



169th General Convention and Charter Petition

By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC communications director

The time has come! Beta Theta Pi's annual convention begins this Thursday in Dallas.

By the end of next weekend we'll know if we're getting our charter back. We'll also know if we have won any General Fraternity awards as we have applied for several.

The Central Michigan delegation this year includes Mark Andersen '08, Carlisle Braun '00, J Dooley '10, President Robby Hunter '10, Brandyn Lawson '09, Justin Mack '11, Brett Marquardt '09, Tom Olver '98 (of course) and yours truly.

As soon as I know anything about the charter, I'll send out a news alert.

In addition to attending the convention, I'll also be serving as a guest photographer (and possibly blogging) for the Beta Theta Pi magazine online. Be sure to check the web site www.thebetathetapi.org website throughout the weekend for up-to-minute coverage of the 169th General Convention!

EGHC Meeting August 16th

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The Housing Corporation will be meeting in Mt. Pleasant on Saturday, August 16th. On the agenda for this year's meeting will be the 2008-09 budget, 2009-10 leasing of the house and possible renovations to the basement. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM and run to around 12 or 1 PM. Following the meeting we'll have a quick lunch and then work on a couple small projects around the house.

Tom Olver will be passing the reins of the EGHC to me at the meeting. There's no way that I can ever replace Tom, but I'll do my best to keep the organization headed in the right direction.

There will be two to three openings on the board at the meeting. I'm looking for people to join the board that can attend our two meetings per year (August & February), attend alumni events, voice their opinions on the various issues that arise during the year and find their "niche" when it comes to helping out. If you think you can offer something to the group and want to help ensure the future of Epsilon Gamma, please contact me.

The meeting will also be broadcast live on PalTalk. (www.paltalk.com) To attend, sign-up and add me (boone85) as a "Pal." Then tune in at 10:00 AM on the morning of the 16th. (You can either download their IM software or use their "express" version on their web site.)

If you are interested in a spot on the EGHC or have questions about the group, please contact me by e-mail. scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org

Chapter Counselor's Farewell Message

By Greg Compton '86, outgoing chapter counselor

Brothers and Friends,

As you all know, or will now know, I have been in the role of chapter counselor for the past three plus years. It has been a blessing to get to know all of you in some capacity.

As it stands now, in my quest to gain an Master of Divinity I have to put in more hours for not only the classes, but in a role with my church. Basically on top of my full-time job as a teacher, I will take on some pastoral responsibilities with my church while taking seminary classes. I would love to stay on and lead this group, but

with the distance and requirements to fulfill this job in the right way, I can not meet that responsibility.

I have seen how being in Mt. Pleasant, or at least closer to Mt. Pleasant really is the best format for this job. Not that we haven't made it a bit better with the use of *PaITalk* or *Yahoo Messenger*, and even some conference calls, but I see the need for someone closer.

I want to thank in order of contact and inception into the group:

Scott Nadeau - You have been a blessing to our organization, and I will deeply miss our drives up to Mt. Pleasant. You have become a very good friend, and I am sorry that I am not very social outside of our Beta functions, but know that I will stay in touch.

Paul "Bubba" Koehn, - Thank you for you and your lovely wife. I appreciate you coming in to take on the role of Risk Manager. I realize that it has been difficult for you with everything that has been going on in your life lately. Thanks for the effort, and I will see you from time to time at Homecoming.

Brad Ervans - You are a great guy, and I appreciate your efforts with the group in the capacity of Risk Management co-advisor, and now hopefully as a support in the area of the -Kai-Committee. Basically risk management with a twist in making sure brotherhood is strong. I am so happy for you and Sara. I hope you have a very blessed marriage. Remember the wedding is just a day, and the marriage is a lifetime. Thank you for your support and willingness to be a part of this re-colonization.

Trevor Wisniewski - Thank you for being a general advisor/pledge education advisor and source of lodging for Three fires. Your willingness to help out when you can is very much appreciated.

Jeff Wandzel - Man, I appreciate you brother. It was just fantastic to re-connect with you - from being brothers in the mid-eighties to come together now. It was a blessing to me. You stood up for me when times were tough. You filled a void when we were in dire need of a financial advisor. With your time and change of life with adopting a young treasure, and taking on a role of parent, along with your extended family, you are truly a wonderful person. I hope that someone steps up to fill the financial role for you, because I know you have sacrificed a lot. As well I appreciate your candor, especially when I screwed up and didn't communicate well. Thank you.

Kristen Hrynczuk and Jenell Barnard - Kristin, wow, what can I say? You truly helped our organization rock with recruitment. You were a pleasure to work with, and I wish the best for you in your future endeavors. Jenell, even though we never met personally, (but I did get to meet you by Webcam), you have done a super job working with the guys to get them involved in leadership. I hope, as long as you are willing, with stick with this role, because the gentlemen have truly benefitted from this relationship. Thank you to both of you.

Chris May, Kris Wellman, and yes, **Ross McCallum** - Ross thank you for stepping up during a low part of your college career to fill in as Ritual advisor. You helped these guys rock it out, as well as helping to keep tabs on what was happening with the climate of the group. Chris, if you are able, and have the drive to do so, look into being an advisor. Scholarship might be a good one for you. Kris, As you have moved on from CMU and begun a new chapter in your life, I hope to see you in the years to come as well.

There are others who helped out in the early going, but left quickly thereafter, but still need mentioning. **Mark Durocher** for risk management, **Chuck Williams** for pledge education, and **Dave Steiner** in the early counseling role.

Lastly, **Tom Oliver** I am glad to call you brother, and I was glad to get to know you better than just as an editor, and guy who was accused of being the bad guy when we shut down. I pray a special blessing upon you as you close some chapters in your life and begin some new ones. I appreciate you, and your love for Beta, and for the success for Beta at CMU. Thank you for the hours you have put in over the years.

Oh, I can't forget to mention **Phil Adler** as well. Man, I appreciate how you stepped in during the tumultuous years, and for holding onto so much. I also appreciate how you came in and helped that one semester for recruitment. We got some fantastic brothers that term, who are helping to lead the charge for a great chapter of Beta. Thank you for opening your house to us. I will miss seeing you on the field with the Chippewas. It was my only opportunity to share with others that I know someone famous.

Okay, so now you know how much I appreciate all of you, and I wish that I could continue, but I cannot let God wait anymore, because he has been waiting for over twenty years for me to finally answer the call.

Brothers **Phil Klassen** and **Robby Hunter**, I love you guys and I am very torn. Please know that I am an e-mail, and phone call away.

[Editor's note - All of us owe a great deal of gratitude to Brother Compton. The recolonization process has not been a smooth one and Greg spent countless hours of personal time away from his family and church to help get the colony to the point it is today. I want to publicly thank him for the hard work and friendship throughout these past 4 years. He was definitely a motivating force for me. Anyone who wants to thank Greg for his years of service can send him a message at: compton@aaps.k12.mi.us. -SN]

19th Annual Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing

By Jon Eadie '93 and Mike Wharton '93, golf outing chairmen

Thank you to all who participated and donated to the 19th Annual Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing making it another success. The event looked to be in jeopardy while it rained all morning, but by tee off at 1 pm the skies were blue. We had 37 players golfing, including Jim Mottern '91 who came all the way from Arizona.

The team of Kris Stenglein '11 and Thomas Klevit and the team of Thomas Ahern '11 and Carl Ahern tied with even par 70's with the Stenglein/Klevit team winning based on the most birdies (4-2).

Marc Rosa '93 took out Steve Desmet '94 to win the second annual post-dinner Texas Hold'em tournament. John Coe '91 sharked his way into third place.

Thank you to Dan Bigelow, Steve Desmet, and Tim McGovern for their assistance during the outing, John Coe, Scott Nadeau and Tom Olver for their help in organizing the outing, Steve Desmet and Andrew Shubnell for their organization and operation of the Texas Hold'em tournament and Chad Saha, Dan Bigelow, and Jim Harkness for their donations.

Hopefully we will see you all next year for the **20th Annual** Golf Outing.

[Pictures are posted at www.epsilongamma.org]

2008 Scholarship Winners Announced

By Scott Sawyer, EGHC vice president

The summer of 2008 found the Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation (EGHC) giving out ten scholarships to Epsilon Gamma undergrads worth \$3000. The EGHC would like to once again thank all of our donors for our scholarship program and we look forward to providing many more scholarships in the coming years. This year's scholarship recipients once again show they believe in the standards set forth by Beta Theta Pi.

The first recipient is John A. Reineke II of Brighton, MI who received the David J. Dennis \$500 scholarship. John has a 3.41 GPA and an economics major. John has been the fraternity's Alumni Relations Chair, Historian and is currently the Pledge Educator.

The second recipient is Chris Mueller of Grandville, MI who received the Jeffrey D. Hughes and Family \$500 scholarship. Chris has a 3.4 GPA while studying English and Speech. Chris has held the position of Pledge Educator and Public relations chair for the fraternity. Chris received a 4.0 Spring Semester 2008.

The third recipient is Brandyn Lawson of Sandusky, MI who received the Keith Nagel \$250 Scholarship. Brandyn has a 3.3 GPA while studying Management and Leadership at CMU. Brandyn has held the positions of Social Chair, Vice President, President, Secretary, and is the current Recruitment Chair for the Fraternity. Brandyn will also be serving as a Leadership College facilitator at this year's convention.

The fourth recipient is Steven Witte of Grand Rapids, MI who received the Kevin Brockman \$250 Scholarship. Steve has a 3.62 GPA while studying Biomedical Science. Steve is the current Scholarship Chair for the fraternity.

The fifth recipient is Thomas Ahearn of Midland, MI who received the Grant Armand Kersten Jr. \$250 Scholarship. Thomas has a 3.0 GPA while studying Health Fitness. Thomas has held the position of IM Sports Chair and he is on the Charter Committee.

The sixth recipient is Jamelle Dooley of Naperville, IL who received the Oren Lane \$250 Scholarship. Jamelle has a 2.9 GPA while studying Dietetics and Family Studies. Jamelle is currently the Public Relations Chair and Parliamentarian for the fraternity.

The seventh recipient is Jeffrey Zapolski of Saginaw, MI who received the Marc Hess \$250 Scholarship. Jeff has a 3.88 GPA while Personal Financial Planning. Jeff is the Treasurer for the fraternity.

The eighth recipient is Christopher Jordan Clark of Grand Haven, MI who received the Matt Mularoni \$250 Scholarship. Chris has a 2.79 GPA while studying Business Management. Chris plays a very active role with the Army ROTC at Central Michigan.

The ninth recipient is John Klapchuk of Dowagiac, MI who received the Jim Cone \$250 scholarship. John has a 3.53 GPA while studying Spanish and Math Secondary Education. John has held the position of Pledge Class Vice President for the fraternity.

The tenth recipient is Drew Mason of Lansing, MI who received the Steve Swindell \$250 Scholarship. Drew has a 3.87 GPA while studying Education. Drew has held the position of Chorister for the fraternity.

The EGHC scholarship committee would like to congratulate all ten scholarship recipients and we would like to say thank you to the ten scholarship donors.

If you would like to donate a scholarship in your name, please contact Scott Nadeau.

More EG Betas Attend the Wooden Institute

By Tom Olver '98, EGHC president

Jeff Zapolski, Alex Jeffrey and Terry Massie participated in *The John and Nellie Wooden Institute for Men of Principle* in Oxford, Ohio, July 12-16. *The Wooden Institute* is an incredible opportunity for initiated Betas that focuses on the ritual of Beta Theta Pi and becoming a better leader. The program allows Betas to interact with brothers and Friends of Beta from across North America. Participants share ideas, dissect Fraternity ritual, partake in challenging activities that focus on leadership skills, learn more about the history of Beta Theta Pi and reflect on the Fraternity's heritage.

[Picture at www.epsilongamma.org]

Homecoming 2008 - Early Reminder

This year's CMU homecoming is on October 11th. Unlike any past year, this year's football game (against Temple) will kick-off at 4:00 p.m.

We'll have the schedule of the day's events posted next month.

Upcoming Events

<p>August</p> <p>169th General Convention August 7-10, 2008 Dallas, Texas Register at: www.betathetapi.org</p> <p>Housing Corporation Annual Meeting & Elections August 16, 2008 Mt. Pleasant, MI</p>	<p>September</p> <p>Pledge Induction Sunday, September 21, 2008</p> <p>Chapter Cedar Point Fundraiser September 26-28, 2008</p>
<p>October</p> <p>CMU Homecoming October 11, 2008 CMU vs. Temple Kickoff at 4:00 PM</p> <p>3 Fires October 24-25, 2008</p>	<p>November</p> <p>Beta Week November 10-15, 2008</p> <p>Initiation November 15, 2008</p>

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

The Beta Network

- **Matt Graves `07** writes: I graduated from Grand Valley State University in '07 with a Bachelor's in Poli Sci. I was married in May of '08 to Julia in the Riviera Maya of Mexico. I am currently working for The Hartford as a Priority Account Rep, consulting on group disability and life insurance benefits.
- **Tom Santilli `00** writes: HEY EVERYBODY - HELP OUT A BROTHER!!!!!!!

My company JD Entertainment is competing for "Best of Detroit" Click on Detroit under the Wedding - DJ category (we can only enter under one category...so no video entry....), click on the following link to vote for us:

<http://wdiv.cityvoter.com/jd-entertainment-services/biz/46738>

We need all of you to vote for JD Entertainment!!!!!!! Just click on the link above, and you will have to register to vote on Click on Detroit...it takes 2 seconds and would be greatly appreciated. You can vote once per email address.

After you vote, get your family, friends, co-workers to vote as well! The exposure we could receive from this will benefit me and my company greatly, so I hope you read this, and immediately go vote! If we win, I'll buy a round of Zimas.

Hope everybody is doing well!

p.s. by forwarding this along, in the past week we have jumped from 14th to 2nd place!!! I'm hoping that my brothers in Beta are what pushes us up to number #1.

BETAS IN THE MILITARY

- -nothing to report this month-

Send in your Beta Network News to scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org or fill out the form at: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/alumni/betabase.htm>.

Thanks Tom!

By Scott Nadeau `89, EGHC communications director - soon to be president

The Epsilon Gamma monthly birthdays would normally appear in this spot. Starting this month, things will be a little different. As you know Tom is stepping down from the Housing Corporation this month to focus time on all of the new responsibilities he has at the General Fraternity. On top of that, he just purchased a new house and has to deal with everything that entails.

I wanted to take a minute and thank Tom for all of his support and dedication to Epsilon Gamma since his graduation from CMU more than 10 years ago. No one has done more for our chapter than Tom, and we wouldn't have a chapter right now or excellent house if it weren't for him.

There's a lot that goes on behind the scenes in trying to run an organization as large as ours. As you know, there are many different personalities that exist at EG and you can never please everyone. Tom always managed to keep things on a professional level and helped make the tough decisions that had to be made. He was/is always forward-thinking and focusing on "what's next."

Throughout his tenure as the EGHC we have seen two remodels of the house, a successful *Capital Fundraising Initiative*, a tough chapter closure and recolonization, continuation of our chapter's traditions of the Pig Roast and the Golf Outing, the institution of a scholarship program and initiation incentive, and a successful 20 year reunion - just to name a few accomplishments. We've come a long way in a relatively short time. There are chapters twice as old as ours that do not have what we have and Tom has been the major factor in making it all happen.

He has been the target of criticism, often times undeserved. Decisions with the house and the chapter are often made in a group setting and labored over for weeks. As the face of the organization, he was the guy who had to deliver any unpopular news. It was one of the downsides of holding the position, but a responsibility he accepted. He would always say "I don't see anyone knocking on my door offering to take my place" in a joking manner as a way to deal with critics and naysayers.

So as I embark on my attempt to "fill his shoes" I just want to say "Thank you Tom!" Thanks for your

dedication, hard work, spelling and grammar tips and mostly your friendship. I know I can't replace you, but by using your example as a guide, I just may be able to keep the EGHC going for a while.

Now, unlike one of Tom's speeches, I'm going to end my remarks.

To all of you that have August birthdays....Happy Birthday! The birthday feature will return as soon as I figure out how to automate it...

[You too can send your messages of thanks to brother Olver at tom.olver@betathetapi.org.]

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