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Gamma Phi Beta - Epsilon Beta

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a letter from the chapter president...

Dear Sisters,

The end of the school year is swiftly approaching and the women of the Epsilon Beta chapter are busy with senior celebrations, and other events...not to mention homework. The semester has gone beautifully, and we have added a wonderful pledge class to the already wonderful sisterhood. These eight women are exemplary in every way. Scholastically, socially, and involved, these women are sure to strengthen Gamma Phi not only while they are in college, but throughout their lives.

This semester, philanthropy has played an important role in our sorority activities. The first annual Gammie Macker (basketball tournament) was held in early February and was a wonderful way to raise money for Relay for Life. The Relay was held on the 24th of March and Gamma Phi Beta was one of the most successful teams, raising approximately \$4000. Gamma Phi also won most creative team award, and Melissa Boguslawski (our team coordinator) won the Most Spirited Individual award. These activities have not only given the women of Gamma Phi Beta recognition of helping others, but through these activities has made tighter the bonds of our sisterhood.

To celebrate a semester well-done, the Pink Carnation formal will be held on March 30th, in Mount Pleasant. This is sure to be a good time, and planning for this night has been underway for several months. The memories of each year's formal are something that every woman cherishes and laughs about the entire year through. Attendance is, as usual, expected to be quite high, and this will ensure that everyone walks away with these memories.

Nearing the end of the school year, a bittersweet feeling is sweeping over the sisters. As we prepare to say goodbye to our amazing eleven seniors who made

our Gamma Phi experience what it is, we are saddened to see such friends part from the closeness that we have known for the past four years. These women are strong and solid. They are women who will go into the world and be great at whatever they decide to do. They are women who whether they be Doctors, Lawyers, Professors, or homemakers, they will be proud, strong, women. These are the women of Gamma Phi Beta. Thank you for some wonderful years ladies. Good luck in the future, and keep in touch! Congratulations from your sisters in Gamma Phi Beta.

*in PIKE,
~ Emilee Syrewicze, '08*



Alumnae Contact List

Please let us know of any updates or changes that you may have for yourself or others so that we can all stay in contact from now on! Check it out on our alumnae website and get in touch with old friends and sisters!

ALUMNAE *board*

There still have been no donations for the laptop computer purchased for the active chapter. This has enabled them to keep the website updated, allow the recording secretary to have a record of all documents. In addition, they can keep in contact with the Alumnae Board. The cost of the computer was \$550, if you would like to donate to the Computer Fund - please send a check to Bree Brownlee at 12966 Watkins Drive, Shelby Township, MI 48315. Checks can be made out to Bree.

Keep Connected:

www.alma.edu/organizations/GPBalumni

Keep Up to DATE...

April 2007

5	Honors Day
13	Winter Term Ends
16-20	Winter Term Exams
21	Class of 2007 Commencement
29	Spring Term Begins

May 2007

24	Spring Term Ends
25-27	Alma Highland Festival

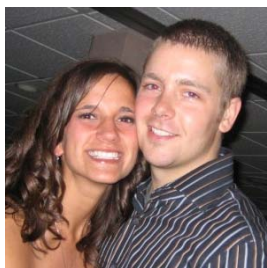
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Keep Note...

news from the home front

- ♪ The active chapter had a wonderful Winter Recruitment welcoming 8 new sisters. There theme was "Gamma Phi Beta - PINK" after the Victoria Secret Collection. The "Winter Collection", "8 Days A Week", was Initiated on March 16th. We are so excited to welcome you into the sisterhood. Members of the new pledge class are: Cora Bye, Sarah Caverley, Laura Kohn, Katie Livingston, Kaitlin McDaniel, Kathleen Maheras, Kelly Ross and Erika Schroeder. New photos and family trees are also posted online - check out your family lines!



- ♪  Congratulations to Erin Bernethy, '07 who was recently engaged to Stuart Pettijohn, '06. Erin will be attending Wayne State University next year to attend Med School, while Stuart is currently in Grad School at U of M. Erin is also one of the three 2007 nominees for the Barlow Trophy, Alma's most prestigious award for a graduating senior. Established in 1949 by Dr. Joel Barlow, a 1929 honors graduate of Alma College, the award will be presented at Alma's annual Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 5. The award recognizes academic achievement for students in the top 10 percent of their class as well as contributions to campus and community. The Barlow winner is determined by a vote of Alma's Student Congress and faculty.

- ♪ The Gamma Phi Beta's are featured on the Alma College website as one of the "Great Things About Alma College" in the Small School, Big Opportunities section. The photo (shown here) features some of our sisters participating in Relay for Life in 2006. See them on the site at: http://www.alma.edu/about/great_things/opportunities.



- ♪ Congratulations to Kelly Malburg, '09 who was crowned a member of the Queen's Court for the 2007 Alma Queen of Scots. She will spend the next year representing the Alma Highland Festival and Games. Here she is pictured below with alums who were at the pageant (from L to R) Kim Light, '05, Bree Brownlee, '04 (2002 Alma Queen of Scots), Erica Sandel, '06 (2003 Alma Queen of Scots Court), Jen (Cline) Lux, '04 (2002 Alma Queen of Scots Court) and Kaleena (Sharp) Liedke, '05.



notes & news

& Kimberly Kraai Griffis, '94, husband Brian, and Emily (5 years old) are celebrating the first birthday of William Gage. They are currently living in Glen St. Marys, FL and are about one month out of finishing building our new house. "We have four horses and a handful of goats and are just enjoying the simple life. I cannot wait for our house to be built so we will never have to leave!" I would love to hear from the "old" gammies! Where is everyone? Email me at kgriffis@baker.k12.fl.us

& Jen (Cline) Lux, '04 and husband Nick welcomed their first child, Clark Nicholas Lux on January 10th at 7:44am. He weighed 9lbs and 5oz. Aunt Jillian (Cline) Foster, '06 is the best aunt ever! Congratulations Lux family.



& Congratulations to Bree Brownlee, '04 who was recently promoted to Senior Account Executive. Bree is working at the Advertising Agency Leo Burnett Detroit in Troy on the Merchandising and Promotions team for GM Goodwrench.

& Cami Carson Giberson, '95 and husband Greg '96 just had a little boy "Jacob" on February 28th. A leap year baby! Mom and Dad are doing fine along with proud brother Tommy. Congrats!

& Charnell (Kintigh) Davis, '06 and husband Matt are expecting their second child, due September 26th - just 10 days after the 2nd birthday of their son, Jacob. Congrats Davis'!

& Katrina McAleece and hubby Tim (and daughter Kinsey) are expecting our second child, a boy, this summer—early August! Congrats!

& Tara (Braun) Gay, '03 and husband Carter are expecting our first baby! The due date is Aug 27th and everything has been going smoothly so far.

& Kim Light, '05 has a new job with Lawrence Technological University, where is now an Admissions Counselor. She is also coaching the freshman softball team at her alma mater Hartland High School. Congrats Kim!

& Beth Siewart, '01 won second prize in an American Heart Association Go Red Art Competition. Her painting, shown here, toured around the mid-west for the month of February and will hang in Chicago for a year. She just finished the final requirements for her MFA degree and hope to start adjunct teaching at colleges and universities in the Grand Rapids area this fall. Also, after 5 and half years, Matt Purdy ('98) and Beth are finally engaged! Congrats on all the news Beth!



& Lissa Weier, '02 will be taking her third and final trip over the Atlantic to Plymouth, England this summer to complete her graduate degree through Michigan State University in Educational Technology. She also has been selling lia sophia jewelry for the past year and recently got promoted to Unit Manager. You can visit her website at www.liasophia.com/lissaweier.



& Ashley Widrig, '06 recently celebrated her birthday in her new home of Chicago. A large group of fun Gamma Phi's came to Chicago to visit and help her celebrate (we are obviously die-hards)



including: Erin Hlavaty, '07, Megan Hlavaty, '05, Carmen (Compton) Sommerville, '06, Elsa Starmann, '06, Erin Bernethy, '07, Sarah Wasek, '07, Eli Nicols, '07, Liz Sarkella, '06, Emily Bell, '01 and Sarah Northrup, '06. She also just started a new job Northwestern Memorial Hospital. It is a very large hospital close to Michigan Ave. She is an anesthesia tech, where she gets to work in a facility with 33 ORs. It is a great opportunity because she will be going into anesthesia eventually so she will learn a lot about the field.



& Karen (Jones) Palumbo '99 and her husband Michael announce the birth of their first baby, daughter Addison Alice on January 26, 2007 @ 7:41 p.m., 8 lbs 40z and 20 inches long. Here's a picture of Addie's first vacation to Florida in March @ 6 weeks old! Karen, Michael & Addison are living in Coleman and both are working for Dow Corning in Midland- life is great!



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We are still looking for family tree information on Alpha Theta Alumna, Kelly (Mitchell) Hampton. She was a part of the "MacArthur Dynasty." If you have any information about Kelly's family, could help us piece together more of the family trees, or have any other information please e-mail us at KeepingOrder@hotmail.com.

Relay for Life...one day. one night. one community.

The active chapter participated in Relay For Life once again this year. Relay for Life is about celebration, remembrance, and hope. Their participation honored cancer survivors, paid tribute to the lives we've lost to the disease and raised money to help fight it. This 24-hour walk is designed to bring together those who have been touched by cancer in the Alma College community. During the event, teams of people gathered at the Stone Recreation Center and took turns walking or running laps. Each team tried to keep at least one member on the track at all times. But, Relay was much more than a walk around a track. It was a time to remember those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have survived. It was a night for people who have shared the same experience to comfort and console one another. During this event, they honor survivors during the Survivors Lap and they remember those lost to cancer during the Luminara Ceremony. They also celebrate life, friendship and a chance to work together toward a cancer-free future.



Gamma Phi Beta had two survivors present to take part in the event Melissa Boguslawski's, '08 mom - who many of us know affectionately as Mama Bogie and Bree Brownlee, '04. Mama Bogie is a 3-time cancer survivor and 2 days after Relay went in for her last chemo treatment. Congratulations - we are so happy for you and are fighting along with you. Bree is a breast cancer survivor, who is currently going back in for additional treatment. It was great to have both of them (and Bree's supporter, Kim Light, '05) with us for the day.

Gamma Phi Beta raised approximately \$4,000 and together Alma College raised \$31,000 - hoping to get the additional \$4,000 needed to hit their goal of \$35,000. What an amazing accomplishment! Gamma Phi also won the most creative team award, and Melissa (our team coordinator) won the Most Spirited Individual award. See photos below from the event. Congratulations to all who participated - either in person, by donation or through thoughts!

