



President's Message

By Justin Mack '11, chapter president

Dearest brother,

I hope this letter finds you well, after a blessed holiday season enjoying friends, family and, of course, inclement weather.

As you may know, I was recently elected to the presidency of our beloved chapter, and accepted with great humility. I would not have even considered the position, though, without possessing the noblest intentions and highest understanding of my responsibilities and expectations. I recall considering what it would take and what leading a chapter of this Great and Good fraternity would entail, and I received some welcomed guidance from a wise alumnus.

Dr. Seth R. Brooks, *St. Lawrence* '22, once scribed in his book, *Inter Fratres*, published in 1986, while pondering our Fraternity's destiny as a whole that:

"Commitment to what is our rightful destiny excludes anything unbecoming our high and noble purposes... No one can honestly question the value of an association like ours, if it carries out those ends for which it was created."

There it was. The key to the fulfillment of Beta's long and glorious history was as simple as that. It was then that I found it right that I seek the presidency and, after being elected, it is my pledge to all of my brothers that I will do just that. I will keep my eye on the noblest of goals — that which we were created for — and fulfill the destiny that should be rightfully ours. A great destiny that is rightfully ours not only as a fraternity, but specifically this chapter. Our destiny resides among the stars.

I could not be more excited for this next chapter in Epsilon Gamma's ever-thrilling history. I hope you will be active in our growth and joyous in our triumphs; for I am sure, there is much to come of both.

Yours in ____kai____,

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Central Michigan '11
President, Epsilon Gamma of Beta Theta Pi

Chapter Update

By John Klapchuk '09, chapter public relations chairman

As CMU finished out the fall semester of 2008, the Brothers of Epsilon Gamma demonstrated their continued dedication to the Cultivation of the Intellect by studying hard for finals and completing those last minute projects. In between studying, the newly elected E-board was busy preparing for an extremely busy January.

The first event of the year will be the Chapter Kick-Off Retreat on January 11, at 1:00 PM. The brothers will put into motion many plans for another successful recruitment. Events will include:

- 1/20/08 Bowling at the Student Activity Center – 7:00 p.m.
- 1/24/08 Mocktail with a sorority – 6:30 p.m.
- 1/28/08 Attend the CMU vs. Ohio basketball game – 8:00 p.m.
- 1/30/08 Beta Info Night – 6:30 p.m.
- 2/3/08 Game Night – 7:00 p.m.

The Epsilon Gamma chapter will also have a stronger push for philanthropic endeavors. Newly chosen Philanthropy Chair, Robert Lane '12, has been busy planning events throughout the semester. Some of the

events will include: dog walking, volunteering with Vowels Elementary School, the first annual Choral Cup, creating a team for Relay for Life, the annual King of the Wing Tournament, as well as continuing to maintain a 2-mile stretch of Whiteville Road. Plans for recycling at the house are also being made in an effort to be more eco-friendly.

Epsilon Gamma Facebook Group & Photo Archives

By Scott Nadeau '89, housing corporation president

Alumnus Todd Finnin '96 has created a [Facebook](#) group for all Epsilon Gamma Betas. If you aren't familiar with Facebook, it's a social networking website similar to MySpace or LinkedIn.

(Wiki: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Facebook>)

If you are interested in joining the group, first join Facebook and then befriend either Todd, or myself and we'll get you an invite to the group. The group's Facebook page is here:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=39564305508>

Also, I have uploaded every Beta photo that I have and created an on-line photo book. The photos can be found here: <http://picasaweb.google.com/epsilongamma.betathetapi>. The photos are uploaded in a higher resolution than I can display on the web site which makes them suitable for downloading, printing and framing. I have also pilfered photos from other people's facebook pages and added them to the collection.

If you have any old Beta photos you would like to add to the collection, please scan them, zip them and send them to webmaster@epsilongamma.org. I'll add all photos to the archive and post as many as I can. (*I won't post any that may cause anyone problems at work or at home.*)

Upcoming Events

<p>January</p> <p>Chapter Kick-off Retreat Sunday, January 11, 2009 1:00 PM Bovee University Center Gold & Chippewa Rooms</p> <p>Spring Semester Begins January 12, 2009</p> <p>EG Housing Corporation Meeting January 31, 2009 Location & Time TBA</p>	<p>February</p> <p>Pledge Induction Sunday, February 1, 2009</p> <p>Midwest Keystone Leadership Conference February 20-22, 2009 Clock Tower Resort in Rockford, Illinois</p> <p>Three Fires February 27-28, 2008</p>
<p>March</p> <p>Spring Break March 7-15, 2009</p> <p>Greek Week March 23-27, 2009</p>	<p>April</p> <p>Initiation April 4, 2009 Oxford, OH</p> <p>Robert A. Seeber/Lenny Varner International Pig Roast April 18, 2009 Island Park, Mt. Pleasant</p>

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

The Beta Network

- **Steve Masters '90** writes: As many of you know I have been living in Michigan's Upper Peninsula for about 12 years now...time sure is flying. I have been recently elected Township Supervisor for Maple Ridge Township (Home of 2007 Miss Michigan Crystal Hayes!) My original margin of victory was a scant three votes. I would like to thank Beta Theta Pi, the three stars, and the brotherhood for their help in crafting me into the leader that I am today.

BETAS IN THE MILITARY

- -nothing to report this month-

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If you have any questions or comments please send them to communications@epsilongamma.org.

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