

# The Corridor

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Zachary Spitzer  
Andrew Yarch



## Regent's Report By: Curt Bouchard (EB 461)

Well another semester has come and gone, and Epsilon Beta is looking at a brand new year. After a wildly, successful Fall semester, we are moving head first with that momentum into the Winter 2010 term.

This last term we initiated three new brothers into Theta Tau; Wrick Datta, Zachary Spitzer, and Andy Yarch. In their short time as members, they have proven to be great assets to the chapter. They have brought new perspectives to our rush process and have pulled more than their share of weight when it comes to getting people interested in joining. I see nothing, but good things from these men in the coming years.

In keeping with the theme of Brotherhood, one thing that we have increased is our Brotherhood events. In this last semester alone, we have done more things as a chapter than I can remember in my four years as a student member. The most popular of these events is attending Detroit Red Wings games. Since the season started in October, a number of brothers have gone to five or six games, each time bringing at least four brothers or pledges. With \$15 tickets and deals on food, these always prove to be a fun time, regardless of whether they win or not. We have also held many events with the brothers at Omicron Beta, and always look forward to coordinating with them. This year also marked our inaugural Haunted House. This two day event held over Halloween was open to all students of Wayne State and surrounding colleges, and saw nearly 200 visitors. This required an entire two months of planning, brainstorming, setting up, and executing. Every member was involved in some way and it was a great to see everybody working so hard to make the event a success. And when Christmas rolled around, you can bet that we got together just before finals to unwind at our annual Bad Sweater Brotherhood Party, a tradition as old as my

membership.

One of the more recent activities taken up by the members is floor hockey. We set up a goal in our house and will usually spend about two or three hours a week playing. This is a good way for us to blow off some steam from the daily grind of work and studying. This caused us to sign up for Wayne State's intramural floor hockey league. Considering we weren't very good at volleyball, we decided to give this a shot. We hope it goes over a little better.

Along with Brotherhood, we have been working with many charitable organizations this past semester. We held our third annual Breast Cancer Awareness Event which rose over \$600 for Susan G. Komen, we worked with Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity to host a toiletry drive on behalf of H.E.L.P. for low income families living with AIDS, and in March we will hold our second annual Tony Cottone Memorial Testicular Cancer Awareness Event. The event benefits the Sean Kimerling Testicular Cancer Foundation.

We have been working a lot more closely with our College of Engineering over the last year or so and it has started to work in our favor. Two months ago we were recognized by the College as their Outstanding Student Organization. We had a one page write up in the Student and Faculty newsletter about our chapter and Theta Tau at large and it received great feedback. This was all made possible by everyone's dedication and hard work. For this year's E-Week, we have been asked to host a social gathering at the College of Engineering Building for all Engineering students and organizations. At the time of writing, we are finishing up the plans we hope it will be a great success.

Since our last newsletter went out we have incurred some unexpected debt for house repairs. After discussing the issues with our alumni they were more than generous in helping with the fixes.

We have increased security in and around our house by fixing and adding locks and doors, repairing staircases, and will be fully repairing a bathroom that many of the members will be grateful for. This is all possible, of course, because of the generosity of our alumni. While we have said it before, I would like to take the time again to say thank you.

This semester is shaping up to be just as successful as the last one, and one of our more successful winter semesters in a long time. With about five to six of us planning on graduating within two years these next few rush periods will be crucial in preparing the young guys for the responsibilities of running the Chapter. And with the caliber of our last few pledge classes I have nothing but confidence for the future of Epsilon Beta. We'll see you all in Denver!

In H&T,  
Curt "Irish" Bouchard, X!YY!VV!WW!  
EB 461

*Curt Bouchard is in his Senior year, majoring in Electrical & Computer Engineering. He is also serving his 2<sup>nd</sup> semester as EB's Regent. He has been a member since the Winter semester of 2006.*



## Epsilon Beta's Newest Members

By: Zachary Spitzer (EB 483), Wrick Datta (EB 482), & Andrew Yarch (EB 484)

Late in October, the three of us were officially pinned as pledges of Epsilon Beta of Theta Tau. Then, after many weeks of learning and waiting, on December 6, 2009, we became members of this beloved chapter. During the pledge process, we participated in several activities, including a sorority mixer with the ladies of Alpha Epsilon Phi, by having a bonfire and making s'mores. We participated in the Theta Tau Haunted House by playing as zombies, throughout the house. We even contributed our time to countless social events at our house. However, the most enjoyable time was simply spending time at the house and with the current membership and alumni, when they were there. We also haven't forgotten the countless number of naps taken at the house, between classes. The most unique thing about the whole new member process was learning about each other. All three of us came from various parts of the Metro Detroit area, and we all have our own stories to tell. Even when we got to know the current membership, learning their stories through interviews, we all got to learn quite a bit about the people that we can now call brothers. We even went as far as to help with the chapter house in repairing, replacing, and adding new things, such as a new door and new locks for some of the doors. We feel that we have learned quite a bit about ourselves and others during this time, and we can honestly say that it was an enjoyable experience.

In H&T,  
Zachary Spitzer  
Wrick Datta  
Andrew Yarch

*All three are in their 1<sup>st</sup> semester of membership. Zachary & Wrick are Freshmen and Andrew is a transfer student, from Oakland University, in his Junior year. Zachary is majoring in Mechanical Engineering, Wrick is majoring in Chemical Engineering, and Andrew is majoring in Mechanical Engineering Technology.*

## The Rush Report

By: Jessica Corner (EB 481)

This semester, Epsilon Beta reinvented its Winter Rush. Instead of following the traditional Rush schedule of movie nights, ping pong, and other small on-campus activities, we tried planning our schedule around our potentials, by holding "Meet & Greets" twice a week at our house. This way, potentials could become acquainted with the brothers at their convenience. We advertised our Meet & Greets by passing out hot chocolate on Gullen Mall and in front of the College of Engineering. We also scheduled close to a dozen class talks to spread the word and we attended Winterfest Student Organization Day.

Surprisingly, the Meet & Greets did not generate the traffic we hoped for. Three potentials showed up for Meet & Greet nights,

only one of whom was pinned. The rest of the potentials expressed their interest during Winterfest and other social events. Although the Meet & Greets did not work out exactly as we expected, the idea is still valuable to Fall Rush. With a few modifications, we can really encourage new potentials to spend some time getting to know the brothers.

In another effort to promote the fraternity, we painted a 7 x 8 ft banner bearing the original badge and fraternity letters, which we displayed in the Student Center showcases and within the house. In mid-February we also brought back the "How to Succeed in Engineering Seminar" to enlighten and encourage the careers of both members and potentials.

Overall, Winter Rush was extremely successful. The entire Brotherhood contributed their efforts and we are concluding Winter Rush '10 with three proud pledges. And twenty-three proud brothers.

In H&T,  
Jessica Corner Y!

*Jessica Corner is in her Senior year, majoring in Electrical & Computer Engineering. She is also serving her 1<sup>st</sup> semester as Vice-Regent. She has been a member since the Summer semester of 2009.*

## The Origins of Epsilon Beta?

By: Michael Lerner (EB 459) & Nicholas Paglia (EB 478)

As of lately, the current membership has been rather fascinated with the origins of their lines. As a point of interest, our current membership with the help of one of our alumni, have managed to get a family tree together, starting from the most recently initiated members, going as far back as members initiated back in the early 1980s. That is a span of nearly 200 members, a family tree that we wish to expand to the very start! However, we face a problem in trying to continue the growth of the Epsilon Beta family tree. We are unable to find in the past chapter records any indication of who was a big brother to whomever. That is why we have recently started a family tree project; a project that can only be completed with the help of alumni and current members.

This is where you, the alumni, come into the picture. This is a chance for you to help the young membership into making something so special, that it requires the help of everyone. This is also a chance for our

membership to get more in touch with the alumni. Yes, we do meet some of the alumni once a month during their monthly poker game. We do realize that not everyone is able to make it out. However, we believe this would be a great way for you to pass anything on to the current membership that might have been lost somewhere in time.

What we are asking is that you take a little bit of your time, and write either a letter or an e-mail, telling us who your little or big brothers were at the time you were a member, your pledge name (if given one), and any other information or stories that you would love to share with us. If you also happen to remember some of the other little and big brothers of those you were members with, please pass along any information that you might remember. Every little bit of information helps. The more information we can collect, the quicker and more efficient this project will be. We do realize that this is a going to be a very long and drawn out process. However, with some of the plans we have in mind,

it will be very worth it in the end. You can either write a letter to the house:

Attn: Corresponding Secretary  
Epsilon Beta of Theta Tau  
478 W Alexandrine  
Detroit, MI 48201

Or you can write an e-mail to our newly established chapter e-mail, [ebthetatau@gmail.com](mailto:ebthetatau@gmail.com)! We hope to hear from you all very soon and looking forward to your participation!

In H&T,  
Michael Lerner & Nicholas Paglia

*Both Michael & Nicholas are Electrical & Computer Engineering majors, both in their Junior years. Nicholas is current serving his 2<sup>nd</sup> semester as Corresponding Secretary. Michael has been a member since the fall semester of 2006 and Nicholas has been a member since the fall semester of 2008.*

## The Chapter in Pictures

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(L to R) Nicholas Paglia, Curt Bouchard, John Frantz, Michael Lerner, and Joe Herman outside of the Joe Louis Arena in Downtown Detroit after the ending of a Detroit Red Wings game,



Curt Bouchard & Rafi Schaffa at the Mort Harris Recreational Facility during the 2009 Warrior Games, participating in the chapter's favorite game, Warrior Pong

(L to R) Brothers Kelvin Thomas, Joey Monsur, Brendan Willer, Josh Goulet, Curt Bouchard, Michael Lerner, & Pledge Sean Lechkun in a team photo after the team's first win in the Wayne State Intramural Floor Hockey League



## The Chapter in Pictures

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(L to R) Zachary Spitzer, Patrick Urso, Jessica Corner, & Greg Cooper outside of the College of Engineering during one of our Hot Chocolate days in the Winter 2010 semester

(L to R) Michael Lerner, Rafi Schaffa, & Josh Goulet camping during the Summer of 2009.



Jason Roggenbuck, Curt Bouchard, Kevin Miles, and Nicholas Paglia with some of the ladies of the Kappa Delta sorority, during out bowling night mixer at the Garden Bowl in Downtown Detroit.