



# GAMMA PHONE

MICHIGAN GAMMA CHAPTER OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON • MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



*Michigan Gamma initiation.*

## UNDERGRADUATES PLAN MOVE TO 342 NORTH HARRISON IN 2014

One of the many questions alumni ask me in regard to Michigan Gamma is when the colony will move back into the chapter house at 342 North Harrison Avenue. The quick answer is that undergraduate brothers are on track to occupy the house in the fall of 2014.

The chapter house is currently being rented to Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, who are under lease for three years ending in May 2014. Lambda Chi Alpha initially signed a one-year lease with an option to renew for one year starting in 2010. The lease was renegotiated and a new lease was signed in November 2010 for the 2011-12 school year, with an option to renew for 2012-13 and 2013-14. We tried unsuccessfully to buy Lambda Chi Alpha out of their 2013-14 lease but were unable to negotiate an acceptable price. Therefore, we look forward to rededicating the chapter house in fall 2014 when Michigan Gamma moves back in.

While Michigan Gamma men are not occupying the house, many updates and improvements have been made over the years by Michigan Gamma Housing, LLC, which owns the house. The chapter house is one of only a few fraternities on campus that has a fire sprinkler system, fire-rated doors, and a centrally monitored fire alarm system.

Additional improvements made over the years include a new roof, dishwasher, and new boilers. These updates have been made to make the house safe and functional for tenants.

However, in order to be competitive with other chapters and on- and off-campus housing, updates will need to continue to be made. Individual bedrooms and air conditioning are standard in most off-campus housing and even university dorms are being remodeled to offer these amenities. The alumni association will continue to research the most cost-effective ways to upgrade the chapter house to stay competitive. Enclosed you will find a pledge card to support Michigan Gamma. If you would like your donation to fund these much-needed capital improvements, please mark the Chapter Allocation Fund (CAF) on the pledge card and return your gift today. The goal of all alumni of Michigan Gamma should be to ensure that future generations of ΣΑEs at Michigan State will have a safe, competitive and affordable chapter house.

In the Bonds,  
**Greg Somers '98**  
Michigan Gamma Alumni Association President  
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# Undergraduates Look Forward to Rechartering

## Actives Focus on Philanthropy Events

2012 was a tremendous year for Michigan Gamma and we are looking forward to an even better 2013. With hopes of rechartering in the fall, we live out the values and the morals of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Our colony continues to make strides in the areas of academics, philanthropy, and campus leadership.

### Community Service Important to Colony

During the fall semester, Michigan Gamma hosted a philanthropic event with St. Jude Children's Hospital. It was very successful and we are looking forward to partnering with them again in the future. Michigan Gamma has committed to working for the next three years with the Adopt-a-Highway program. We have adopted a stretch of road just outside of East Lansing in Williamston. Throughout the year members of the colony will take part in cleaning up the road. Michigan Gamma has also started to work with Children's Miracle Network in Lansing. Through this partnership we will host various fundraisers in order to give back.

Michigan Gamma recognizes the importance of working with other chapters on campus and we recently we partnered with Sigma Chi Fraternity to plan an ice hockey philanthropy event. Members of each fraternity played hockey games against each other and spectators paid a small fee/donation to watch. More than \$2,500 was donated to the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Prizes were given through a raffle contest, concessions, and an intermission game.

### 18 New Members Join Michigan Gamma

Being a colony member is an experience unlike any other. We are forging the way for traditions that we hope will continue well into the future at MSU. These traditions are being carried out by our 50 colony brothers and 18 pledges. These new members are scheduled to be initiated as colony brothers at the end of April. We are very excited about their leadership and enthusiasm toward the colony and are looking forward to where they will take this chapter in the future.

### Alumni Support Sends 11 to Leadership School

Through the support of many alumni, Michigan Gamma has been able to send 11 men to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon John O. Moseley Leadership School. This five-day event was attended by more than 700 undergraduates, alumni, and ΣAE staff and faculty on Royal Caribbean's Majesty of the Seas. Michigan Gamma members spent time working on leadership, learning new skills and interacting with undergraduates and alumni from all over the world. With the support of alumni, we are hoping to send 12 undergraduate members to the 78th Annual Leadership School this summer.

The men of Michigan Gamma are eternally grateful to all of the support we have received from alumni, family, and friends. We know that with your help the Michigan Gamma colony will soon be the Michigan Gamma Chapter. Thank you for all you've done.

Fraternally,  
**Bryce Traverse '14**  
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*Eminent Archon Bryce Traverse '14 in Zermatt, Switzerland. The mountain in the background is the famous Matterhorn.*



*Michigan Gamma brothers enjoy a hockey game.*

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

**Joseph Arbow '14**  
Hazel Park, Mich.  
General Management

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Walled Lake, Mich.  
Advertising

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Pre-Law

**Matthew Thornburg '16**  
Jackson, Mich.  
Political Science/  
Pre-Law

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Packaging

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Mechanical Engineering

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Accounting

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Caledonia, Mich.  
Biomedical Laboratory Sciences

**Lukas Voelker '15**  
Pigeon, Mich.  
Applied Engineering & Sciences

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Troy, Mich.  
Mechanical Engineering

**Michael McClafferty '15**  
Pinckney, Mich.  
Finance

**Tyler Watko '14**  
Wixom, Mich.  
Supply Chain Management



## Thank You, Loyal Brothers

Thank you to our loyal alumni who responded to the chapter's fall 2012 appeal by contributing \$3,330 with 26 gifts. Your support makes a difference in the future of Michigan Gamma as Sigma Alpha Epsilon re-establishes itself at Michigan State University.

Contributors are listed below in graduation order and in their giving level. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift, please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661. Thank you for your support!

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Stephen L. Hickman '64  
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## Alumnus Honored as Trustee of the Year by *Modern Healthcare*

*Stephen Howard '71 Serves as Chairman of Health System*

Stephen Howard '71 is dedicated to his work, is a strategic thinker and always goes above and beyond. He serves as chairman of the Beaumont Health System Board of Directors and has been named the 2013 Trustee of the Year by *Modern Healthcare*. This honor was given to four health care trustees across the nation and they were honored in the magazine's February 11 issue.

Stephen has served the Beaumont Health System for 18 years. "For me, it was a culmination of a five year plan and really great teamwork," he said. "All of these leaders had to come and work together. It was a little like my fraternity days."



Beaumont Health System is a three-hospital regional health system with more than 1,700 beds, more than 14,000 employees and more than 3,000 physicians. As a board member, and as chairman, Stephen helped guide Beaumont through the economic recession in 2008, a time when he said all hospitals had big problems. "We created a plan and worked closely with physicians, nursing leaders, and a management team," he said. "We came out of the recession and 2012 was the best year in our history."

Stephen has to rely on other members of the board for advice and leadership just as he did during his fraternity days, when he served as president of Michigan Gamma from 1970 to

1971. He has memories of working with other officers to collect rent and to teach members how to be fiscally responsible, which can be quite a task for a 19-year-old to do. But Stephen said while his term as president was hard at times, it was rewarding and he appreciates the reputation that Michigan Gamma had on campus. "It was a house that had a lot of athletes, had a good social atmosphere and had a good balance of academics," he said. "It was good because it was a very diverse group of people. It had people from all walks of life."

While serving as chairman of the board keeps him busy, Stephen still finds time to connect with his ΣAE brothers. "A lot of those guys that I lived with are my best friends today. We live all over the country, but we still get together by going to dinner, sporting events or the alumni reunions." Stephen said that social media has made it easier to reconnect with brothers, even ones he hasn't spoken to in more than 20 years. "A brother had seen the article about me in *Modern Healthcare* and sent me a message on Facebook to congratulate me. That meant a lot to me," he said.

Stephen and his wife, Diana, live in Franklin, Michigan, and have one son, Brett, who is a junior at Penn State University. In his free time Stephen enjoys playing handball, fly fishing with his son, skiing, and traveling. E-mail Stephen at [multitrim@aol.com](mailto:multitrim@aol.com).

## Michigan Gamma Officers

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# Alumni Encouraged to Reconnect with Michigan Gamma

## *Golf Outing Planned for May 11*

**Y**ou are cordially invited to attend our alumni golf outing on May 11. This event will serve as a fundraiser to help offset the costs of our chartering fee and both actives and alumni are invited to participate. The event will begin at 10 a.m. and will include 18 holes of golf, door prizes, and a barbecue luncheon. I encourage all of you to attend this event, as it will be a great opportunity to meet the new legacies of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and enjoy beautiful spring weather on a great golf course. The costs will be as follows: \$100 for a single, \$190 for a team of a two, and \$375 for a team of four. It will be scramble play for the lowest score.

This summer I will be planning more alumni events for the coming semesters. I would love to receive input on ideas for events or what you are interested in. I appreciate your time and look forward to hearing from you.

Fraternally,

**Austin Essenburg '15**

Alumni Chairman

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## Alumni Update

### Chapter Eternal

**James H. Strahle '53** entered Chapter Eternal on July 13, 2011.

**Donald J. Donahue '59** entered Chapter Eternal on September 20, 2012.

**Stephen E. LaChance '61**, 71, of Grand Rapids entered Chapter Eternal October 14, 2012, at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor following his battle with cancer.

### Alumni News

**William S. Springer '49** celebrated his 65th wedding anniversary with wife Dee in June 2012, with all their children and grandchildren. They live in Traverse City, Mich. E-mail: wspringer49@yahoo.com



*Gordy Rockwell '66, Doug Firth '67, Jim Ziemba '69, Hugh Harper '66, Ken Baldwin '66, Bob Cleland '69, Mark McManus '66, Doug Shankwiler '68, Dick Black '67, and Steve Kastran '69 enjoy an afternoon of golf.*



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**Rolf C. Campbell '51** retired in 2012 and lives in Lake Forest, Ill., with his wife, Mary. They have five children, three of whom are MSU graduates. E-mail: RCC567@gmail.com

**Ronald J. Nightingale '55** got together with several brothers for their annual football trek to East Lansing to see the Eastern Michigan game. A great time was had by all. E-mail: rnightinga@aol.com

**Kenneth A. James '58** resides in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, with his wife, Mary Ellen. The couple has four children and nine grandchildren. He retired as a federal government member of parliament in 1993. E-mail: kjames@xcelco.on.ca

**Barry L. Reed '60** and his wife, Pat, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December 2012. Last June they jumped the gun and took the family, 13 in total, on a cruise from Boston to Montreal. They live in Indianapolis, Ind. E-mail: breed947@comcast.net

**Peter J. Palmer '63** retired in 2000 as vice president, legal department of the K-Mart Corporation. Peter and his wife, Diane, have four children: John, Todd, Paige, and Leigh. The couple reside in Northport, Mich. E-mail: palmer44@locdnet.com

**David F. Coelho '72** is the president of White Pine Collection in Park City, Utah, where he resides. He has two children, Katy and Kevin. E-mail: david.coelho@live.com

**Richard S. Tasch '79** sends his best wishes to the chapter. He lives in Traverse City, Mich., where he is the owner of Mite Buster, a home and mattress sanitation company, and Island Retreat Deluxe Vacation Rental.

**John B. Grant, D.D.S. '88** and his wife, Dee, have one child, Madison. He is a general dentist for Northville Dental Associates. The couple lives in Plymouth, Mich. E-mail: deejohngrant@comcast.net

**Dana C. Froumis '90** is looking forward to a Homecoming back in the house on Harrison and wishes good luck to all the brothers. He lives in Rockford, Mich., with his wife, Holly, and their two children, Danny and Claire. He is the COO for Olivier-VanDyk Insurance. E-mail: dfroumis@charter.net

**Matthew A. Doan '92** lives in Gregory, Mich., with his wife, Miki, and their two children, Parker and Payton. He is vice president of Doan Companies. E-mail: mdoan@doancompanies.com

**Christopher E. Lane '95** lives in the Detroit, area and keeps busy with work, his daughters hockey and soccer, and trying to play golf every chance he can get. He and his wife, Amy, have two children, Elizabeth (6) and Tyler (2). He is a regional sales manager for Oracle America Inc. E-mail: chrislane00@att.net

**Steve Christensen '98** and his wife, Lisa, live in Novi, Mich., with their children. E-mail: stevechristensen2000@yahoo.com