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Gamma Phi Beta - Epsilon Beta

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a letter from the president...

Dear Sisters,



Hello again! I hope that the summer has been good to all of us and that no one has wasted the precious warm days this season brought us. I can't believe that one more semester is upon us and we are gearing up for quite a time. The first and greatest piece of news that I bring is that of our new advisor. Kristen Kosuda is a graduate of Oakland University and was president of her chapter for two years. She is now

employed at Central Michigan University and has agreed to fill the huge void that the Epsilon Beta chapter felt for the last year and a half. We are elated to have her with us and we hope that she will enjoy being with us as well.

Last weekend (September 30th) also brought informal recruitment 2007!!! We were pumped and ready to receive new members who will no doubt bring a wonderful addition to our group. As we welcome the new 7 ladies, it is also important for us to recognize the women who shaped the chapter that we celebrate today. That is why we here at Epsilon Beta have decided to hold a homecoming reception on homecoming day (October 13th) after the football game and before the choir concert (4:30- whenever). This reception is not only for Gamma Phi Beta alumnae but also the Alpha Theta women who wish to stop by. Look for the banner outside of the house!

We will also be having the usual events this year such as the pancake breakfast and the Fall Ball (formerly Tavern), the dates of which will soon be announced. Until we meet again (which hopefully will be homecoming) thank you for your continued support and encouragement!

in PIKE,

~ Emilee Syrewicze

President, Epsilon Beta

meet the new chapter advisor...

Kristen Kosuda

Name: Kristen Kosuda

Age: 25

Initiated chapter: Delta Omega (Oakland Univ)

Positions held: President, CPH Vice President, Alumni Relations Chair

Initiated: December 2001

Alumni: April 2004

Degrees:

Bachelor of Science from Oakland University
Business Administration with a minor in
Human Resource Management

Masters of Arts from Ball State University
Sports Administration

Work:

Central Michigan University Athletic Department. I do game day management for volleyball, softball, and gymnastics. I assist with the game day management of football, men's and women's basketball, soccer, track and field, cross country, field hockey, and baseball. I monitor the facility management for all athletic facilities, and assist with the management of sport camps.

Other:

I played softball for Oakland University my freshman year of undergrad.

I love to travel

I am very close with my family
I enjoy spending time with
family and friends

I am learning sign language. I
want to be an interpreter.

I teach Adult, Child, and Infant
CPR/First Aid/AED for the lay
responder



Keep Connected:

www.alma.edu/students/organizations/gammaphibeta

Keep Up to DATE...

October 2007

- 3 Walk Outs
- 13 Homecoming
- Desserts Reception at the house (after game)

November 2007

- TBD Initiations

December 2007

Keep Note...

news from the home front

🎵 The chapter is hosting a desserts reception (informal) after the game at the house - 807 W. Superior Street. Please join us before the choir concert for an afternoon of sweet treats, bonding and a chance to see all we have done with the house.

🎵 The active chapter had a wonderful fall recruitment. Their theme was "Who's Your Gammie?", a spinoff from the popular "Who's Your Tiger?" phrase with the Detroit Tigers was a homerun! The house was full of baseballs and balloons, with blue and orange all over the place! They had hotdogs on the grill, a popcorn machine, and everything else that made it feel like you were at a ballpark..in Alma! The three pictures below are..the group after recruitment, President Em and AVP Bogie, and the senior class.



🎵 After a great recruitment, the sisters welcomed 7 new members on Wednesday evening. Welcome to the fall pledge class: Katie Burton, Ashlee Forde, Jess Kuras, Rachel Rochefort, Jennifer Sosnowski, Adrienne Wagner and Breann White.



🎵 The chapter is missing sister, Mallory Hick, '08, who is currently studying abroad in Scotland, but wish her the best of luck! Mallory is pictured here in her "Scotland" letters (notice the St. Andrew's Cross in the letters?) in front of one of Scotland's many amazing castles.



🎵 Last year, the chapter redecorated the chapter room at the house, this year they were able to purchase new furniture for a few rooms in the house. Swing on by to check out the new pieces - they should be there in the next few weeks.

notes & news

& Christine Murphy, '03 is officially back in school. She started her Executive MBA at University of Hawaii this past August with an expected graduation date of May 2009. The good news is that it'll keep her and husband Colin in Hawaii for at least two more years. Good luck Christine!

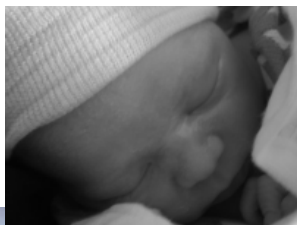
& Bree Erin Brownlee, '04 purchased her first home! An adorable 2 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom condo in Washington Township, MI. She can't wait to have visitors and the extra bedroom is perfect for guests - come by and visit. Her new address is: 11555 Maple Creek Court, Washington Township, MI 48094.



& Laura Bell, '06 married Carl Trosien on September 1st in Midland, MI. Members of her bridal party included Bree Brownlee, '04, Kim Light, '05, Kaleena (Sharp) Liedke, '05 and Melissa Boguslawski, '08. Many other Gammies and Alma alum were in attendance to celebrate their day Congrats Laura!



& Charnell (Kintigh) Davis, '06 and husband Matt welcomed their second child, Carter Nicholas on September 21 at 4:29pm. Carter weighed 6lbs 10oz and was 18" long. Big brother Jacob loves the new baby! All are doing great. Congrats Davis family!



& Carmen (Compton) Sommerville, '06 accepted a position as the Prospect Researcher at Alma College. So she is back on campus! Congrats.

& Beth Opperman, '05 and boyfriend David are getting a 2nd dog- an Alaskan Malamute puppy- born 8/18- to go with Atlas, their 2 year old male great dane. They haven't named her yet! Beth also started her 2nd year of vet school. Congrats Beth and good luck with the new puppy and school!

& Kristin Oleszkowicz, '05 was engaged to Justin Michna on September 6. Justin is a Chicago Police Officer and the two plan to wed in Michigan on October 4, 2008 and will live in the city of Chicago. The day after their engagement, Kristin graduated from Midwestern University in Chicago with a Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant studies. Kristin plans to begin working as a surgical PA for Northwestern beginning in November. Kristin currently lives in Wrigleyville Chicago with fellow Alma Gamma Phi Beta alum Naomi Vance, '06.

& Brooke Palm, '03 married Gary Holvick Jr. on September 21st at the Mansion at Pine Knob in Clarkston, MI. Many Gammies were in attendance. Sarah Rosenthal, '03 read during the ceremony and Bree Brownlee, '04 was their wedding planner. It was a perfect day for a wedding, 85 and sunny. Congrats Holvicks!



& Becky Kinney, '04 married Joe Philips on September 29th in Port Hope, MI. Cynthia Fountain, '04 and Stacey (McIntosh) Coppola '04 were in the bridal party and Bree Brownlee '04, Kim Light '05 and Theresa Thompson, '03 were in attendance for the event. Congrats Philips'!



& Kari Joy Johnson, '05 married Rory Wildner on September 29th in Kalamazoo, MI. Sarah Northrup, '06 was in her bridal party and many other Gammie and Alma alums were in attendance.



& Tara (Braun) Gay, '03 and husband Carter had a baby girl! Eleanor Leah Gay was born on September 9th. They call her Ella or Ellie for short. Mom, Dad and Ella are all doing great!



& Lisa Cramer was featured on the front page of a local newspaper with her Little Sister, Tamara, from Big Brothers Big Sisters. They were highlighted in the local Hopewell paper to highlight BBBS in the Hopewell area. Lisa and Tamara volunteered for BBBS' annual Duck Race (as they did last year).

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News Notes

SPORTS OPINION ADVERTISING NEWS

Huge crowd at Duck Race



Big Brothers Big Sisters' annual Duck Race at Brown's Island on Saturday, July 28, was a fun family festival that drew visitors and volunteers from the Tri-Cities.

Northrup Gramman employee Lisa Cramer and her Little Sister Tamara of Hopewell volunteered by helping with complimentary balloons and temporary tattoos for the kids.
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& Maggie Czachor Guaresimo '99 and husband, Dave, along with their two boys and dog, have moved down to Mexico for 3 years with Dave's job. So far everything is going really well!! The boys are doing great and it's sunny every day!! They can still be reached at their old email address: dguaresimo@sbcglobal.net.

& Kristin (Bender) Polizzi, '95 has a nonprofit professional dance company named Surfscapes Contemporary Dance Theatre in Florida. They just finished their third performance and were recently featured in the "Vital Signs" portion of Dance Magazine.



& Sarah Northrup, '06 recently moved to Phoenix, AZ. Her boyfriend, Jayson, was offered a great job and the move was on. They arrived in Phoenix the first of August and she was able to transfer her first year credits in the MSW program at Wayne State to Arizona State University. Sarah has a great internship, working with a state senator and interacting with the Governor re: health care issues.



& Katrina McAleece is excited to announce the birth of her son, Andrew Timothy! He was born on August 3, 2007—7lbs., 12oz and 21 inches long! Katrina, husband Tim and big sister Kinsey are all excited and doing well.



& Martha Baker Larsen, '81 has two sons currently enrolled at Alma: Erik Larsen, '08 and Brian Larsen, '10. They followed a similar path of herself and her good friend and Theta sister Sabrina Baker Gross '79 by BOTH joining Sigma Chi fraternity! They are also both Chemistry majors!! No they did not encourage either decision, but decided that some things just "run in the family."

& These photos were taken this spring in Ann Arbor when Holly Rupprecht, '79, Sabrina Baker Gross, '79, Laurel Sweet, '79 and Martha Baker Larsen, '81 meet for dinner. The first photo is of Holly with her pooches, the order (left to right) on the next is Laurel, Sabrina, Martha, Holly and the last photo is the three '79 grads (Laurel, Sabrina, Holly). This group of Theta ladies are family on several levels (check the sister records and note the maiden names). Afraid we won't be getting together again soon as Laurie was just relocated to the East Coast. But the remaining A2 contingent will do another "Theta Ladies Out in A2" again!



& Jill Bieske, '01 and Mike Lovati were married August 31. Amy (Novak) Wille '01 was her matron of honor and other GPB alum in attendance included Mary (Serwick) Heymoss '99 and Holly Hammerle '99. Their photographer was Bree Hall, '99—she did an awesome job!