



Chapter Update

By Justin E. Mack '11, public relations chairman

NEW PLEDGE CLASS

On Thursday, February 4th, 2010 the Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Beta Theta Pi inducted 7 new members into the forty-sixth pledge class of the Epsilon Gamma chapter. The Alpha Chi pledge class is now in its fifth week of pledge class and shows strong potential for leadership within the chapter.

"We've been very happy with the overall performance of this pledge class now that we're over half of the way through the pledge period," Pledge Educator Benjamin J. Love, CMU '12 said. "Clearly, they still have a lot to learn and there is plenty of polishing left to do, but they're catching on wonderfully."

The pledges all received their Big Brothers last week and look forward to the Three Fires Ritual and Fellowship on March 19th & 20th and initiation on April 24th, 2010 that is currently taking place in Oxford, OH.

"We're on the home stretch now, but there is still plenty to be accomplished this semester with two philanthropies, an alumni event, Greek Week, initiation, and our largest social of the year all coming up in these next two months," Chapter President Thomas Ahearn, CMU '11 warned. "I look forward to seeing how our guys step up."

ALPHA CHI CLASS PROFILES:

Not long ago the Chapter asked for the Alpha Chi pledge class to put together some short profiles on themselves and here is what they returned. The names are in alphabetical order by last name.

Name: Adam Joseph Chatterton
Year: Freshman
Major: Finance
Hometown/School: Midland, MI Midland High
Favorite Founder: Pater Knox, *of ever honored memory*
Why do you want to be a Beta? I want to be a Beta to share in the customs and traditions that have been around since 1839.
What do you want to get out of this experience? I hope to be part of a group of men that I would be proud to call my brothers.

Name: Andrew DeSloover
Year: Freshman
Major: Accounting
Hometown/School: Monroe, MI Monroe High School
Favorite Founder: James George Smith, *of ever honored memory*
Why do you want to be a Beta? I want to be a Beta because I like that you have to have at least a 3.0 to be in it. Also the Betas I met when I first went to the house were really cool and down to earth. Also I like the fact that you are required to get involved on campus and volunteer.
What do you want to get out of this experience? I want to be a more mature person and have something as great as being a Beta on my resume. Also I want to hold a position on the executive board one day.

Name: Joe Graffeo

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Three Fires
March 19 & 20, 2010
National City, Michigan

23rd Annual
Robert A. Seeber/Lenny Varner
International Pig Roast
April 17, 2010
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
[DETAILS & RSVP](#)

Pledge Initiation
April 24, 2010
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

21st Annual Epsilon Gamma Golf
Outing
July 24, 2010
Location TBA

Silver Anniversary Banquet
November 13, 2010
Comfort Inn - Mt. Pleasant,
Michigan
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INITIATIVE**

**Epsilon Gamma on
the web:**

Year: Sophomore
Major: Finance
Hometown/School: Lake Orion, MI/Lake Orion High School
Favorite Founder: John Reilly Knox, *of ever honored memory.*

Why do you want to be a Beta? I saw it as a chance to socialize and meet new people and to be a part of campus that only a few are chosen for. Somebody once told me, "In your entire life, you can only be a Greek for four years." I really internalized that and wanted to step up to the challenge, but the challenge also required me to be part of the best. In my opinion, Beta Theta Pi is the best fraternity on campus and I wanted to be part of it. Also, because the guys that encompass this brotherhood seem down to earth and not like the typical stereotype of a "frat guy." That's why I want to be a part of Beta Theta Pi.

What do you want to get out of this experience? I want to enhance my leadership skills by taking positions of responsibility within the fraternity, grow as a person in philanthropy towards Mt. Pleasant or wherever the brotherhood sees fit, and I want to make lasting friendships with Greeks and non-Greeks alike and take every opportunity I can to really become a part of CMU and not just go to college here.

Name: Nathaniel Dean Kioski
Year: Sophomore
Major: Finance
Hometown/School: Laingsburg/ Laingsburg High School
Favorite Founder: John Holt Duncan (*of ever honored memory*), because I believe he describes what every Beta should do.

Why do you want to be a Beta? I want to be Beta because it is a way I can get involved, but more than that -- have people around me that have the same standards about what they want out of college and life.

What do you want to get out of this experience? I want to be pushed to become a leader, become better academically and able to open up.

Name: Brent Rau
Year: Freshman
Major: Sports Medicine
Hometown/School: Novi, MI/Novi High School
Favorite Founder: Michael Clarkson Ryan, *of ever honored memory.*

Why do you want to be a Beta? To strengthen my college experience and make me a better man.

What do you want to get out of this experience? Develop long-lasting friendships and become the best person I can be.

Name: Alex Scull
Year: Junior
Major: Athletic Training
Hometown/School: Alpena, Michigan/Alpena High School
Favorite Founder: John Holt Duncan, *of ever honored memory.*

Why do you want to be a Beta? I want to be a Beta because I want to be able to go through the same experiences and embrace all the knowledge that has been a part of Beta history for so long. I feel Beta not only guides you through the college years but throughout life. I want to be the best person I can and would love to do that through Beta. I'd like to uphold of being a man of principle.

What do you want to get out of this experience? Basically, experience in itself really has importance to me. Overall, I want to be able to gain the friendship, connections not just in college but also for a lifetime. I want to be able to get involved as much as possible and just not let the good time go by.

Name: Eric Steiner
Year: Sophomore
Major: Communications
Hometown/School: Niles, MI/Niles High School
Favorite Founder: John Holt Duncan, *of ever honored*



memory.

Why do you want to be a Beta? So that I can be in a strong brotherhood that focuses on both the social and the academic aspects of college life.

What do you want to get out of this experience? A great group of brothers, some awesome memories, and improved leadership skills.

CHAPTER BIBLE STUDY

Brother Tyler R. Presley, CMU '12, will begin a series of bible studies on Wednesday, March 3rd for any brothers interested. Brother Presley will be working in conjunction with Greek Intersivity for his bible study and hopes that brothers of any faith feel welcome to attend and contribute.

If you are interested in helping Brother Presley or offering any insight, please e-mail him at presl1tr@cmich.edu.

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23rd Annual Robert A. Seeber/Lenny Varner International Pig Roast - April 17th, 2010*

By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC President

The Seebers are in, the Varners have been booked to roast the pig and the shelter has been reserved. The 2010 Pig Roast will be held on April 17th, once again at Island Park in downtown Mt. Pleasant.

Last year's event was the largest in the chapter's 24 year history and this year's promises to be even larger.

Here is the tentative schedule:

11:30 - 2:00 PM Beta Open House - 814 S. Main

1:00 PM Munchies, Games and Fun - Island Park

4:00 PM Dinner

5:00 PM Founders Awards/ Speeches & Loving Cup

It is the goal of everyone who is connected to this event to make it a "friendraiser" event and not a fundraiser. You will not be asked to donate any money. We want you to have a relaxing and fun afternoon without feeling any pressure.

The only thing that you are asked to bring is a dish to pass.

If you are planning to attend, please RSVP so that we can get an accurate head count.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

** Last month we reported that the date would be the 24th. Due to a previous commitment from the Seebers, the date was changed to the 17th.*

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Silver Anniversary Banquet

By Tom Bussineau '86, banquet chairman

The contract has been signed!

The 25th Anniversary Banquet & Celebration will be held **Saturday November 13, 2010** at the **Comfort Inn Conference Center in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.**

In order to generate revenue for our up-front costs, we are offering advanced ticket sales for the event. The price for banquet tickets will be \$50 per person (\$35 pp for undergrads) The deadline has been extended for early ticket sales. The price will go up to \$59 per person once this promotional period has ended.

To receive the discounted price, there are two options to send in your payment: by credit card or electronic check via our website, or by sending in a check.

[To be taken to the registration page on the web site, click here.](#)

A block of discounted rooms has been set aside at the Comfort Inn. Make sure you mentioned that you are with Beta Theta Pi. The football game that weekend is at Navy, so our price for the rooms will not change.

To reserve your room call: (989) 772-4000.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Silver Anniversary, feel free to send me an email at tombussineau@suddenlink.net.

21st Annual Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing

July 24, 2010

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

SAVE THE DATE - JULY 24, 2010!

As we suffer through the remainder of our cold Michigan winter, our thoughts have turned to golf and Summer.

This year the 21st Annual Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing and Texas Hold'em Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 24, 2010 at a time and place to be determined. No matter your skill level, we look forward to seeing you out on the course. Friends and family are welcome as well.

If you have a favorite course you would like us to consider please let us know soon. We will be choosing the site, hopefully, in the next month. If you wish to assist in planning the event or interested in sponsorship opportunities please contact us at: golfouting@epsilongamma.org. July will be here sooner than you know it.

Stay tuned for more updates.

Donor Corner

By Scott Nadeau `89, housing corp. president

A special thank you this month goes out to **Founder Matt Baad `85** for continuing to support his named scholarship, given to the outstanding pledge each semester.

If you would like add your name to the list and support Epsilon Gamma you can click on one of the links on the right hand side and send in a few dollars. If you would like to contribute in a more significant manner, feel free to click on the "Capital Fundraising Initiative" logo on the right to learn more.

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Alumni Wanted for Initiation on April 24, 2010

By Kris Stenglein `11, alumni relations chairman

The Epsilon Gamma Chapter is hard at work preparing our pledges for their initiation in the coming months.

As of right now, the Chapter is planning on heading down to Oxford, OH on April 24th to hold it in the General Fraternity's Hall of Chapters.

After some discussion we decided to see if we could get enough alumni support to hold it up in Mount Pleasant, we'll rent the local Masonic Lodge. The atmosphere at the lodge is similar to the Hall of Chapters and has plenty of room for everyone to see and participate the entire ceremony.

I would need to hear back before next Sunday if you are able to make it and would potentially be interested in a speaking part at initiation. We are looking for 10 to 15+ alumni to participate.

Contact Kris at: steng1ka@cmich.edu.

The Beta Network

Brother Kenton Barber '02 is currently serving in the US Army and assigned to the relief mission in Haiti. Kenton writes:

As we enter our sixth week here - we have really begun working to transition into an augmenting role to the United Nations MINUSTAH forces and to set the best conditions possible for the World Food Program and the International Federation of the Red Cross - both organizations that will have the long term enduring presence in the country.

We have placed water storage capabilities ranging from 1,000-3,000 liter capacity in every displaced person camp that my battery is responsible for assisting in. Currently we have approximately 24 camps with a population of ~50,000 and about ~100,000 within just our battalions area. To put that in perspective - the 2nd Brigade combat team has about 4,500 paratroopers here...our battalion has only 400 paratroopers....so for every 400 paratroopers we are assisting about ~100,000 displaced person's...that's an approximate and not an exact number.

We began moving away from trauma care and immediate food & water supply about 2-3 weeks ago. Most of our day is now filled with shelter distribution and the movement of target capability medical teams throughout the camps in order to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

I personally am working with a large private school that has approximately 10,000 displaced persons on their property. They would like to open the school in about 3 weeks. In order to do that I am working with the OIM of the United Nations to assist in the building of a camp with latrines, water sources and resupply, schools and trafficable roads. Once that is complete we will transition people to the new location.

I could fill pages with the plight of the Haitian people and will tell you that of all the countries I have been to - and this is my third humanitarian disaster assistance experience - that the Haitian people are the most resilient and hard working people I have ever observed.

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I also asked Kenton to offer some advice on which charities he suggests for those of us who wish to donate. He wrote:

There are two charities that I find much more effective in having a long term impact. First - Shelter Box which provides tents, stoves, pots and pans and other critical sustainment items for families (<http://www.shelterboxusa.org/>) and second would be tough tank who provide water storage capability but I don't have their information. Two of the most incredible organizations I have ever worked with! International and very great people.

To send in your update, send a message to communications@epsilongamma.org -SN

This Month's Birthdays

By Greg Compton '86, founding father

Wish your brother a very happy birthday.
March Birthdays:

Jacob Weibel	March 01	28
Matt Bush	March 03	24
Justin Jagger	March 04	36
Mark Newton	March 05	45
Trevor Wisniewski	March 05	41
Scott Erickson	March 06	35
Robert A. Seeber	March 07	66
Ed Smith	March 07	46
Greg Gauss	March 10	44
Robert Lopez	March 10	40
Don Trubusy	March 10	29
John Morelli	March 10	23
Gerald VanHorn	March 11	35
Joe Fox	March 12	33
Kevin Konopka	March 12	30
Brandon Rogers	March 16	36
Thomas Ahearn	March 16	21
Dave Deighton	March 17	43
Kent Richards	March 17	42
Marcus Luke	March 17	21
Chris Makowski	March 18	43
John Coe	March 18	42
Bob Hempton	March 19	43
Terry Turkelson	March 20	40
Todd Robinson	March 24	45
Daniel Martinez	March 25	35
William Hanley	March 26	41
Kevin White	March 26	24
David Dennis	March 27	42
Brian Boyd	March 29	30
Daniel Featherstone	March 29	20
James Eschelbach	March 30	33

Oldest: Robert A. Seeber 66. Youngest: Daniel Featherstone 20. Ave. age is 36.13 years.

These are the birthdays I have for March. If any of you are not listed or are listed incorrectly, please contact me and I will change it or add it to my major list. Have a great birthday brothers!

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