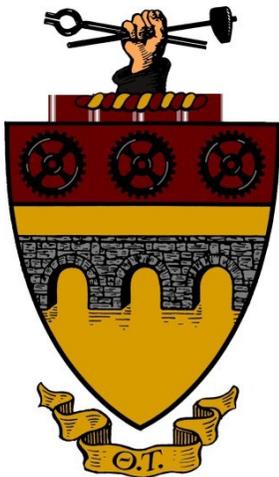


Fall 2014 Corridor

Oct. 27, 2014

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Regent's Report

After almost half of our chapter graduated in May of 2013, leaving the chapter at 13 actives, the chapter has had two following successive semesters of initiating 5 members per semester. This puts our current active membership at 23 brothers as of Fall 2014. Our new brothers have demonstrated outstanding performance, as they have taken on officer and committee chair positions and have been a big part in helping with the chapter's improvement.

Our brotherhood has kept its strong bond – the majority of the chapter resides on campus, so brother participation is no concern. Recently, we have set up successful barbecues outside the College of Engineering and have had a video game night that included a LAN tournament and Texas Hold 'em. Soon the brothers will be having a beer tasting and making a trip to the paintball range and apple orchard.

One of the chapter's main focuses right now is the improve-

ment of the house – mainly on the outside. We all love our warm, peaceful, giant pink house, however it is time we change this current outside perspective to a more professional, sharp looking engineering fraternity home. This is a big project, and we are still in the process of contacting contractors and figuring out exactly what we need done. So far, Midtown Detroit Inc. will help the chapter with a grant covering half of the cost of the paint and labor if we choose to apply their chosen colors (picture below). There is more to consider – wood and brick restoration, lead paint ablation, beam repair and replacement, etc. Our best overall estimate is \$30,000, a third of which, can be covered by Midtown Detroit Inc. The plan in a nutshell: to raise as much money as we can by Summer 2015 then finalize this project. The chapter is depending heavily on fundraising and donations to help us make this happen. As this project progresses, the chapter will



ensure that all of the alumni are kept up to date and recognized for their contributions.

In H&T,
Eric "Zapp Brannigan" Kroepel,
X!YY!VV!
EB 494
Eric Kroepel is in his Senior year, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He is serving his first semester as EB's Regent. He has been a member since the Winter of 2011.



Some brothers with potentials at our Fall Rush BBQ outside the College of Engineering!

Rush Report

This past Rush Season has been one of the most successful Rush seasons we have had since the Fall semester of 2010, pinning nine pledges total on September 29th. With the new pledges, we will be holding pledge meetings every Friday at 5:20PM, so feel free to come and meet them! Throughout the months of August and September, we implemented many different tactics in order to meet potential members, and to show them what Theta Tau is all about.

By focusing on producing only a handful of larger-scale Rush events, rather than an overwhelming number of small-scale events, we were able to garner the interest of more engineering students than ever before. Asides from the nine pledges pinned this semester, there are over ten other potential members who are considering rushing Theta Tau during the Winter semester or at a later point.

Some of the events we planned this Rush included a couple of Trivia Nights at Lefty's Bar and Grill, a Go! SyThai fundraiser with which we raised \$150 to put towards house restoration, a Barbecue that we hosted in front of the College of Engineering, and a couple of volunteering sessions with the Motor City Blight Busters. Overall, the events were quite successful and several of us were able to spend quality time with the potential members before sending out bids for pinning night. In recent semesters, we have made it a point to try and send out bids to only those who have shown clear and sufficient interest in becoming a part of our organization.

While we believe this Rush Season to be a great success, we know that there is always more that we can do to improve the process and better show the students of Wayne State what kind of organization we are and aspire to be. Over the summer, we attempted to film a rush video for our

chapter at. However, due to the poor quality of the footage and a loss of some footage as well, this project was set back a bit. We are hopeful of attaining better equipment and getting a solid video put together in the future, giving us a new tool for recruitment that we can utilize to the fullest. We have high hopes and many plans for the Winter 2015 Rush Season, and look forward to giving you all updates on the current pledge class!

In H&T,

Nicholas "Snickerdoodle" Bely,

EB506

Nick is currently in his Junior year, majoring in Biomedical Engineering. This was his first semester serving as Treasurer, in addition to Rush Chair. He has been a member since the Winter semester of 2014.

Fundraising!

Now that rush is over, there are several fundraising events in the works for the chapter. These smaller events will raise money that will ultimately be used for a large Sponsor dinner in the Spring.

The earliest event that will be coming up on a to-be-decided date this semester is a Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser. The event will take place at the Buffalo Wild Wings in Downtown Detroit for a single night only. We are also planning a bake sale that will be taking place this semester.

Winter Semester will be important, for we have several ideas for events that will be contributing to our Sponsor dinner fund. The Sponsor dinner will be an event where representatives from several organizations and companies who we request to donate money to our Fraternity will be provided with a catered dinner at a fancy establishment. There will be a silent auction and special accommodations for those who donate certain amounts to our organization. The Sponsor dinner will provide a large amount of funds that will be used to

improve our home. We are excited to see how these fundraising events turn out, and we hope to raise a considerable amount of money.

Tony "Pixie Stick" Kurez,

EB 514

This is Tony's first semester as an active member, he is in his junior year studying Biomedical Engineering.

House Management

The 2013-2014 school year has been a big one for our chapter, with us making leaps and bounds in every aspect. Although we've always shifted focus on to more pressing matters at the time such as rush, I believe we have the initiative and plan to move onto bigger projects. 2015 will be a year of significant changes to the house.

The outside is where we will be focusing most of our efforts. We will be powerwash-

ing the building, repairing the roof, and completing a full fledged restoration of all the supporting wooden structures and also repainting. A few other projects might include repairing and replacing windows, and knocking down and redoing our storage room in the rear.

Most of our current fundraising efforts within the past year have been for this very purpose. Since this is one of the biggest under-

takings our chapter will go through, we're going to utilize crowdfunding as well. More details will be sent out in the upcoming months, but until then, donations are always welcome.

In H&T,
Donald "Otto" Spreder
EB489 VV!

Tony Cottone

A recent Epsilon Beta alumnus, Tony Cottone, has fallen ill with an unknown neurological illness. He suffers from daily paralysis, leaving him effectively bedridden. Tony is a survivor of testicular cancer and the chapter created an annual charity walk, the Manhood Mosey, to help raise money for the Sean Kimerling Testicular Cancer Foundation in his honor. Tony's recent illness is likely the byproduct of his previous bout with cancer and doctors currently are unable to diagnose his illness. Tony has been examined by countless neurologists, including 11 of the top neurologists in Michigan; however, none have been able to give any definitive answers.

Tony has been referred to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota to be assessed by some of the nation's best neurologists. In essence, this is Tony's last hope for a diagnosis. His illness is progressive and his episodes of paralysis

have become more and more severe. Since Tony's illness has been so prolonged, his medical bills have become quite substantial. Tony's family has orchestrated a gofundme campaign to divert the mounting medical expenses, particularly the cost of the Mayo clinic trip.

The chapter has rallied to try to raise money and awareness for Tony's cause. Individual brothers have made donations to his gofundme page and have gotten our families and friends involved as well. We have even gotten the national fraternity to promote Tony's cause. While we have been able to successfully raise awareness, much still needs to be done in regards to fundraising for Tony. We are planning an event for the winter semester to earn money for Tony, likely involving some kind of dinner or formal event. If you are interested in donating to Tony or helping to plan a fundraiser

or another type of event for Tony, please get in contact with me at viceregent@ebthetatau.org and make sure to stop by Tony's gofundme page at <http://www.gofundme.com/savetonycottoneslifefund>.

In H&T,
Maxwell "Pippin" Laws, Y!
EB 510

Maxwell Laws is a senior-standing biomedical engineering student. He is serving his first semester as EB's Vice Regent. He has been a member since the Winter semester of 2014.

Philanthropy Update

For philanthropy for the month of September, the chapter focused on combining rush and service. Brothers went out a couple times in September to work with Blight Busters by demolishing abandoned buildings in Detroit. The potentials liked the event and had a good time bonding with the brothers.

For upcoming events, the philanthropy committee is planning on more blight Buster events as well as ones that the chapter has helped out in the past such as Clark Park. A potentially new idea that the committee will be looking into is a Philanthropy Bash, where a weekend would consist entirely of service. Depending on events that are available, this event may occur in the fall or winter.

Finally, the planning for the Sean Kimerling Testicular Cancer walk, which happens every winter semester, will begin soon. By starting early, the chapter believes that possible corporate or community sponsors can be given an advance notice of the event. Also, at the last nationals, a common theme discussed was that chapters can become more well connected by attending each other's events. We will therefore devote more attention on inviting and publicising the event to all of the chapters in the Great lakes and Central region.

With all of our past events, and the ones in planning, the chapter continues to demonstrate the principles of service that are mentioned to each and every pledge before they can become a mem-

ber. We hope that with the help of the largest pledge class in recent memory, the overall community image of the Epsilon Beta chapter of Theta Tau can continue to improve.

In H&T,

EB 493 Thomas Knoppe
Philanthropy Chairman

Thomas Knoppe is a senior-standing electrical engineering student. This is his second non consecutive semester as the philanthropy chairman.



The Winter 2014 pledge class prior to their initiation weekend!

Front Left to Right:

Chris "Murphy" Baltes EB 511

Teja "Bollywood" Karra EB 512

Seth "Professor Chaos" Newton EB 515

Tony "Pixie Stick" Kurcz EB 514

Nate "Cougar" Kemppainen EB 513

John "Crash Test" Drabik the Pledgemaster is up front

Donation Info and Links

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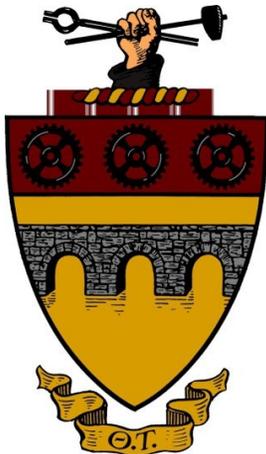
Ebthetatau.org (Paypal link on front page)

Goes towards house restoration.

Tony Cottone Life Fund:

<http://www.gofundme.com/savetonycottoneslifefund>

Assists Tony with medical bills and traveling expenses.



Corresponding Secretary Rundown

Save the date!!!!!!!

We are having an **alumni potluck at the house on November 25th**, the potluck is **starting at 6pm** and goes until we're all satiated and happy. You must RSVP via email informing me of what you plan on bringing food wise. Our annual Turkey Bash will also be happening the next day on November 26th, starting at 10pm. The brothers hope you can all show up!

If anyone has updates on alumni that have changed their contact info, or any brother that has become deceased, please inform me so that the contact list can be updated.

If you have any questions/comments/concerns, feel free to email me and I will get back to you in a timely manner.

In H&T,

Matthew "Meat Sword" Verkinderen, U!

EB497

Events Schedule

Fall 2014

Pledge Meetings: Every Friday @5:40pm

October 30th & 31st—7pm to 10pm: Dr. Blood's Hell Pit Haunted House

November 15th—2pm: Soldering Workshop

November 25th—6pm: Alumni Potluck ***Please RSVP with a dish you'll be bringing!***

November 26th—10pm: Turkey Bash

Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser: TBA

Winter 2014

January: Rush Season

Sean Kimerling Testicular Cancer Walk: TBA

Disc Golf Tournament: TBA

Dinner Fundraiser: TBA

All events are held at the house unless stated otherwise!