



## Central Michigan Celebrates Sisson Award

*By John Klapchuk '09, chapter public relations chairman*

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After Saturday night's celebration banquet at Beta Theta Pi's 170th General Convention in Phoenix, there is cause to celebrate for the Central Michigan Chapter, as we have received our ninth Francis H. Sisson Award.

The Chapter was awarded the Francis H. Sisson award for fraternal excellence at this convention, an honor bestowed upon only twenty-eight of the fraternity's over one hundred and twenty chapters.

"It's always an honor to be recognized at convention," President Justin Mack, Central Michigan '11, said. "However, the time has come now for the Epsilon Gamma Chapter to set their sights on higher goals; specifically, the [John Reilly] Knox Award."

Mack was greeted by 32-year senator, the Honorable Richard G. Lugar, Denison '54, on stage as he received the award.

The fraternity's 171st convention will be held in Washington D.C. from August 5-8, 2010. As always, the chapter invites all available alumni to join them.

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## The State of the Chapter

*By Justin E. Mack '11, chapter president*

Yet again, I get the pleasure of addressing you at one of the Epsilon Gamma's proudest moments. The chapter received its ninth Sisson Award this summer at the 170th General Convention in Phoenix. This our chapter's second in a row. We can soundly say that Epsilon Gamma has solidified itself as one of the better respected throughout all of Beta's Broad Domain; which begs the question: Now that we are here, where to next?

Well, brothers, to put it simply: the sky's the limit. The chapter is very excited and incredibly proud of this recent achievement, yet we find ourselves awfully humbled as well. While the Sisson is an honor, no matter how many times you receive it, this only refreshes the chapter's hunger for the most honorable Knox award, a respect that this chapter has never received.

While the state of the chapter is certainly good, there are many things we look to improve upon this year. To name a few, we look forward to another semester of recruiting high-quality men for this first-class fraternity. Brother John Klapchuk '10 will yet again lead us in the effort this fall to find good men worthy to wear the badge.

We also look to improve academically. As we received the second highest cumulative GPA on campus this spring, we look to retake the top spot this fall and truly serve as a testament to *Cultivation of the Intellect*.

But as with all things in the fraternal world, we cannot do it ourselves. We look to you, our alumni, friends, and family to help in any way you can. Our chapter suffers from no illusions of perfection, and we recognize that both our best allies and sometimes greatest critics are reading this letter now – two things a chapter desperately needs in times of growth like these.

And so I write you now a letter of both celebration and a call to action. While we celebrate the many successes we have already enjoyed, we must not rest upon our laurels during this opportunity for growth. We need you now, more than ever, to give to the chapter in your advice, gifts, and support as we continue to strive for perfection here in Mt. Pleasant.

May God Bless you and we all certainly look forward to seeing you all soon.

## Epsilon Gamma Awards \$2500 in Scholarships

*By Scott Sawyer '99, housing corporation vice president*

The summer of 2009 found the Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation (EGHC) giving out eight scholarships to Epsilon Gamma Undergrads worth \$2500. 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 years scholarship recipients once again show they believe in the standards set forth by Beta Theta Pi.

The first recipient is Mr. Jeffrey Zapolski of Saginaw, MI who received the Bryan Hix/Trevor Wisniewski \$500 Scholarship. Jeff has a 3.91 GPA while studying Personal Financial Planning and Economics. Jeff has held the position of Treasurer and Risk Manager for the fraternity.

The second recipient is Mr. John A. Reineke II of Brighton, MI who received the Jeff Hughes Family \$500 scholarship. John has a 3.38 GPA while studying Economics. John has held the positions of Alumni Relations, Pledge Educator Ritual Chairman and Historian for the fraternity.

The third recipient is Mr. Thomas Ahearn of Midland, MI who received the Steve Swindell and Family \$250 Scholarship. Thomas has a 3.1 GPA while studying Health Fitness in Preventative Programs. Thomas has held the position of IM Sports Chair and Secretary for the fraternity.

The fourth recipient is Mr. John Klapchuk of Dowagiac, MI who received the Oren Lane \$250 scholarship. John has a 3.53 GPA while studying Spanish and Math Secondary Education. John has held the position of Recruitment Chairman and PR Chairman for the fraternity.

The fifth recipient is Mr. Zack Reinbold of Frankenmuth, MI who received the Mark Hess \$250 Scholarship. Zack has a 3.62 GPA while studying Marketing and Logistics Management. Zack has held the position of Treasurer for the fraternity.

The sixth recipient is Mr. Mark Generous of Livonia, MI who received the Grant Kersten \$250 Scholarship. Mark has a 3.94 GPA while studying Broadcast and Cinematic Arts/Communications. Mark has held the position of Historian for the fraternity.

The seventh recipient is Mr. Chris Mueller of Grandville, MI who received the Keith and Audra Nagel \$250 Scholarship. Chris has a 3.50 GPA while studying English and Speech. Chris has held the positions of Public Relations Chair, Pledge Educator, Chorister, and was part of the Philanthropy committee for the fraternity.

The eight recipient is Mr. Robert Hunter of Grosse Ile, MI who received the James Cone \$250 Scholarship. Robert has a 2.84 GPA while studying Marketing and Purchase/ Supply Chain Management. Robert has held the positions President, Recruitment Chair and SGA rep 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 any of you would like to sponsor a named scholarship for the fraternity, please contact [scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org](mailto:scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org).

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## 20th Annual Golf Outing

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

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the 20th Annual Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing. It was another successful event. The weather cleared in time for a beautiful afternoon of golf followed by dinner and a Texas Hold'em tournament.

We had 46 golfers tee off from all age groups from a founder (Greg Compton) to actives. Thomas Kleivit and Kris Stenglein defended their A Flight championship shooting a four over par 75 on the demanding Whispering Pines golf course beating Tim McGovern and Marc Rosa by one stroke. The Marquardt entry shot a 76 to win the B-Flight (clearly they will have to move up in class next year).

Marc Rosa and Andy Shubnell won prizes for closest to the pin, while Tim McGovern and Norm Anderson each won for longest drives. The Texas Hold'em tournament was won by Spencer Matthews (2nd time in 3 years it has been won by an undergraduate); Andy Shubnell finished 2nd, Korey Hart (friend of Mike Stanzola) was 3rd and Steve Desmet finished 4th out of 20 participants.

It was great to see all the brothers and family again, especially Ken "Benjamin Button" Breen who looks like

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he is 17 and getting ready to move into the Towers next month after losing more than 80 pounds. This year we welcomed our first female golfer, Beta Rose Audrey Martin, who teamed with Chapter President Justin Mack.

We wish to give a special thank you to John Coe and John Reineke, who comprised the outing committee, Jim Harkness, Tom Olver, Jeff Wandzel and Dave Steiner for donating prizes, Dan Bigelow for helping with registration, Brett and Terri Marquardt who, along with the generosity and lack of any real golf talent of the players, made the gambling hole an unbelievable success, Tim McGovern for the fine-looking scoreboard and for running the skins game, Steve Desmet and Andy Shubnell for the great job with the Poker Tournament and Scott Nadeau for his usual phenomenal job coordinating and communicating with the masses.

It was an absolute pleasure to put together this year's outing and we look forward to seeing everyone next year.

[Pictures posted here: <http://snurl.com/oppqs>]

If you have any questions about the event or have suggestions for next year, contact us at [golfouting@epsilongamma.org](mailto:golfouting@epsilongamma.org).

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## Recruitment Update

*By John Klapchuk '10, recruitment chairman*

Calling all Epsilon Gamma Alumni! The official recruitment season is fast approaching, and we need your help. As I mentioned before in a previous edition of the E-news, if you know of any gentleman who you feel would be a worthy addition to the rolls of Epsilon Gamma, please send me his contact information. It is not possible for us to find everyone on our own, and we do not want someone missing the opportunity to join our beloved Brotherhood.

If you do not know of anyone, you can help in other ways. I would like to invite any alumni who is in the area, or would like to visit, to attend "Beta Info Night" on Thursday, August 27th from 6:30-7:30pm in the Kulhavi Classrooms. In the past, only active brothers have attended and shared their stories on what it is like to be a Beta. However, as we all know, brotherhood is for life. This would be a great opportunity to share your stories on how Beta Theta Pi has impacted your life after graduation.

Please feel free to contact me at [klapc1je@cmich.edu](mailto:klapc1je@cmich.edu), or 269.462.0341 with any information, questions or suggestions. I truly value your input!

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## Housing Corporation Update

*By Scott Nadeau, housing corporation president*

The EG Housing Corporation will be holding its annual meeting on Saturday, August 15 at the Beta House at 814 S. Main. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM and end around lunch time. Lunch will be provided.

On the agenda for this year's meeting will be the 2009-10 budget, 25th anniversary planning, leasing for 2010, and planning for our next big fundraiser to take place from 2010-15. We'll also be electing officers for 2009-10.

There are going to be up to three openings on the board. Each opening is for a three year term. If you've been thinking of getting involved with the chapter, here is your opportunity. 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.

If you are not currently on the board and are interested in joining or attending the meeting, please contact me directly. [scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org](mailto:scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org)

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## CMU Homecoming & Bubba's Beta Brunch

*By Scott Nadeau, housing corporation president*

CMU Homecoming for 2009 will take place on October 10, 2009. The game is scheduled to start at noon, so events on Main Street will be beginning early. CMU will be taking on Eastern Michigan University at

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Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

Paul "Bubba" Koehn and Barb are back again this year to host "Bubba's Beta Brunch!" Barb told me that she is bringing back the house favorite egg casserole along with various other goodies. We'll give you more information on the event next week.

There are going to be changes at CMU's student tailgating areas this year, I'll be able to fill you in next month as I learn more about the changes.

Order tickets at 1-888-FIREUP-2 or online at [www.cmuchippewas.com](http://www.cmuchippewas.com).

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## Upcoming Events

<p><b>August</b></p> <p>EGHC Annual Meeting <b>August 15, 2009 - 10:00 AM</b> 814 S. Main Mt. Pleasant Michigan</p> <p>Official House Move-in <b>August 17, 2009</b></p> <p>Fall Kick-off Retreat August 22, 2009</p> <p>Fall Semester Begins <b>August 24, 2009</b></p>	<p><b>September</b></p> <p>CMU vs. MSU Football <b>September 12, 2009 AM</b> East Lansing, MI</p> <p>Pledge Induction <b>September 16, 2009</b></p> <p>Chapter Cedar Point Fundraiser <b>September 18-20, 2009</b> Sandusky, OH</p>
<p><b>October</b></p> <p>CMU Homecoming <b>October 10, 2009</b> CMU vs. EMU</p> <p>3-Fires <b>October 23-24, 2009</b> Wellston, MI</p>	<p><b>November</b></p> <p>Initiation <b>November 21, 2009</b> 814 S. Main, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan</p>

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

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## The Beta Network

- **Carl Ahearn**, father of Thomas Ahearn `11, honorary initiate and chapter financial advisor recently made news in Michigan for blowing the whistle on a nation-wide phone scam. Good job Carl!

Read about it here: <http://peek.snurl.com/ops3d>

Video here: <http://snurl.com/nhmk3>

### 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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If you have any questions or comments please send them to [communications@epsilongamma.org](mailto:communications@epsilongamma.org).

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