

and staying in touch  
**KEEPING ORDER**

Gamma Phi Beta - Epsilon Beta

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*a letter from the President...*

Dear Sisters~

It has been another exciting semester at Alma College. In addition, our chapter has had a very exciting year, winning awards and recognition such as Most Creative at Relay for Life and winning the banner contest for Homecoming. We also are the current four-peat champions of Sigma Chi's annual philanthropy, Derby Days.

Our semester has been very successful so far, thanks to our newest bunch of officers. Visits from our Province Collegiate Director and Province Membership Director helped to motivate and educate our newest officers. Their visit was extremely helpful as we had a very successful Winter Recruitment by reaching quota.

In the fall we initiated ten women with our "Hang Ten" pledge class. On March 21, we initiated our newest class of women, Cloud Nine. Other events to round out the school year include Senior Celebrations in April and Patroness Desserts. We also held our first annual Faculty desserts on March 30<sup>th</sup> along with the Scholarship Banquet.

I must say that I am so excited that "Keeping Order" has returned! I am excited for another way to keep our Alumni involved and informed. Please keep checking our website for upcoming events! We would love to have more visits from you all especially during Homecoming, recruitment, and initiations. Strong alumni are the key to a strong chapter. Your involvement truly shows our strong bond of sisterhood!

*in IKE,*  
*~ L. Erica Sandel, '06*

*...and alumni  
relations chair*

Hello Alumni,

I'm Naomi Vance and I am the alumni relations chair. I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying your years after Alma. I am going to try to keep you all informed on what has been going on with our chapter since you've graduated. If I could get current email addresses from any of you or new contact information, you can email them to me at 06nlvance@alma.edu. Also, in case you didn't know, we have a Gamma Phi alumni email address. It's gammaphialumni\_alma@yahoo.com, so you can watch for emails from that address. If you have any ideas or questions, feel free to email me. I would love some input. Also, if you are interested in having a part in the alumni board we are trying to start, send me an email. Thank you very much.

*in IKE,*  
*~ Naomi Vance '06*

**Kathleen (McCrudden) Dobrovic ('02) is going to be a team captain for the "Race for the Cure" on June 11th. She is going to ask family, friends and any interested Gammies to walk! If you would like to participate, contact Kathleen at: kdobrovic@jpra.com**

*Mark your calendars now!  
The 3rd annual Reunion BBQ will be  
August 20th at the house.*

*See you all then...*

*Keep Connected:*

[www.alma.edu/organizations/GPBalumni](http://www.alma.edu/organizations/GPBalumni)

## Keep Up to DATE...

### April 2005

- 1-9 Senior Celebrations
- 6 Home Softball Game & Track Meet
- 8 Home Lacrosse Game  
Pink Carnation Formal
- 9 Home Lacrosse Game
- 16 Home Softball Game
- 23 Graduation - Congrats Class of 2005!
- 26 Home Softball Game

### May 2005

- 1 Spring Term Begins
- 26 Spring Term Ends
- 27-29 Alma Highland Festival

### June 2005

- 11 Race for the Cure

## ALUMNI *board*

The current Alumni Relations Chair, Naomi Vance ('06) would like to start an "Alumni Board." This group of alumni would work with the ever changing alumni relations chair to keep some consistency between the alumni and the actives through various officer transitions.,

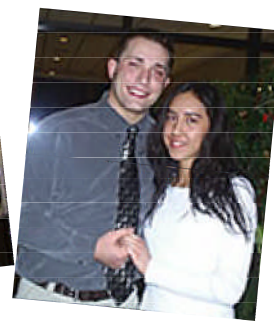
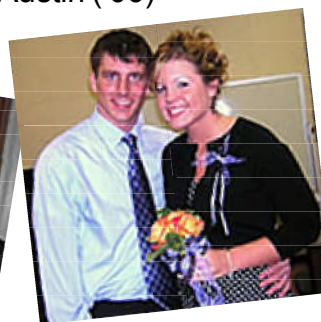
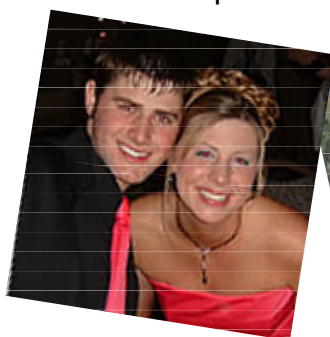
The goals of the board would be to find ways to get the alumni involved in actives activities, increase alumni involvement and help the actives with recruitment, new member education, senior celebrations - or any other events that could use alumni involvement and/or support.

Interested in getting it started and being a member of the board? Contact Naomi at [06nlvance@alma.edu](mailto:06nlvance@alma.edu). She will contact all interested alumni. This will be a great chance for alumni to stay involved and in contact with everyone.

## Keep Note...

### news from the home front

- 🎵 The actives reached quota for the 5th consecutive recruitment, by taking 9 new women with "Cloud Nine." (Pictured at left with their first letters!)
- 🎵 Alumni Bree Brownlee ('04) has put together an Epsilon Beta family tree. Check out the attached document to see your line. E-mail her with any changes or additions at [KeepingOrder@hotmail.com](mailto:KeepingOrder@hotmail.com)
- 🎵 The house has seen many changes in the 04-05 school year; the kitchen was remodeled and is now a light blue color with a photo of the Fall 04 actives, they have purchased new stool covers, a kitchen radio/cd player, PlayStation and the game Dance Dance Revolution - looks like the housies are having some fun!
- 🎵 Congratulations goes out to the following actives (photos below):
  - Krissy Swartz ('05) on her engagement to Tommy Martin (Sigma Chi, '05)
  - Jillian McNally ('05) on her engagement to Jeremy Lovett (Sigma Chi, '03)
  - Charnell Kintigh ('06) on her engagement to Matt Davis (Sigma Chi, '06)
  - Kaleena Sharp ('05) on her marriage to Chris Liedke (TKE, '07)
  - Jacqueline Marlink ('06) on her engagement to Paul Austin ('06)



# notes & news

- & Kristy LaPine ('03) has moved many times since college. Her current address is: 2529 N Ashland Ave., Chicago IL 60614. Email is still klapine@hotmail.com. She also switched jobs and is currently working at JP Morgan Chase as a personal banker in downtown Chicago.
- & Beth Siewert moved to Grand Rapids from Chicago. She just bought a house with boyfriend Matthew Purdy (alma alumni), and had a new addition - a pug puppy, named Penelope. She is in her first year at Kendall College of Art and Design, working towards a MFA in Painting. New address is: 420 Carpenter Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.
- & Congratulations to Laura Matthews ('02) & Jack Haze ('04) who got engaged at the 2004 Alma Homecoming. Their wedding is set for October 8, 2005.
- & Jamie Hammel ('02) and Matt Culver ('02) have finally set a wedding date. After much anticipation, they are getting married November 5, 2005.
- & Katie Mann ('02) will be marrying Jared Fritz ('01) on August 6, 2005. Amanda McKinnon ('02) will be standing up as her maid of honor and Kristin Collins ('02) is a bridesmaid. She also will be looking for a teaching job in the Midland, Saginaw, Bay City area for next fall. If there are any sisters willing to put in a word for her come interview time any bit might help. Especially if you are teaching in the area or are from any of these areas.
- & Amanda Dohm's ('03) life has been pretty hectic lately. She just got a new job teaching Fourth Grade in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools. Her and Jeff Lane ('02) are getting married this summer on July 23rd, and are in the process of trying to buy a house.
- & Congrats to Jessica Roberts ('03) who married Jason Lowe on June 5, 2004 in Royal Oak.
- & Congrats to Julie Skok ('02) who married Jim Stevens on October 2, 2004.
- & Amanda Penner ('01) said that she didn't have any major announcements, but "my divorce is final and everything (I hope) surrounding it is over. If any of the actives (or anyone for that matter) would ever like to talk to me or me to talk to them about what happened to me, I'd be more than happy to share my experiences. I hope no one ever has to deal with what I went through." spoiledbrat\_amp@hotmail.com We send you all our best Penner!
- & After working and coaching (swimming) in Owosso Michigan for a year, Meredith Henry ('03) accepted a position with CRA Inc., just outside Philadelphia. She is an Internal Communication Consultant and will be working with organizations to facilitate change and improve communication strategy and infrastructure. Her new address is: 100 Windermere Ave., Apt. 301, Wayne, PA, 19087. E-mail: merehenry@hotmail.com.
- & Maggie (Czachor) Guaresimo and her husband Dave welcomed home a very handsome son, David Eric, on November 29, 2004. He was 8lbs. 9oz. and 21 inches long. He is doing great!!
- & Congratulations to Krisha (Larson, '03) & Nick ('03) Hoffman, they will be welcoming their first child this summer.
- & Congratulations to Jen (Sanders, '04) & Ryan ('04) McNally, they along with almost 2 year old Alexis will be welcoming their second child this summer.
- & Congratulations to Jen Cline ('04) who is engaged to Nick Lux (WMU '04). Their wedding is July 1, 2005.
- & Congrats to Amber Nash ('04) who is engaged to Brendan Guilford ('05).
- & Congrats to Katie Mitzner ('98) who married Todd Dagenais ('95 - CMU) on June 5, 2004 in East Lansing, MI.
- & Missy (Crossnoe) O'Bryan (99) and her husband Bill O'Bryan welcomed their first son, Cameron Mitchell O'Bryan into the world on October 15, 2004. Cameron weighed 7 lbs 14 oz & 20 in. long.

& Congrats to Kathleen McCrudden ('01) who married Matt Dobrovic on September 4, 2004.

& Alicia Hegle ('03) graduated from business school at Purdue on March 14, and will be beginning work for General Electric on July 5., possibly in St. Paul, MN.

& Katherine Beam is living in Chicago and working for the Office of the Inspector General for the Environmental Protection Agency evaluating the effectiveness of EPA programs (including Superfund, thank you Profs. Lorenz and Borrello!). She graduated with a Master's in Public Affairs from Indiana University in May 2003 and moved to Chicago soon thereafter. After living with Emily Seman (now Emily Hales) her first year there, she now has her own place near Wrigleyville. She's been dating a wonderful guy who lives in Indianapolis and teaches high school and middle school band (and fingers crossed, will find a job in Chicago this fall) and moonlights as a drummer for several bands. Her place is always open, so if anyone ever needs a place to crash in Chicago while visiting or job searching, please let her know :) beam.katherine@epa.gov

& Melissa (Heist) Gibbons ('99) - "What a year 2004 was for my family! My husband and I welcomed twin daughters, Hannah Margaret and Emma Marie (GPB legacies) into our world on January 20, 2004-15 weeks too early. Throughout the past fourteen months, we have been through four months of the NICU (neonatal intensive care unit), two heart surgeries for Emma-one being open heart, many doctors appointments, two babies home on oxygen, and countless other medical miracles! Needless to say, we are blessed to finally have two normal, healthy fourteen month old babies. Life is now normal-as normal as it can be with twins! The school year is almost over, and we are anticipating having a nice, relaxing summer off with our daughters. Anyway, thanks to all GPBs who supported us this past year!"

& Congratulations to Alicia Huffman ('03) who will be marrying Lucas Hart on August 6, 2005 in Frankenmuth.

& Congratulations to Stacey McIntosh ('04) who married Matt Coppela in February 2005.

& Jill Bieske is still living in Augsburg, Germany (3 years and running) with Mike Lovati ('01). She is a Business English trainer which means she goes to different companies and teach their employees how to effectively communicate and do business in English. Her email address is still the same (jillbieske@hotmail.com) if anybody is in Bavaria and wants to stop by.

& Bree Brownlee ('04) is working as an Asst. Account Executive for chemistri, an advertising agency that services Pontiac, Cadillac and Goodwrench. She is hoping to get back into events and promotions in 2006.

& Elke Betz ('02) will be graduating from Toledo College of Law in May and looking for a job in the Ann Arbor area. She hopes to continue with her love of dancing through teaching, dancing and performing.

& Katie Mitzner-Dagenais and her husband Todd are moving to Los Angeles, California in May. Katie will continue her work with the Better Business Bureau as Communications Director for their LA offices. Todd will be the new 1st Assistant Women's Volleyball coach at the University of Southern California. Katie and Todd don't yet have a new address but Katie can still be reached at [kmitzner@hotmail.com](mailto:kmitzner@hotmail.com).

www.  
Want to be in the know?  
check the web

The actives have a website that is updated frequently. It has news and announcements, calendar, photos and more. Check it out to see what's going on back at the house in AC.

[www.alma.edu/organizations/gammaphibeta](http://www.alma.edu/organizations/gammaphibeta)

Recently launched, check out the brand new alumni site dedicated to everything GPB Alumni at:

[www.alma.edu/organizations/GPBalumni](http://www.alma.edu/organizations/GPBalumni)