabinet will be attending the [Keystone Regional Leadership Conference](#) February 15-17 in Des Moines, Iowa. Chapter Counselor Greg Compton '86 and I will also be making the trip.

I'll have minutes posted to our web site within the next two weeks with a more lengthy description of what took place at the meeting. Keep checking the front page at [www.epsilongamma.org](http://www.epsilongamma.org).

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

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## 19th Annual Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing

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

The date has been set! Mark your calendars for **July 12, 2008**. The committee is currently checking into locations for the event and receiving competitive bids.

If you have any suggestions for the 2008 outing, please send them to [golfouting@epsilongamma.org](mailto:golfouting@epsilongamma.org).

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## 21st Annual Robert A. Seeber/Lenny Varner International Pig Roast - April 19, 2008

*By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC communications director*

The planning for this year's *Robert A. Seeber/Lenny Varner International Pig Roast* is well underway. The date for the event is **April 19, 2008**. The colony's Alumni Relations Chairman Chris Saylor, '09 is in the process of reserving the shelter at Island Park, booking the Varner's to roast the pig, and assigning dishes to pass to the undergraduates.

Saylor is also working on holding a dad's initiation early in the day and an Alumni vs. Actives softball game during the afternoon. He's also checking into holding some organized kids activities.

Just so everyone's aware of it, **we will not be soliciting donations to offset the costs of the pig this year**. The costs this year will be divided between the colony and through the sponsorship of the event by the Seeber family. We want you to feel free to come to the event with your entire family, enjoy the day, celebrate the success of the colony and not feel any pressure to give money. You will have to bring a dish to pass of course, that's part of the deal.

That being said, the shelter at Island Park costs \$70 to rent from the City of Mt. Pleasant. As you know, the event was moved from the house to the park in 2006 to stay within the Risk Management guidelines of the fraternity. If the event were to be held at the house, no adult beverages would be allowed.

For the past two years, two different anonymous alumni donors have stepped forward to pay the fee and let the guys off the hook. Now I'm not going to pressure anyone, but if someone wants to step forward and help the guys at CMU out and write a check for the cost of the shelter, I'm sure they'd appreciate it. (That's the last time I'll mention it)

If you have any ideas for the Pig Roast or want help out, feel free to contact Chris Saylor, the colony's alumni relations chairman at: (517) 403-2640 or [saylo1cr@cmich.edu](mailto:saylo1cr@cmich.edu).

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## It's (not) Freezing in Here

*By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC communications director*

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The guys in the colony are currently looking to get a deep freezer for the house. If you have one you want to get rid of, or know where to get a deal on a new or used one, contact Phil Klassen, '09 the colony vice-president at: (231) 670-0024 or [klass1pm@cmich.edu](mailto:klass1pm@cmich.edu).

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## 2010 = 25th Anniversary of EG

By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC communications director

It's a little more than two years away, but it's time to start planning the silver anniversary party for the Epsilon Gamma Chapter. I've volunteered to head the effort, and I'm looking for ideas and volunteers to make it happen.

The first task of the committee will be to determine a location for the event. We can have it in Mt. Pleasant or in the Detroit area, I have no preference.

If you are interested in joining the committee or have a few ideas for the event, please contact me. ([scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org](mailto:scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org))

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## Leonard Plachta, CMU's 11th president, dies at age 78

Taken from the January 22nd edition of [The News @ Central](#).

President Emeritus Leonard Plachta, who led Central Michigan University from 1992 through 2000, has died.

Plachta passed away Jan. 22 at Central Michigan Community Hospital. He was 78.

"Today is a sad day for the CMU community," said university President Michael Rao, who succeeded Plachta. "On behalf of the entire university community, Monica, Miguel and I extend our heartfelt condolences to Louise and the rest of Leonard's family on the occasion of this tremendous loss.

"From the time that I arrived, it became obvious that Leonard Plachta dedicated himself in an exceptional way to the advancement of Central Michigan University," Rao said.

Plachta, who came to CMU in 1971 as a visiting professor of accounting before joining the faculty in 1972, also served as assistant dean and dean of the College of Business Administration prior to assuming the presidency. Plachta was interim president from January 1992 until October 1, 1993, when the Board of Trustees granted him the permanent position, which he held until July 2000. Plachta returned to CMU's faculty from 2001 to 2002 before retiring from the university.

Read the rest of the story here: <http://www.news.cmich.edu/2008/01/leonard-plachta-cmus-11th-pres-1/>

Brother and former Chapter Faculty Advisor **Steve Grenus, '88** adds: Pretty sad. He actually took an interest in my career, and would always personally congratulate me on promotions and accomplishments when I worked at Central. Tough man, but a very personable man.

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## Upcoming Events

<p><b>February</b></p> <p><b>Pledge Induction</b> Saturday, February 9, 9:00 PM 814 S. Main - Mt. Pleasant, MI</p> <p><b>Keystone Regional Leadership Conf.</b> February 15 - 17 Des Moines, IA</p>	<p><b>April</b></p> <p><b>Beta Week</b> April 6 - 12, 2008</p> <p><b>Initiation</b> April 12, 2008 Beta Theta Pi Administrative Office Miami University - Oxford, Ohio</p> <p><b>Robert A. Seeber/Lenny Varner International Pig Roast</b> April 19, 2008 Island Park - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan</p> <p><b>Beta Theta Pi Formal</b> April 26, 2008 Details T.B.A.</p>
<p><b>EG's interactive full event calendar is <a href="#">here</a>.</b></p> <p><b>CMU Spring Break</b> March 1 - 9, 2008</p> <p><b>Three Fires Retreat</b> March 15, 2008 Wellston, Michigan</p>	<p><b>May</b></p> <p><b>Epsilon Gamma Scholarships</b> Process starts May 1, 2008 Deadline: May 31, 2008</p>