

a letter from an alum...

Dear Sisters,

Apologizes on the delay in getting this issue of "Keeping Order" to all of you. No letters, news or information was received from the active chapter - so we have nothing to report on that front. It seems as though there are many exciting things going on with all of our alums though. Read on to hear what's new and exciting with each of them.

You may have noticed that there is no longer an alumnae site for the chapter. This was taken down and moved to the active site. Simply because no news or information was being submitted and it made more sense to keep everything on the active site. Please see the link below to view the alumnae page and see what is going on with the active chapter.

From a National perspective, we have 2 new chapters that will joining the Gamma Phi Beta sisterhood this fall Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, and the University of Texas – San Antonio in San Antonio, Texas. Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, GA, will join in January 2008. These three will join the 117 collegiate chapters currently throughout North America.

IH has issued a Foundation Strategic Planning Survey. Please take a moment to fill this out by going to: https://www.gammaphibeta.org/members/survey.asp?SURVEY_ID=16.

Best wishes for a happy summer! Hope to see you all at homecoming in the fall, mark your calendars - October 12-14!

in **PIKE**,

~ Bree Erin Brownlee, '04

Keep Note...

news from the home front

- 🎵 Congratulations to the class of 2007 on their graduation. Best of luck on your future endeavors! We know they will be successful in everything they do! Melissa Ager, Erin Bernethy, Jessica Hagedon, Elizabeth Nichols, Elsa Starmann, Sarah Wasek, Kate DeGood, Erin Hlavaty and Liz Sarkella. Special congratulations to those with Latin honors: Summa Cum Laude, Erin Bernethy; Magna Cum Laude: Melissa Ager, Kate DeGood and Cum Laude: Elizabeth Nichols.
- 🎵 The active chapter is still looking to put on the Reunion BBQ sometime in August. Additional information to be sent when available. Hope to see you all there.
- 🎵 Homecoming 2007 is October 12-14. Mark your calendars and plan a weekend to come back to Alma - see the house, reconnect with old friends and cheer on the Scots once again!

Keep Connected:

www.alma.edu/students/organizations/gammaphibeta/alumnae.htm

Keep Up to DATE...

July 2007

4 Happy Independence Day

August 2007

TBD Reunion BBQ

26 Pre Term Begins for the Class of 2011

September 2007

3 Fall Term Begins

TBD Greek Week

TBD Fall Recruitment

TBD Bids Bash

notes & news

& Mary (Evans) Jacobsen '02 and husband Mark are expecting their first baby on November 6th of this year! They're waiting to find out if they will have a little boy or little girl for Thanksgiving! Congrats Jacobsen family!

& On June 2, while climbing the Great Wall of China, Jon Behring (EX), '05 proposed to Erica Sandel, '06. Erica was very surprised and is now working hard to plan a June 21, 2008 wedding. They were planning on taking a photo in their Greek letters, when he decided to pop the question. She will be starting her second year of medical school in the fall, still at Wayne State University. Congratulations Erica. Best wishes for a happy forever.



& Rebecca Kinney, '04 is the new Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program Regional Coordinator for the Area Agency on Aging, West Michigan. Her and fiance, Joe purchased a house in Lowell, Michigan and would love to have visitors! :) They are excited for their wedding this September. Congrats Becky ~ best wishes!

& Dawna Anderson, '03 is engaged to her longtime boyfriend, Michael Steelman. The couple live in Washington DC while Dawna is finishing her J.D. at George Washington University Law School but plan to wed in Ann Arbor in August 2008. Congrats Dawna!

& Julie (Braun) Kowalewski, Kori (Crandall) Quinn and Maggie (Taylor) Lancaster all support, volunteer and work for the Grand Rapids Children's Museum. They are organizing an event that raises over \$90,000 which will be held in March of 2008. Watch the next edition for more information. They are looking for volunteers to work the party, donations for raffle items or sponsorships. maggielanc@yahoo.com.

& Jillian (Gettel) Simon, '06 and husband Bob, '03 will be moving to Chicago in August so that she can go back to school. She will be working towards her Masters in Physiology and Biophysics and the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC).

& Kristy (Butts) Benson, '05 and husband Tyler and are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Jean Benson, born on June 12, 2007 at 6:16 p.m. at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs. and 6 oz. and was 20 in. long. Kristy ended up having a C-section because her umbilical cord was wrapped around her neck and her heart rate was dropping. But she is doing absolutely wonderful now and they are enjoying every minute of her!



& Suz Ball, '06 just finished her year of volunteer service with the Americorps VISTA program on July 5th. She now is moving to San Diego, CA and will be working as a Family Advocate at the Center for Community Solutions a Domestic Violence shelter. Congrats Suz!

& Patroness Lori Hick is excited to announce that her daughter, Mallory, '08, a member of the active chapter will be studying in Scotland this fall at the University of Aberdeen.

& Beth Opperman, '05 and real life sister Julie, '08 were bridesmaids in their brother Mark's wedding on May 26, 2007. He married a girl named Abbie. Also pictured is their older sister, Laura, '01 who was an Alpha Gamma Delta at Alma College.



& Melissa (Heist) Gibbons and husband, Jim, announce the birth of another legacy, Sarah Jo, on March 26th. Sarah joins three-year old twins Hannah and Emma. Life is very busy around our house, but they love every minute of it! In just a few years, the house will feel like living in the GPB house again!



& Lissa Weier, '02 is spending her third summer in Plymouth, England and will receive her Masters of Art in Educational Technology this summer through MSU. Congrats Lissa.

& Kari Johnson, '05 and fiance Rory, '06 bought their first home at the end of April and have since painted, moved in, and made it ours. They are busy planning their September 29th wedding and watching their daughter Lea grow up. Best wishes on a happy wedding day!



& Brooke Palm, '03 was engaged to longtime boyfriend, Gary Holvick. They are planning a small wedding at the Pine Knob Mansion for this September. Brooke was too excited to wait any longer! Congrats - best wishes for a lifetime of love!

& While in Chicago earlier this year with Carmen (Compton) Sommerville, '06, Erin Hlavaty, '07 found a statue of a goat (oh the memories) so while walking home one evening with the girls this last weekend they took a picture by it. Pictures are Ashley Widrig '06, Emily Bell '01, Erin, and Megan Hlavaty '05.



& Laura Bell, '06 is busy planning her September 1 wedding. Many of her sisters and GPB family will be standing up in her wedding: Kim Light, '05, Melissa Boguslawski, '08, Bree Brownlee, '04 and Kaleena (Sharp) Liedke, '05. She and fiance Carl recently relocated to Midland where he is working as a golf pro and she the manager at Dunhams. She's excited to see many of her sisters again to share in her special day!

& Bree Brownlee, '04 is keeping busy with a new job at the same company, Leo Burnett Detroit. She will be running the Digital and Interactive team for GMSPO. She's currently looking into building a house in Waterford and trying to raise money for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk she and her dance students are doing this fall. If you would like to help, donations can be accepted online. Please visit her studio website at www.QOSDA.com and click on philanthropy.

