



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

By Scott Nadeau, EGHC president

CMU Homecoming is October 11th, 2008.

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!



EG#241 Paul "Bubba" Koehn says:

*Who ever said you can't go home again never talked to a Beta from Epsilon Gamma!*

*Come and share with brothers old and new,*

*See the parade and have brunch too.*

*Remember- when you think CMU- you think Beta!*

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 tickets [here](#). If anyone is interested in going in on a block of tickets, please contact me: [scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org](mailto:scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org).

The CMU student schedule of events is [here](#).

The CMU alumni schedule of events is [here](#).

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## Chapter Report

By Robert Hunter '10, chapter president and  
Phil Klassen '09, chapter vice president

Epsilon Gamma has gotten off to a great start this fall. We have taken the momentum from getting our charter back and winning EG's 7<sup>th</sup> Sisson Award. Many of the brothers took time this summer strengthen their leadership skills at Beta sponsored events and put time into developing the position they hold.

This fall has been an exciting time already. For the first time since I have been here, freshman at MainStage came to seek Beta out. [MainStage for those who don't know is an all-campus carnival type event that is

held the day before the first day of classes.] The buzz is out throughout the Greek and non-Greek community that Beta is back in full force. This excitement has led to a pledge class of 11 **quality** men.

Our chapter is becoming more well rounded as we grow in size. We have competed in football, softball (we are not very good, but are having a lot of fun), and are involved on many activities with outside organizations on campus. We also recently cleaned up our 2 mile stretch of road that, until recently, we did not know we were in charge of. By the end of this semester, Beta Theta Pi should be the largest fraternity on campus with the highest GPA.

*"And we cannot doubt that in this, as in other respects, our 'future will copy fair our past,' and that in the world of 50 years from now, as in that of years ago – as in that that lies around us today – the first mark of a Beta will be his Beta spirit." -Willis O. Robb, Wesleyan '79*

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## Recruitment Review

*By Brandyn Lawson '09, chapter recruitment chairman*

This fall recruitment process went great with a tremendous turnout from potential members arriving at the five events that were put together to bring around a great pledge class. The recruitment process is one that can be difficult, but with the efforts of both the recruiting committee and other brothers, it was a great success, which is evident in the caliber of men that have been brought through and inducted as pledges.

Being handed a Beta bid is an honor, and something that clearly not each young man on campus has the opportunity to do. The young men that we gave bids to will soon be a contributing factor in the chapter and look forward to meeting everyone. Now that the fall recruitment process is over the focus will soon be on finding more men around the campus that are worthy to wear the badge and will help to make us proud.

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## Pledge Report

*By John A. Reineke II '09, chapter pledge educator*

This semester's pledge class has been inducted and will be a strong group to help lead the Epsilon Gamma chapter in the near future. The recruitment process has come to a close and these are the men that have accepted bids and will be the newest class brothers:

Evan	Michael	Peltier
Kyle	Nickolas	Schierlinger
Vinnie		Olsen
Patrick	David	Mangan
Robert	William	Lane
Benjamin	James	Love
Tylere	Richard	Presley
Zachary	Nathan	Reinbold
Scott	Walbrun	
Jordan		Spitzly
Dan		Feathstone

The new class of pledges will be going through their 8-week process, taking part in rituals throughout and beginning their journey to become a brother. Initiation is set for November 15th at the house. The newest class holds a great deal of promise, and will certainly make each brother of Beta proud!

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## Alumni Relations Report

*By Christopher R. Saylor '10, alumni relations chairman*

Since getting our charter back, the chapter has started to see a great increase in alumni involvement. The football season is well underway and Homecoming is a little more than a week away. October 11th the Central Michigan University football team will be competing against Temple University. I encourage everyone to stop by the house and enjoy a fun day of fellowship with brothers and family.

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This semester we will be starting a new program between alumni and pledges. Due to the distance that most alums live from the Mount Pleasant area, the program will be a simple pen-pal format that will help pledges get to understand just what to expect from stories that their paired alumni are able to communicate to them. If anyone is at all willing to help out there are plenty of spots still needed to help with getting the program off the ground and running for the first semester. If you are interested please send a message to [christopher.saylor10@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.saylor10@gmail.com).

Once we were given the news that we were once again a chapter, the planning quickly was underway to get a celebration banquet set up. On November 15th the chapter is looking forward to seeing a great showing from parents and alumni to help show off just what the journey to return to chapter status has taken.

The chapter would like to thank everyone for their support and help over the years and would love to see everyone in the near future. Thank you!

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## IM Sports Report

*By Thomas Ahearn `11, IM sports chair*

Epsilon Gamma will be participating in a number of intramural sports this school year. To open the year, we are playing both softball and flag football. Following that will be outdoor soccer. Winter sports include floor hockey, basketball, volleyball and indoor soccer.

The brothers of the chapter will look to continue their success from last season and build on a great group of returning athletes. Playing IM athletics is a chance for the brotherhood to get together on a regular basis and show off their talents to those that come to watch. The games certainly are a high point for the brothers of the chapter as it gives us a chance to let off a little steam, as well as being able to rekindle a few of the talents they may have displayed from back in high school.

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## Epsilon Gamma Re-Installation Banquet - November 15th

***Join us in Mt. Pleasant on November 15th for the Re-installation banquet!***

The big event will take place at [Buck's Run Golf Club](#) in Mt. Pleasant. The dinner will be a buffet style with three entrees. The cost is \$35 per person.

The event will also feature songs, video, and of course a few short speeches.

Dinner is scheduled to start at 6:00, the program at 7:00 and the entire event will wrap up by 10:00. That leaves plenty of time to explore what Mt. Pleasant has to offer during the evening hours.

There will be a more detailed message sent out once the speaker line-up and the day's entire agenda has been finalized.

To book a hotel room in Mt. Pleasant for the evening online through Hotels.com, [click here](#). (Change the dates if you want to stay longer.)

### **RSVP AND PURCHASE A TICKET FOR THE REINSTALLATION BANQUET:**

**To RSVP for the banquet and purchase a ticket, [click here](#).**

*If you have any questions about the event contact Chris Saylor ([christopher.saylor10@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.saylor10@gmail.com)) or Scott Nadeau ([scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org](mailto:scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org).)*

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## Three Fires - October 24th

*By Scott Nadeau `89, EGHC president*

For those who are interested, the chapter's traditional three fires event is scheduled to take place on the evening of October 24th at Trevor Wisniewski's cabin in Wellston, Michigan.

If you have a desire to attend this event, please contact the Chapter's Ritual Chairman Mark Andersen `09. ([ander1md@cmich.edu](mailto:ander1md@cmich.edu))

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## Web Site Updates

By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC president

There have been a few changes to the web site lately:

We have started to place ads at the bottom of each page at [www.epsilongamma.org](http://www.epsilongamma.org). The ads are pay-per-click ads. That means if you click them, the EGHC will get a few cents. Next time you're at the site if you see something interesting in one of the ads, give it a click and check it out. The revenue from the ads will go to help offset the costs of web hosting. Thanks to brother Dave Deighton '90 for the suggestion.

For those of you who are into RSS feeds and know what they are, the EG site now has one. You can subscribe by using [this link](#).

I have also added an interactive alumni map to the site that shows you where everyone lives. You can see the map here: [http://www.epsilongamma.org/alumni/alumni\\_map.htm](http://www.epsilongamma.org/alumni/alumni_map.htm)

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## Epsilon Gamma Featured in CMLife (Twice)

The Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Beta Theta Pi was featured in two different articles this past month. The first mention was in an article on the "Meet the Greeks" event held on campus. Recruitment Chairman Brandyn Lawson '09 was interviewed for the [piece](#) by Sarah Nuenbecker (full article at the link):

The process of entering a fraternity is called "rush," which will last between one and three weeks, depending on the fraternity. During rush, men interested in joining a fraternity attend social events at each of the 11 fraternity houses, and bond with current members.

"At the end of Rush, fraternities extend bids to the people they like, who must then decide which one to accept," said Brandyn Lawson, Vice President of External Affairs for the InterFraternity Council and member of Beta Theta Pi.

After offers are extended, new members must visit the Office of Student Life to be an official member of a sorority or a fraternity.

Lawson said there are many benefits to joining a fraternity.

"A fraternity takes the average college experience and elevates it," the Sandusky senior said. "It's a polishing experience that makes it easier to get a job in the real world."

The second article focused entirely on the chapter ([link to full article](#)):

Beta Theta Pi regains charter

By: Lindsay Knake

Issue date: 9/12/08 Section: News

Beta Theta Pi regained its charter after losing it in 2002 for not meeting the fraternity's national office standards.

Beta Theta Pi president Robert Hunter is thrilled his fraternity, which received its charter this summer after being a colony since 2004, is now an official chapter at Central Michigan University. "We worked so hard the past couple years," the Grosse Ile junior said. "There were hard times when we were fighting for our position in Greek Life."

For the last four years, Beta Theta Pi worked on building momentum and recruiting men who met the Beta principles and had leadership qualities, Hunter said. "We had to prove to the nationals that we could be a responsible chapter," said Jenison sophomore Kris Stenglein.

The fraternity requested the charter at a Beta Theta Pi convention. Northville senior Brett Marquardt was at the convention when the fraternity received the charter. "It's pretty sweet ... It's like we are here now," he said. "All the brothers are excited."

The fraternity also had to prove to CMU that it would be a good organization. "When the national office gives a fraternity their charter, the university also has to agree," said Assistant Director of

Student Life Thomas Idema.

The charter is a stepping stone for Beta Theta Pi the fraternity is now winning awards, Stenglein said.

Hunter said the fraternity won the President's Cup the past two years, which was a catalyst for gaining the charter. According to the CMU Greek life web site, the President's Cup is awarded to a chapter that has demonstrated "overall excellence." The President's Cup is the highest award a Greek organization can win at CMU.

Gaining the charter has given the fraternity the drive to be the best and win a third President's Cup, Hunter said. Beta Theta Pi is working hard to win the Knox award, a Beta award given to the best chapter, Stenglein said. The fraternity will focus on developing leaders, education and philanthropy, Hunter said.

Stenglein said the charter gives Beta Theta Pi a big boost in recognition. "It's a relief to have the charter," he said. Hunter believes being a chapter will help with recruitment.

"We can now say proudly we are an official chapter and we explain something special is happening. We are a new breed of what fraternities should be," Hunter said.

The CM-Life website is here: <http://www.cm-life.com>

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## Upcoming Events

<p><b>October</b></p> <p><b>CMU Homecoming</b> October 11, 2008 CMU vs. Temple</p> <p><b>3 Fires</b> October 24-25, 2008</p>	<p><b>November</b></p> <p><b>Beta Week</b> November 10-15, 2008</p> <p><b>Initiation</b> November 15, 2008</p> <p><b>Re-Installation Banquet</b> November 15, 2008</p>
<p><b>December</b></p> <p><b>Exam Week</b> December 8-12, 2008</p>	<p><b>January</b></p> <p><b>Spring Semester Begins</b> January 12, 2009</p>

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

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## The Beta Network

- -nothing to report this month-

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- -nothing to report this month-

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