



## CHAPTER Update

By J Dooley `10, chapter PR chairman

Epsilon Gamma's fall semester began with a bang! Brothers Brandyn Lawson `10, Mark Anderson `09, Robert Hunter `11, Jamelle Dooley `11, Brett Marquardt `09, and Justin Mack `11 traveled down to Dallas, Texas for the 169th General Convention.

In true Epsilon Gamma style, the chapter returned with honors. The General Fraternity formally honored EG with three awards: the **Charles Henry Hardin Leadership Development Award** which is awarded to chapters which show dedication and commitment to participating in leadership experiences, the **North Dakota for Excellence in Chapter Publications** (runner-up), which is awarded to chapters with outstanding newsletters and newspapers, and the **Francis H. Sisson Award**. The Sisson Award is awarded to chapters based on their achievements and excellence. This year only 40 out of 223 chapters were honored. This is the Epsilon Gamma chapter's 8th Sisson award, the first since 1999.

In addition to being garnished with awards, the delegates of the convention voted to reinstate Epsilon Gamma's "Chapter" status! The brothers of Epsilon Gamma were reissued their precious charter, on the eight day of the eight month: the 169th anniversary of Beta Theta Pi's founding.

Utilizing the momentum gained from Beta Theta Pi's 169th Convention, the Epsilon Gamma chapter "hit the road running." On August 16 the chapter held its first chapter meeting of the academic year. The brothers laid a firm foundation, and began to formulate a game plan for the remainder semester. Recruitment chair, Brandyn Lawson `09, laid out his first collection of recruitment events: an Epsilon Gamma informational night, a mocktail party with sisters of Sigma Kappa, an afternoon of outdoor games, and an opportunity to gain some volunteer hours by walking dogs. The Beta info night, which was held August 26th, kicked off the recruitment period with vigor, and set the tone of the remainder of the period.

Alumni Relations Chairman, Chris Saylor `10, shared his preliminary plans for an installment banquet to celebrate the occasion of receiving the charter. This function is an opportunity for the undergraduates to commemorate the chapter, as well as a chance to break bread and mingle with friends, family and chapter alumni. A venue has not been finalized; however, a date has. Be sure to save the date: **Saturday, November 15th!**

As August passes us by, and September takes its place, Beta continues to lead by example and do what it does best: excell! Expect to hear more good things in the coming months.

*Pictures of the Epsilon Gamma 160th Convention experience are posted [here](#).*

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## Re-Installation Banquet - Save the Date!

The re-installation banquet is being planned for **November 15th, 2008!**

The Chapter is working real hard to plan a memorable evening in a short amount of time. The event location is not 100% finalized yet, but it looks like it's going to take place at the Comfort Inn Conference Center in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. For those of you wishing to reserve your room now, you can do it online at: <http://www.mtpcomfortinn.com/>. As of this writing, the room rate was \$98.00 for a regular room and \$116 for a suite. If the location changes, everyone will be alerted immediately.

More information will be released once it's finalized but some of the events will be an initiation ceremony at the house, lunch at the house, campus tours and plenty of time to socialize with brothers.

If you have any questions or want to help out with the planning, drop a note to [banquet@epsilongamma.org](mailto:banquet@epsilongamma.org).

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## CMU Homecoming & 2nd Annual "Bubba's Beta Brunch"

By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC president

CMU Homecoming is **October 11th, 2008**.

The kick-off is scheduled for 4:00 so the schedule will be different than in previous years...

At 10:00 AM the day will begin with the 2nd Annual "Bubba's Beta Brunch!" Barbara and Paul "Bubba" Koehn are back to sponsor, prepare and serve another delicious meal to the Beta brothers, their families and friends. This year the menu includes: bagels, scrambled eggs, sausage, danish, gorilla bread, fruit, juice, milk and coffee...and caramel bars!

The CMU Homecoming Parade is scheduled to start at 11:00 AM on campus and should be marching by the Beta house around 11:30. Several brothers will be participating in the parade. The Marching Chips' trombone section this year is being led by Mark Andersen '09, the Betas are planning on entering a float this year and with almost 100% of the fraternity being involved in other groups on campus we're bound to have brothers peppered throughout the show.

At 1:00 PM, following the parade and brunch, all CMU alums are welcome to attend the Alumni Village that is set up on the north side of Kelly Shorts Stadium at Rose Ponds. Enjoy free food, entertainment and catch up with old friends. Homecoming Grand Marshall [Amy Roloff](#) will be there as well as a 100-member kazoo band. For those younger alums who are a bit more adventurous, you may choose to hang out in the student tailgate area in parking lot 63 on the south side of the stadium.

At 2:00 PM It's the Department of Engineering and Technology's annual Cardboard Boat Race. This has become a new homecoming tradition at CMU as students race across the Rose Ponds in cardboard boats they've engineered and built.

Kick-off for the CMU vs. Temple game is at 4:00 PM. You can purchase your own tickets [here](#). Anyone interested in going in on a block of tickets can contact me.

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## Housing Corporation Fall Update

By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC president

The [Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation](#) met on August 16th in Mt. Pleasant to discuss the budget for the upcoming school year, changes to the house leasing system and to elect new board members and an executive board.

Here are a few highlights of the meeting:

- We are planning an EG "Family Bowling Night" for sometime in December. The basic premise is to reserve a bunch of lanes and invite everyone to show up with their families. The event will take place somewhere in Southeastern Michigan. More info will come out soon.
- The 25th Anniversary Banquet will take place in the Fall of 2010. We are currently looking into venues. The CMU Rotunda in the UC is one the locations we are seriously considering. The room is only \$225 to rent for the evening and the food and adult beverage service is reasonably priced. Attendees would be shuttled from the hotel to the event and back. The reason for choosing this venue ties to the next bullet point.
- A little more than 10 years ago, the Alumni Association set as one of its long-term goals to donate a monument to CMU. That goal has never died. A (perfect) location was suggested to us and we in the early stages of researching the possibility. The monument would showcase important events in the history of the university as well serve as a monument to the Greek System at CMU and to our Chapter. Brother Tom Olver '98 has volunteered to spearhead this effort with the goal of breaking ground on the project the weekend of the 25th Anniversary in 2010.
- Some of the people who pledged money to the *Capital Fundraising Initiative* have not kept up with their pledges causing havoc on the EGHC budget. The rooms that were sponsored by those people will be opened up for new sponsorships in the coming weeks. Jon Eadie '93, Bob Hempton '89 and Jon Coe '91 will be serving on the committee to re-boot the CFI.
- The house will be moving from a 9 1/2 month lease to an 11 1/2 month lease to match other off-campus housing offerings. The house lease rate still will remain lower than most housing options in the market.

In addition to the business discussed, there were a few changes to the board. Phil Klassen '09 was elected to a three year term that was vacated by outgoing President Tom Olver '98. Marty Kaiser '01 stepped down from

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the board for personal reasons and Jeff Wandzel '89 was elected to fulfill the remainder of his term. In addition, both John Coe '91 and Bob Hempton '89 were re-elected to three year terms.

The new EGHC E-board is as follows: Scott Nadeau '89 (me) is president, Scott Sawyer '99 remains vice-president, Phil Klassen '09 is our new treasurer and Jon Eadie '93 is our new secretary.

One final highlight of the meeting was a grand farewell speech by outgoing EGHC president Tom Olver '98 and the presentation of the charter document to Chapter President Robby Hunter '11. Following the EGHC meeting, the entire Chapter participated in a house clean/fix up and then held a beginning of the year kick-off retreat.

Our next open meeting will be on January 31, 2009 with the location to be determined.

Official minutes and photos of the meeting are posted at: [http://www.epsilongamma.org/volunteers/eghc\\_reports.html](http://www.epsilongamma.org/volunteers/eghc_reports.html)

New folks can read about what the Housing Corporation is all about here: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/volunteers/eghc.htm>

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## Chhetri Receives Spring 2008 Baad Scholarship

*By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC president*

The Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation recently awarded a \$200 academic scholarship to Pratik Chhetri '11, an undergraduate member of the Epsilon Gamma Chapter 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.

Chhetri, a biomedical sciences, chemistry and mathematics major from Kathmandu, Nepal, earned a 3.86 during the spring semester and currently holds a 3.92 cumulative GPA. "My Beta experience so far has been extremely wonderful! With almost no knowledge about fraternities and seeing their negative image shown in movies, I was not so sure about joining one. After joining Beta, I feel like I made a right decision. The fraternal bonds between brothers and working TOGETHER are the most interesting parts...it is like having a new family outside Nepal."

His goals for the Chapter include seeing the chapter win the President's Cup a third consecutive year, and also winning the Greek Week trophy. He also is planning to help the chapter move up one spot to regain the mantle of the top academic fraternity on campus by serving on the Chapter's Scholarship Committee. Personal goals include joining a combined MD/PhD program at a respected medical school to ultimately to become a successful Neurosurgeon and Neurobiology researcher.

In addition to the scholarship, Chhetri will have the privilege of wearing the "Baad badge" — a custom made Fraternity pin bearing Baad's name and roll number — until the fall 2008 recipient is announced early in 2009.

More than a dozen annual scholarship funds have been established by Chapter alumni through a special ongoing Capital Fundraising Initiative. More than \$10,000 — divided into \$250 and \$500 scholarships — has been awarded to undergraduate members of Beta Theta Pi since January 2006.

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 6,000 collegians on 125 campuses in the United States and Canada.

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## Upcoming Events

### September

**Pledge Induction**  
Sunday, September 21, 2008

**Chapter Cedar Point Fundraiser**  
September 26-28, 2008

### October

**CMU Homecoming**  
October 11, 2008  
CMU vs. Temple

**3 Fires**  
October 24-25, 2008

## November

**Beta Week**  
November 10-15, 2008

**Initiation**  
November 15, 2008

**Re-Installation Banquet**  
November 15, 2008

## December

**Exam Week**  
December 8-12, 2008

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

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## The Beta Network

- **Andrew Woodliff `95** writes: I was married on May 3, 2008 to Kristen Ann Steiner. We both live in Greensboro, North Carolina. I work for Lorillard Tobacco Company as a Demand Planner and Kristen is a Occupational Therapist for Guilford County Schools.
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### BETAS IN THE MILITARY

- -nothing to report this month-

Send in your Beta Network News to [communications@epsilongamma.org](mailto:communications@epsilongamma.org) or fill out the form at: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/alumni/betabase.htm>.

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## For the Staunchest Newsletter

*By Scott Nadeau `89, EGHC president*

Alumni Relations Chairman Chris Saylor `10 and I are working on the fall edition of *For the Staunchest*. If you have any personal news or information you would like shared with everyone, please send it to [communications@epsilongamma.org](mailto:communications@epsilongamma.org).

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