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MU CHAPTER SETS NEW GOALS

As the snow continues to fall on Allegheny, Mu Chapter continues to move forward on campus and throughout the community. The goals that we have set this year are bound to strengthen our sisterhood and make a lasting impression.

For 2004, we are trying to increase our service and make an impact around our community, our new service chair, Arwen Lavengood, has gotten us involved with many volunteer opportunities. We have spent numerous hours volunteering at Bethesda, playing with the children at Elm Street, and helping to rehabilitate abused and neglected animals at Hog Heaven. We organized a date auction with the sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma to raise money for the March of Dimes. A Locks of Love fund-raiser is also in the future to help benefit underprivileged children with long-term medical hair loss.

One the biggest goals we set for

this semester was to increase our alumnae relations and strengthen our bond with past Mu members. We started by attending the annual Founders Day Brunch hosted by the Pittsburgh alumnae chapter at the Sheraton Hotel in Station Square. A few members from our chapter, including me, Ritualist Kristen Marcheck, Megan Carbaugh, Michelle Manni and Alumnae Relations Chair Leah Naar, attended the brunch and were given the honor of participating in the ceremony to celebrate Theta's Founders Day. This was a great experience for our chapter and leads us to want to develop more contact with alumnae, with the hope of gaining more support and guidance.

This semester our chapter also focused on supporting our active sisters. With the help of our spirit chair, Missy Meyer, we are working to improve our relations with members studying abroad and to give support to our sisters involved in

sports and other organizations.

With the semester now almost over, Mu is very excited about all it has accomplished this year and hopes to continue to make an even greater impact on each other and our community in the semesters to come.

President Kate Wilson



Sisters at Fall Party

Thetas Help Alumna Celebrate 50th Anniversary



KAΘ friends helping Carol celebrate her 50th anniversary are Jean Fellows Faust '51, Barbara Short Forman (Denison KAΘ), Nancy Johnson Snyder '51, Harriet McCafferty Agnew '51 and Carole McClain McIndoe '50

Carol Hefren Tillotson '53 tells us, "My husband, Bill, and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in August with a beautiful party hosted by our three children (Sharon, Craig and Kimberly) at Butler Country Club (see photo)."

Carol is active in the Woodlands Foundation. She and Bill, an investment broker, are grandparents and enjoy golf and gardening. Carol adds of her sorority experience, "The friendships I formed within Theta have been very special to me." Catch up with Carol at 115 Lake Mnr, Butler, PA 16002 or via e-mail at cht@zbzoom.net.

Sisters Volunteer in the Community

Only those who have learned the power of sincere and selfless contribution experience life's deepest joy: true fulfillment.—Anthony Robbins

The sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta do service in many locations in or around Meadville, including Hog Heaven (a hoofed animal rescue farm), Bethesda, Elm Street, Gill Village and Stone Church Soup Kitchen. Many sisters also find time to volunteer outside of Theta at other locations.

In addition to weekly service opportunities, Theta participated in a few big events this semester to raise money for various charities. A few of these events include the Date Auction, a joint effort between Theta and the sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma that benefited the March of Dimes, SAMS (an all-campus event in which our new members will perform to help raise money to fight multiple sclerosis) and Locks of Love, a new fund-raiser that aids the making of inexpensive wigs

for children suffering from medical conditions resulting in hair loss.

During the fall semester at Allegheny, all Greek organizations, along with many non-Greeks, participate in Make A Difference Day where groups go out into Meadville and the surrounding area and volunteer their time. This year, Mu Chapter spent the day at Cross and Crown Christian Fellowship, a children's camp near Meadville, working to clean up the grounds. Events like this give sisters the opportunity not only to strengthen the bonds of sisterhood by working together, but also to give back to the community while representing Theta.

Service is an important part of Theta for many reasons. Sisters love spending time with animals, children and the elderly, as well as helping out wherever and whenever needed. A strong bond can form during service hours and has on many occasions. Each sister can make a difference in

the lives of those in need. For instance, recently some sisters took part in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Art Contest. The sisters were paired with a teenager from the Meadville community to create a piece of artwork that demonstrated the theme "Life's most persistent and urgent question is 'What are you doing for others?'" The closing dinner proved that a sister could make a difference. One of the Meadville community teenagers commented that no one had ever helped him like the sister who took a few hours out of her day to assist him with his project. He was ecstatic to have a new friend.

Each day an opportunity arrives in our lives to help out someone in need. Each day a person who needs help is looking for a hand, and service opportunities are broad and many. Take a little time out of your lives to make a difference and find true fulfillment.

Service Chair Arwen Lavengood

Meet Mu Chapter's New Officers

President	Kate Wilson '05	VP Finance	Jen Knapp '06
VP Administration	Mary Martucci '05	VP Development	Carrie Lonsinger '05
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		Ritualist	Kristen Marchek '06
		Scholarship	Rose Leous '06
		Senior Relations	Katie Turiak '06
		Service	Arwen Lavengood '06
		Social Activities	Jen Slater '06
		Social Events	Kate Finch-Vincoli '05
		Spirit and Awards	Missy Meyer '06
		Technology/Editor	Amanda Knowles '06

Mu's New Members

After an exciting spring recruitment, Mu Chapter has 11 truly amazing new members. Welcome to Theta, ladies!

Jenny Berosh '07 Freedom, PA
 Amy Bonaparte '07 Scenery Hill, PA
 Laura Cavagnaro '07 Getzville, NY
 Leslie Dean '07 Pittsburgh, PA

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Mu's wonderful spring new member class

Seniors Prepare to Say Goodbye

Busy finishing their senior comprehensive research projects, interviewing for jobs and graduate schools, searching for apartments and roommates and planning for their future after graduating from Allegheny, Mu's seniors are preparing to make the next step of their lives as successful as the time they have spent at Allegheny. However, in this stressful time, many of us have sought comfort from our sisters.

Fellow senior classmates have been there for each other to help us remember that we are all unsure of our futures. Also, many of us have begun to truly value the limited time that we have left here at Allegheny with our friends and sisters. Many of us have set aside time each week to spend with the people that we are closest to. The senior class also tries to all get together once a week for a special event or just to relax.

Underclassmen have also been extremely supportive of the graduating seniors. They are always there to surprise us with special notes, twin star

gifts, or just a warm hug and smile. It is wonderful to know that they are all thinking about us and all of their thoughts and friendship are greatly appreciated by all.

Thanks to the senior relations chair and participation from the entire chapter, we have plenty of things to remind us of why it is that we love Theta. With special little gifts in our mailboxes each week, senior excursions to our favorite restaurants and mixers

with seniors from other chapters here on campus, we are loving every last minute of our time in Theta before we have to say good-bye.

As our time at Allegheny comes to an end, we are able to look back at all the memories we have made here. Without Theta, it could not have been the same.

This is a time that you truly realize the special bonds of sisterhood.

Amanda O'Toole



Mu's senior class takes a break from the dance floor at Fall Party.

Fall Party a Sparkling Success

There was only one place to be on November 8, and that was at the Meadville Days Inn, dancing the night away at Theta's Fall Party. The theme for this year's formal kickoff was Glitter Ball, which meant only one thing: lots of sparkly dresses, shiny hair, shimmery makeup and a spectacular night of fun. With good food, good music and good people, the night was destined to be a hit.

This annual gathering served as more than just a night of dancing and

Attention!

Tentative planning is currently underway for an alumnae banquet in the fall of 2004 at Allegheny. If you are interested in possibly attending this event, please e-mail Mu Chapter at theta@allegheny.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!

entertainment, it was a way to welcome back our sisters who were abroad last semester and introduce our newest members to the way we like to have fun. For the seniors, it was the first of a long line of lasts as they embarked upon their final year as active Thetas. For everyone, it was an excuse to get dressed up, get off campus, forget about homework and let loose.

A DJ played everybody's favorite dance music, including several Theta favorites such as "Shook Me All Night Long" and "Livin' On a Prayer." And of course we got to show off our famous line dancing when Shania Twain's "Any Man of Mine" blasted out over the energized crowd.

As could be expected, the sisters looked beautiful, their dates looked handsome and everybody had a great time making memories and dancing

together until the dance wound down and ended with one final slow dance. In true Theta fashion, we made Fall Party 2003 a night never to be forgotten.

Amanda Knowles

The Mu Review is published by the women of Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity at Allegheny College for members and friends.

Take a minute to update your former classmates on your life since graduation. The interest is two-way: as you are interested in their busy lives, they are also interested in yours. Alumnae news, photos and change of address notices should be sent to Mu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, c/o Newsletter Program Headquarters, P.O. Box 602, Needham, MA 02492-0007.

Mu Chapter Alumnae Write In



Angela and Matt

Angela Mason Jacobson '95 wrote to sisters in October, "After living in Manchester, England, for the past three years, Matt and I (see photo above) have moved back to Connecticut. We are expecting our first child, due in January 2004."

You can send your best wishes to Angela and Matt (OX), an editorial director, at 47 Alger Rd., East Haddam, CT 06423 or via e-mail at mattangjacobson@aol.com.

Virginia Hawkey Sceiford '48 tells us, "I have been living in Wilmington and have a son, Rich and my youngest daughter, Emily, here. Lynn and my three grandchildren are in Massachusetts. I am very happy and busy making clay jewelry and more. I would love to hear from anyone, or come see me."

Jinney is a member of Cameron Art Museum and Wilmington Art Asso-

MU'S NEW MEMBERS

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Mandy Graner '07Pittsburgh, PA
Katie Horton '07 Winchester, VA
Ashlie Louie '07 Fremont, CA
Anne Schwabenbauer '06 Erie, PA
Maggie Surface '07 Nashville, TN
Caitlin Sutorius '07 Mendon, NY
Colleen Zink '07 Hudson, OH

ciation. Get back in touch with her at 3832 Sweetbriar Rd., Wilmington, NC 28403 or via e-mail at jin3832@bellsouth.net.

Stacey Cehelsky '98 brings us up-to-date, "After I got my master's, I was working at Magee Women's Hospital as a researcher in an infertility lab. However, when this job as a pharmaceutical rep. came along, it was too good to pass up."

Stacey now works for Boehringer-Ingelheim. She resides at 346 W. Main St., Somerset, PA 15501. Contact her via e-mail at schelsky@yahoo.com.

Lisa Hoden Radio '98 shares, "I married Nick on August 9, 2003. My sisters, Jessica Acevedo '?? and Erin Hartong '??, were in attendance. Nick and I live in Pittsburgh and are both full-time graduate students at Duquesne University."

Write to Lisa and Nick, an Allegheny alumnus and doctoral student, at 318 Kaercher St., Pittsburgh, PA 15207 or via e-mail at hodenl@yahoo.com.

Sarah Flynn Erickson '73, sends this news, "I was ordained a (Presbyterian) minister of the word and sacrament on August 31, 2003, after

completing my master of divinity studies in May 2003. I am the recipient of the Harold J. Riddle Memorial Book Award, awarded by Columbia Theological Seminary at graduation for excellence in pastoral care and theology."

Sarah has two sons, Adam, 20, and Peter, 16. Send Sarah a letter at 350 Kirk Rd., Decatur, GA 30030 or via e-mail at s.f.erickson@att.net.

Michele Olson Mattison '97 wrote to us in November, "I recently graduated from the National Personal Training Institute and accepted a position with them as clinical supervisor for the Downer's Grove location. Aaron (Westminster) and I are enjoying our new home and loving the Chicago area. We would love to hear from you at michelemattison@yahoo.com."

Michele and Aaron, a technology leader, can also be reached via regular mail at 12014 Baneberry Dr. #27, Roscoe, IL 61073.

Christina Gras Knox '94 tells us, "I was married on October 4; we are currently living in Pittsburgh." Congratulate Trina and her husband, Jason, at 42 McKenna Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

Introducing Our New Initiates

Mu Chapter initiated its fall new member class on October 26, 2003. Please welcome the following young women into the sisterhood of Kappa Alpha Theta:

Hillary Bennett '06Pittsburgh, PA
Amy Braughler '06Pittsburgh, PA
Jess Buck '05Pittsburgh, PA
Kate Finch-Vincoli '05
..... Washington, DC
Laura Geffert '06 Parma, OH
Rose Leous '06 Hamburg, NY
Leah Naar '06 Butler, PA
Lauren Taylor '05Pittsburgh, PA
Shateela Winters '05 Buffalo, NY



Our fall new member class and Member Educator Casey Hamm on Initiation Day