

# The Corridor

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## Regent's Report By: Joseph Herman (EB 473)

Over the last semester we have been having many great successes, but also a few concerns. This semester's pledge class has been the largest in two years, bringing in a total of nine pledges. At the time of this writing the number has decreased to six. I am convinced that the remaining six pledges will be excellent additions to this chapter and help us strengthen our position on campus going into the future. With initiation coming up in just a few weeks, and the admirable performance of these pledges so far, I believe all six will complete the pledge process and become members.

Aside from the success of our pledge class, the size and quality of events held at our house have continued to increase. We have never had larger events than those of fall semester 2010. Our reputation on campus has never been better (at least since anyone currently a member can remember). The money raised at our events has allowed us to keep the house in relatively good shape, but for major repairs we are still totally reliant on funds raised by alumni.

Recently brothers from our chapters located at the University of Toledo and Lawrence Technical University stopped by for a visit. This event was the some of the most fun we have had in a long time, and its success will hopefully increase the quality of our relationship with other chapters in our region. Of course our relationship with our brothers at U of M Dearborn has always been strong and we have done everything possible to keep that relationship going into the future.

Unfortunately not everything that happened this semester is good news. Several months ago we became aware of a man living near the house in a

recently built "luxury condo" who apparently has a serious problem with the way our house looks and has made a quite an issue about how the condition of our house will negatively affect the property value of its surroundings. He has gone as far as contacting both Theta Tau's National office and Wayne State University's Dean of Students Office. It is not immediately clear exactly what, if anything will happen if he continues his crusade against us. The house is structurally sound and all important systems in the house (like the boiler and water heater) work fine, but it is in some desperate need of some aesthetic work. Since this whole thing started we have been contacted by a representative of the University Historical Preservation Society who has offered to help us out with fundraising. Looking at the house, it is clear that if action is not taken now, then the house will continue to deteriorate until it cannot be fixed. For this reason I feel that now would be a good time to take action.

For personal reasons, at the time of this writing, I have been unable to take much action on this yet. But right now the plan is to get solid quotes for the work that needs to be done over the course of the next couple months. We will start serious fundraising over the winter and hopefully be able to begin work in the spring. We will keep you posted about the progress of the renovations over the course of the winter. And we could use any help anyone could provide.

In H&T,  
Joseph Herman,  
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EB 473

*Joseph Herman is in his Junior year, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He is serving his 1<sup>st</sup> semester as EB's Regent. He has been a member since the Summer semester of 2008.*

## The Rush Report By: Patrick Urso (EB 480)

Rush went quite well this semester. By the time the official pledge process had begun we had nine pledges pinned. This was the largest pledge class I had seen since I had become a member.

Our most important tool for recruiting was "class talks." At the beginning of the semester I sent professors of one thousand and two thousand level engineering courses e-mails asking if we could speak to their class. At these class talks we would give a brief description of what Theta Tau was all about and a few of the benefits of joining Theta Tau. We would then have a sign-up sheet for students who were interested in receiving more information about us to leave their contact information. We tended to receive far more interested students in lower level classes that were mainly freshmen.

Among our rush events were participating in Student Org Days and hosting a small BBQ outside the college of engineering giving away free hot dogs to promote our

chapter. We met some interested students at these events and had them sign up for more information. Our most important rush events were probably our weekly "Meet and greet" sessions down at our house. This idea was first used by Jessica Corner during Winter Rush of 2010 and the idea has worked great both semesters it was used. I would text and e-mail people who signed up for more information and try to get as many interested people as possible down to the house to meet some of the members. Far more students responded to the texts than the e-mails. Members were sent reminder text messages encouraging all who were able to attend. This semester we did unofficial pinning before the official pinning ceremony. The majority of our pledges were unofficially pinned at one of the "meet and greet" sessions.

Although Rush went very well this semester there is always room for improvement. Facebook could be used far more effectively to communicate with interested

students, as we currently only use it for promoting parties. Next semester, we should create a Facebook group with a title such as "Theta Tau Rush Winter 2011: Wayne State Epsilon Beta Chapter." We would invite all who signed up for more information to join and send out mass messages via Facebook the day before an event to everyone in the group. With the right kind of work I believe we can make next semester's rush as successful as it was this semester.

In H&T,  
Patrick Urso Y!

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## Treasurer's Report By: Kent Gartner (EB 462)

Hello all, Things have been going well here at EB house, but we still need your help to make things better. As of this month we are paid up for most of our chapter bills, and have also been able to put some funds forth in to improving the house. Some of these improvements have been the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor bathroom repair, fixing the Glass on the front doors, the ceiling of the dance floor sanded and railings added to the basement.

All though these improvements are great we are looking to start a massive fundraising project in order to fix up the outside of the house and landscaping. Recently we got in touch

with Susan Mosey with the Cass Corridor Historical society and got offered a deal to help us out. We have been given an offer for matched donations to make our house not be pink. Past this there are a number of other security projects and improvements that need to be made to the inside of the house as well.

Because we been gifted this awesome donation matching, we are looking to try to get the house looking like what the area standards are, but this matching donation relay on all of us to help. We are accepting donations for this or any project that the house needs done. Please make checks payable to

Epsilon Beta of Theta Tau and mail them to the house. Also we will have a pay pal account set up soon, you can e mail [thetatau@lists.wayne.edu](mailto:thetatau@lists.wayne.edu) for more info on this

In H&T Brothers,  
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## The Chapter in Pictures

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Pledge Coordinators Martin Van Well (back row) and Nicholas Paglia (front row) with Epsilon Beta's newest members: (L to R) Jonathan Donigan, William Debusschere, and Donald Spreder



Epsilon Beta sent 10 members to the 2010 Theta Tau National Convention this past August in Denver, CO. Here is the chapter at the Closing Banquet.

The chapter had its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Haunted House. Epsilon Beta had over half of its membership participate on the first night alone, along with help from Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity at Wayne State.

