



Chapter Update

By Justin E. Mack '11, public relations chairman

As the chapter finishes their exam week, feelings of gratitude and reflection fall upon the chapter house.

The chapter would like to first thank our strong alumni base for another year of support in all of our programs and events this year. There would be no way that the chapter could have survived another year so successfully without the help of a few dedicated alumni and our strong advising council.

In addition, the support of the brotherhood's parents has been key to say the very least. The support our chapter receives from their parents and guardians is often underappreciated, but certainly not overlooked – we couldn't be more thankful for all of you!

Thankfully, this year has yielded a number of proud new brothers into this, our cherished brotherhood. With eight brothers added in the fall and another eight this spring, the chapter can look fondly at our future leaders with the assurance that we've drafted the cream of the crop.

Sadly, the chapter has to bid a brief farewell and thanks to our departing brothers. Eight brothers will be graduating this fall, and moving past the collegiate phase of our brotherhood and into the life as an alumni. Brothers Christopher Mueller, Shane Farrell, Christopher Saylor, Steven Witte, Alex Jeffery, John Klapchuk, Mark Generous, and John Price, CMU'10 will be making the leap into the 'real world' following graduation and they leave with a heart full of memories and a head full of lessons from their fraternal experience.

Brothers: We love you all and wish you the very best. Stay well and see you at the golf outing!

This summer, Brother President Thomas Ahearn, CMU '11 and the rest of the chapter will begin preparation for yet another successful year with Epsilon Gamma. Brother Ahearn will serve as the chapter's delegate at the Honorable 171st General Convention in Washington D.C. from August 5 – 8, where the chapter has once again applied for the prestigious Knox Award.

To close, the chapter would like to submit one last thank you for all of the hard work put into our success over the last year. We are eternally inspired by the bridge builders that come before us.

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23rd Annual Robert A. Seeber/Lenny Varner International Pig Roast

By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC President

More than 120 undergrads, parents, alums and friends of Beta gathered on April 17th for the 23rd annual Seeber/Varner Pig Roast.

This had to be one of the coldest Pig Roasts ever. But, the horrible weather didn't dampen the spirits of those in attendance.

In addition to the main dish of pork this year prepared by

UPCOMING EVENTS:

21st Annual Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing

July 24, 2010

Hilltop Golf Course
Plymouth, Michigan

[DETAILS & REGISTRATION](#)

Silver Anniversary Banquet

November 13, 2010

Comfort Inn - Mt. Pleasant,
Michigan

[DETAILS](#)

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Doug Varner, we also got to dine on delicious slow roasted turkey and venison that was stuffed inside the turkey. The quality and amount of food brought by the EG family was outstanding. In addition, a few of us were able to sample a few home-made "beverages" provided by Bob Seeber Sr.

Following dinner, the chapter continued the traditions of the roll call, announcing the founders' awards and revealing this year's Beta Sweetheart and Beta Rose.

As always, thanks go out to both Bob Senior and Bob Junior...not only for sponsoring the event, but for putting so much heart and soul into it. My thanks also go out to Kris Stenglien for doing a good job of coordinating the efforts in Mt. Pleasant.

To take a look at the photos from the event, go here:
<http://tinyurl.com/2edokof>

We'll see you next year for the 24th Annual Robert A. Seeber/Lenny Varner International Pig Roast!

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21st Annual Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing

July 24, 2010

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

When: July 24, 2010 at 1pm
Where: Hilltop Golf Course, Plymouth, MI
What: 18 hole two-man scramble, lunch and dinner
Texas Hold'em Tournament (optional) after dinner

Price = \$79 if you register by May 31, \$69 for undergraduates

Click below to be taken to the Golf Registration page:
<http://tinyurl.com/292zwxh>

More info to come...

Silver Anniversary Banquet

By Tom Bussineau '86, banquet chairman

Help us find lost brothers and encourage them to register for Silver Anniversary. There are many brothers listed as "lost" on the Epsilon Gamma and Beta Theta Pi web sites, but I see their names on Facebook. Let's reach out to them and have them update their information on both sites. This will allow them to get updated information about Beta events and register for the Silver Anniversary. I am in the process of contacting Robb Bartz, but I only have a home address listed for him. If anyone has a current phone number for him, please let me know.

The 25th Anniversary Banquet & Celebration will be held Saturday November 13, 2010 at the Comfort Inn Conference Center in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. The chapter is very excited about the event and are eager to hear the "old stories" from the alumni. We will be working very closely with the chapter to create an exceptional and energized event. As always, I am open to input in the planning of the anniversary, so please feel free to send me an email.

We are still in the middle of our early bird special. The price for banquet tickets is \$50 per person (\$35 pp for undergrads) The price will go up to \$59 per person once this promotional period has ended. A snail mail post card will be going out to each brother by the end of the month to inform them of the event with a deadline of the early bird special.

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. 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.

The Beta Network

- **Dave Droski '98** writes: Any brothers interested in a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament on the west side of the state, contact me. I am contemplating a tournament to take place in the late fall/winter. If there is enough interest, this could become an annual event.
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To send in your update, send a message to communications@epsilongamma.org -SN

Epsilon Gamma's First Legacy

By Tom Bussineau '86, founding father

It is with great pride to announce that Tyler William Bussineau was initiated as Epsilon Gamma 408 on April 24, 2010. He is the first son legacy for the chapter. There have been a couple of brother/brother and son/father legacies, but never a father/son to go through until now.

This semester was filled with anticipation as he went through the pledging period. I never put pressure on Tyler to join Beta Theta Pi. Also, there were was never a pressure put on the chapter to recruit or extend him a bid. This allowed Tyler to truly experience the whole process and get a bid on his own merits. As I proud father, I was anxious through the whole pledge period and waiting to see if he would be initiated. I want to thank Thomas Ahearn '11 for keeping me informed throughout the semester.

The initiation was very emotional and I was grateful to the chapter for allowing me to participate. Tyler Presley '12 organized and facilitated an expectation ritual that is a great model for other chapters to follow. I could barely fight back the emotions as my son was being initiated. Giving him a big hug after extending him the Beta grip will be something I will remember forever.

I also want to thank Kevin White '12 who is Tyler's big brother. Kevin did an excellent job of recruiting him to Beta and is an excellent mentor to him. Tyler's nickname will not be "Buzz", but "Da Bus."

It will be great to see other sons attend CMU and to join the Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Beta Theta Pi. I will make every effort to be there for my brothers as their sons are initiated into this great fraternity of ours.

Thank God I am a Beta and thank God that my son is a Beta.

Pictures here: <http://tinyurl.com/2bs27s2>

This Month's Birthdays

By Greg Compton '86, founding father

Wish your brother a very happy birthday.
May Birthdays:

Steve Swindell	May 02	47
Scott Nadeau	May 03	44

Andy Woodliff	May 06	39
Jim Wallace	May 09	47
Robert Peterson	May 09	31
Phil Adler	May 11	34
Steve Masters	May 15	43
Christopher Knight	May 15	36
Joshua Shanahan	May 15	36
Steve Witte	May 15	23
Thomas Younger	May 17	22
Stephen Pohe	May 18	39
Evan Peltier	May 18	22
Bill Browning	May 20	42
Steve Grenus	May 21	47
Doug Merrion	May 23	40
Joe Alexander	May 23	32
Joshua Weakland	May 23	31
Greg Compton	May 24	46
Lance Prins	May 27	22
Jamie Riley	May 28	52
Dave Gillrie	May 29	44
Andy Shubnell	May 29	39

Oldest: Jamie Riley 52
 Youngest: Lance Prins 22
 Ave. age is 37.30 years.

These are the birthdays I have for May. 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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