

Beta Theta Pi

Epsilon Gamma

Alumni Newsletter

# For The Staunchest

"FOREVER WITH QUALITY"

AUTUMN 1994



## Alumni News

by Doug Ackerman

Dear Brothers,

I am honored to serve in my new capacity as Chairman of the Epsilon Gamma Alumni Association. There is a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and energy among the board members this year. The board has already met once this summer formally, as well as several times on an informal basis. The current Board members names are listed below, followed by their area(s) of responsibility for the year:

Doug Ackerman - Chairman

- 5th Annual Golf Outing
- Coordinate activities with Board members, Chapter, and Housing Corporation

Bob Hempton - Treasurer

- Establish a new account for Alumni Assoc. in SE Mich
- Establish a successful fundraising program

Mark Hess - Trustee

- Publish quarterly newsletter

Jeff Wandzel - Trustee

- Father/Son/Alumni Euchre Tournament

Ed Smith - Trustee

- C.M.U Homecoming Activities at Beta House
- Chairman of 10 year anniversary banquet committee

I would also like to take this opportunity to issue two challenges:

One, we need to form a steering committee at the Homecoming meeting which will be charged with organizing an event to celebrate our chapter's diamond anniversary. I envision a formal event with all of our founding fathers, alumni, advisors, and undergraduates in attendance. The event should be no less impressive than our chartering banquet or.....con't on p.3

## How Can You Help?

by Paul Deroche

There are 3 organizations of Beta Theta Pi: The Alumni Association, the Housing Corporation, and the Undergraduate Chapter. I wasn't aware of this until just a couple of months ago. Like most of us, I hadn't given it much thought. Just this big organization up in Mt. Pleasant that I'd send money to once in a while. Sound Familiar?

After looking into this a little further I found that our grand Alumni Association of 100+ members (not to be confused with the Housing Corporation) had a net worth of only \$1600. I was shocked! After speaking with some fellow alumni, the reason for our poor financial showing, was largely due to the fact that, like myself, alumni don't know how to help us out or where we are. (Paul's article is continued on p.2)

## 'STATE OF THE CHAPTER ADDRESS'

by Steve Henderson

Dear Brothers,

It's that time of year when we have to start classes and become poor college students again. Epsilon Gamma will be starting the 1994-95 school year with a bang as we brought home our 2nd Francis H. Sisson Award. We all worked very hard to achieve the award and plan on bringing it home year after year from now on.

For the Fall semester, we are planning on taking 15 to 25 new members. We have all been working very hard on getting our name out and .....continued on p. 3



## Fall 1994 Events

August/September

Alumni Association Pledge Drive

September 18-23

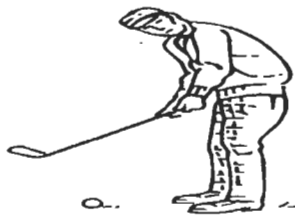
Rush Week

September 24

5th Annual Alumni Association Golf Outing (Pines Golf Course) 10:00 am

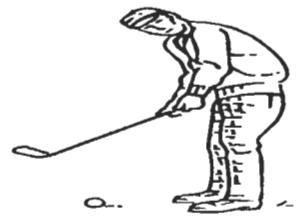
October 22

CMU Homecoming - All Day  
Details and schedule inside.....



Beta Theta Pi  
EPSILON GAMMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

presets  
"CARL THE ASSISTANT GREENSKEEPER"  
GOLF OUTING



WHO? Beta Alumni, Undergraduates, Parents, and Guests  
WHEN? Saturday, September 24, 1994 - First Tee Time 11:30 am  
WHERE? The Pines  
WHAT? 9-hole, 2-man Scramble with Power Cart and burgers afterward  
HOW MUCH? \$40.00 per person (includes golf, power cart, and food)

HOW DO I GET THERE?

From Mt. Pleasant - Take M20 West to Coldwater Rd. Turn Right.  
The Pines is down approx. 3 miles on the left.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Mail entry fee and name, address, & phone to Doug Ackerman  
41690-37 Manor Park Drive, Novi, MI 48375

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DOUG ACKERMAN....QUESTIONS? CALL (810) 348-1519 (H) OR (810) 592-7955 (W)....DEADLINE IS SEPT. 15th

## New Frat Joins Fall Rushers

(This is a reprint of an article that originally appeared in the CM Life, Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1983)

The onset of Rush Week is a decision making time for men who wish to join a fraternity and the choice of which fraternity to join is complicated even more with a new fraternity, Beta Theta Pi.

The local group was formed in January, and will soon petition the national chapter to become a local chapter, said Matt Baad, the fraternity's Rush chairman and social director.

"The national chapter will vote to see if we meet their expectations and....continued on p. 3



*3 Organizations of  
Beta Theta Pi  
Epsilon Gamma Chapter*



☆ Beta Theta Pi Alumni Association

- Supported by you the Alumni
- Golf Tournament, picnic, homecoming, newsletter
- support the undergraduates & housing corporation
- Future planning for the direction of the chapter
- Endowment fund

PO BOX 7364, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-7364

☆ Beta Theta Pi Housing Corporation

- Supported by undergraduate rent and alumni donations
- House administration, improvements, etc...

555 N. Main St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

☆ Beta Theta Pi Undergraduate Chapter

- Self supported through dues of undergraduates & donations

University Center Box 46, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859

(this is a new address, replacing Warriner Box 46)



**BETA**  
**FRIENDSHIPS THAT**  
**LAST THROUGH LIFE**

### How Can You Help?

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We are going to make this simple. We have a P.O. Box in Bloomfield Hills and a local bank account. We are only going to ask for a financial donation once per year - an "Alumni Drive".

In order for you to always have a place to visit at CMU, and provide future undergraduates with the experience that you had, it is all of our responsibility to send \$50.00, \$75.00, \$100.00, or more each year.

**Thank You**

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house dedication ceremony. I would like to see the event organized by a joint committee of alumni and undergraduates. Ed Smith has already started a preliminary investigation into the matter and he will need all the help he can get.

The second challenge is for every one to support the fundraising efforts of Bob Hempton and Paul Deroche. Keeping old friends in touch and supporting the continued existence of our undergraduate chapter are our primary objectives. However, we need to improve our financial position to strengthen our great organization. I challenge each of you to match or exceed the requested donation of \$50.00 per year to the Epsilon Gamma Alumni Association. If we wish to be a truly first-class alumni organization, we must also be first-class in terms of financial stability.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Golf Outing and Homecoming.

-KAI-

Doug Ackerman

Chairman - Alumni Association

**CMU HOMECOMING SCHEDULE**

- 9:00-11:00 BRUNCH AT THE HOUSE
- 10:00-11:00 ALUMNI MTG. @ HOUSE
- 11:00-12:00 PARADE
- 1:00 CMU VS. MIAMI GAME

**GO CMU!!!  
BEAT MIAMI**



**GO BETA**



**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

EVENTS, TIDBITS, AND NEWS FROM FELLOW ALUMNI

**ALUMNI WEDDINGS**

- Sean Looney-~~8/6/94~~ 7/23/94
- Doug Ackerman 7/23/94
- Mark Hess 8/6/94
- Dave Deighton 5/21/94

**BIRTHS**

Abegale Seeber (first EG Grandchild)

**TID BITS**

Dave Deighton opened Deighton Funeral Homes, Inc., in Fenton, MI. The funeral home is located at 500 Main Street in a 4300 sq. ft. historic home which Dave and wife Karen are restoring.....congrats Dave!

**'State of the Chapter Address'**

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...hing good quality men. Rush is a year long process that takes every member to make it work.

If you have any comments or questions please feel free to call me at (517) 773-4922. I will be keeping you updated as these events unfold.

Yours in -KAI-  
Steven E. Henderson  
Chapter President

**New Frat Joins...**

.....CM LIFE reprint continued from p. 2

qualifications," Baad, Howell Junior, added.

That includes participation in activities, having members and pledge programs and being involved in the Interfraternal Council, the governing body of fraternities, said Greg Compton, Beta Theta Pi secretary.

The fraternity has also petitioned the Inter-Fraternal council in hopes of being admitted.

"We will probably be on probation for IFC this semester, then be admitted next semester," Baad said.

"We must do everything IFC is doing, and participate in IFC events," Compton, Ann Arbor sophomore, said.

The national chapter was formed in 1839 and is one of the largest national groups, Baad added.

**BETA TRIVIA**

"Who was Thomas B. McGuire, Jr"?

answer will appear in the next issue of "For the Staunchest"



South Eastern Beta Theta Pi Alumni Association meets the first Tuesday of each month at Woodward Bar & Grill. Talk to Beta's from other chapters, and enjoy a meal. It's a hootin' good time. For details call Paul Deroche.



## EDITORS CORNER

O.K KAI DOGS, THIS IS WHERE I NEED YOUR HELP. I HOPE YOU ARE ENJOYING THE NEWSLETTER, AND THE INFORMATION THAT IS IN IT. BUT PLEASE, IF THERE ARE ANY MISTAKES, DELETIONS, OR JUST GENERAL BLUNDERS, PLEASE WRITE AND LET ME KNOW. WE ARE LOOKING FOR STORIES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE (WINTER '94), AND WE WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS OR ARTICLES THAT YOU WRITE. ALSO, I KNOW THAT SEVERAL PEOPLE HAD WORTHY ENOUGH INFORMATION TO BE IN THIS ISSUES ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT, I.E. WEDDINGS, BIRTHS, JOB PROMOTIONS, TIDBITS, ETC... IT'S NOT THAT I PURPOSLY LEFT YOU GREAT ALUMS OUT, IT'S JUST THAT I DID'NT KNOW - SO PLEASE WRITE AND SUBMIT YOUR GREAT NEWS SO IT CAN BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE. THANKS GUYS, I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.

-KAI-  
MARK HESS



# Alumni Association Logo Contest

**OBJECTIVE: TO DEVELOP SEVERAL INTERESTING DESIGNS FOR THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LOGO/CREST, AND SELECT THE FINEST.**

## RULES AND GUIDELINES

- ANY EPSILON GAMMA WHO WISHES TO ENTER MAY DO SO BY SUBMITTING A DRAWING/PAINTING/PRINTOUT OR SKETCH OF THEIR IDEA FOR AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LOGO
- ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SIGNED BY THE ARTIST ON THE BACK SO THERE ARE NO IDENTIFYING MARKS
- THE TOP 2 VOTE GETTERS WILL BE SELECTED BY BALLOT. ALL EPSILON GAMMA ALUMNI WILL VOTE BY A METHOD TO BE ANNOUNCED AT HOMECOMING.
- AFTER THE TOP 2 HAVE BEEN SELECTED THEY WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE BETA HOUSE DURING HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES UNTIL AFTER THE FOOTBALL GAME. AT THAT TIME A WINNER WILL BE SELECTED BY A SHOW OF HANDS.
- ENTRIES MUST BE ON A STANDARD 8 1/2 X 11 INCH SHEET OF PAPER, PREFERABLY IN BLACK AND WHITE. THE DESIGN SHOULD NOT BE SO INTRICATE THAT DUPLICATION IS DIFFICULT.
- IN CASE OF A TIE, THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION.



**THE WINNER OF THE LOGO CONTEST  
RECEIVES**

**\$50.00**

**ALL ENTRIES DUE BY MORNING OF HOMECOMING, OCTOBER 22,  
1994.**

YOU CAN SEND ENTRIES TO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:  
PO BOX 7364, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48302-7364

***MANY THANKS TO ED SMITH FOR MAKING THE CONTEST POSSIBLE!!!***

**FOR THE  
STAUCHEST  
C/O MARK HESS  
PO BOX 7364  
BLOOMFIELD HILLS  
MICH. 48302-7364**



***THREE CHEERS TO  
EPSILON GAMMA FOR  
WINNING THEIR SECOND  
SISSON AWARD!!!***

**CONGRATULATIONS GUYS - KEEP UP THE GREAT  
WORK!!!**

## General Fraternity News

(News, notes, & anecdotes from the General Fraternity)

Kudos to Grant 'Skippy' Kersten & Steve Desment for their part in being a permanent part in great Beta history by pledging a donation to the General Fraternity for the new Administration Office. You can still order a \$150.00 brick with your name and role number on it. To be a part of permanent Beta history call 1-800-800-BETA today and place your order. Also, thanks to all of Epsilon Gamma Alumni who have contributed financially to our General Fraternity. Monies donated to National are truly put to good use (conventions, leadership conclaves, scholarships, risk management, etc...) and remember - we have all benefited one way or another from National. Next time you get a donation card in the mail from our General Fraternity, don't throw it away, simply give what you can, and return the favor that was bestowed upon you at one time!

NEED TO ORDER A BETA BADGE?

CALL 1-800-800-BETA AND ORDER YOUR PLACEMENT BADGE, PIN, TIE TAC, OR MONEY CLIP

## PLEASE HELP

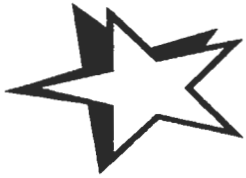
Please support the Epsilon Gamma Alumni Association. If you have't already, send in your donation for \$50, \$75, \$100, or more as soon as you can. Remember we will only have a pledge drive once a year, and this is it. We won't hassle you for another donation until August/September 1995. Make checks payable to Beta Theta Pi Alumni Association and send to: PO BOX 7364, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-7364. Many, many thanks to all the brothers who have donated so far this year. We will have a listing of all contributing alumni in the next issue. Thanks!

## THE BETA NETWORK

IF YOU ARE IN A FIELD OF WORK THAT COULD BE BENEFICIAL TO FELLOW ALUMNI, PLEASE WRITE TO *FOR THE STAUNCHEST*, SO WE CAN ADD YOU TO THE BETA NETWORK, AND GET YOUR NAME & COMPANY YOU REPRESENT, ALONG WITH HOW YOU COULD HELP IN OUR NEXT ISSUE.

STOCKS, INSURANCE, RETIREMENT, AUTO, MORTGAGES, CHILD CARE, COMPUTERS, ETC.....

HELP! WE ARE LOOKING FOR LOST BETA'S. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY ALUMNI WHO MAY HAVE MOVED, PLEASE NOTIFY US SO WE CAN UPDATE OUR BETA BASE.



## REMEMBER WHEN?

Remember the first time you walked into a pledge meeting? Remember how you were a bit nervous, a little excited, and a tad apprehensive? You didn't know what to expect. Are they going to make me clean the house with a toothbrush? Will they drop me off somewhere near Houghton Lake with only a quarter taped to my underwear? Will they call me at 4:00 am and expect me to jog to the house with a coat and tie on in 5 minutes? These are some of the many questions that raced through my mind before I walked into Grawn 100 for my first pledge meeting. Sound familiar? I have talked to many of my great Beta friends, especially my pledge brothers, and we all share some of these questions, doubts, and tensions that come with going to your first pledge meeting. After all, joining an organization of any kind, with large memberships, can be a stressful experience. So some guys have their eyes on you all semester long. A pledge is in the spotlight, and not all of us want to have that light shined on us at all times. But you know what? We did it. Everyone reading this knows what I'm talking about. The nervousness, apprehension, stress, anxiety, uneasiness, and sometimes embarrassing aspects that go along with pledging, never stopped us from achieving our goal - to become active Beta's. Those things may have been like obstacles in a road, but we always went straight through them, head on, tackling every problem that presented itself to us as pledges. And every pledge class had something that went wrong: a date party that went bust, no money in the account for a party at Farmer O'Briens, not enough guys showing up at a hockey game - so we forfeit, not passing a lore test, etc...But whatever the case, we all got through it. We worked as a team, as brothers, as a fraternity should, to overcome it's problems that it faces. So as I look back and remember entering the Grawn 100 door, and seeing 10 brand new faces of my pledge brothers, I think of how all that emotion that flowed through this 18 year old mind, and I say to myself - thank God I'm a Beta!

Yours in -KAI-

rk Hess

We welcome your Remember When? stories. Please recall a favorite Beta thought, or story and submit it for publication in *For the Staunchest*. Send it *For the Staunchest* - c/o Mark Hess, PO BOX 7364, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-7364

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# **BETA THETA PI - EPSILON GAMMA CHAPTER ALUMNI INFORMATION UPDATE**

PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL TO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, PO BOX 7364, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48302-7364

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY INFORMATION? (WIFE, KIDS, ETC...)

EMPLOYED BY \_\_\_\_\_ WORKING AS A \_\_\_\_\_

IDEAS FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

INFORMATION FOR THE BETA NETWORK?

REMEMBER: WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR STORIES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE. ALSO, IF YOU HAVE A REMEMBER WHEN? STORY, WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR IT. MAIL ALL NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENCE TO:

*FOR THE STAUCHEST* C/O MARK HESS, PO BOX 7364, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI, 48302-7364

ENCLOSED IS MY DONATION TO THE EPSILON GAMMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PLEDGE DRIVE

CHECK ONE PLEASE: \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **THANK YOU!**



-----MAIL TOP PORTION TODAY-----

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PLACE ADDRESS LABEL HERE

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