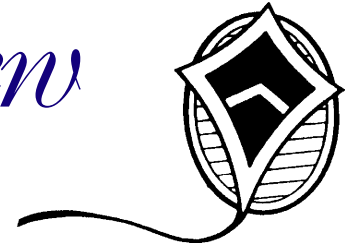


The Mu Review



Published by Mu Chapter of
Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity at Allegheny College

MEADVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

SPRING 2005

MU CHAPTER THETAS LEND A HAND!

In May, the sisters of Mu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta will have two teams walking and running in Allegheny College's first annual Relay for Life event. The enthusiasm for this event is already building!

Mu Chapter has made a goal to raise \$2,000 for American Cancer Society to aid in financing cancer research. Relay for Life is an overnight relay event that honors cancer survivors. Luminaria bags can be purchased in honor of survivors of the disease or in memory of those who have died. The bags will each have a candle inside, to be placed on the bleachers at night. These candles will spell out the word "hope."

Also, money will be raised through sponsorship of the participants, each of whom is asked to raise at least \$100 to support the cause.

If you are interested in sponsoring a sister or purchasing a Luminaria bag, please contact me at surfacm@allegheny.edu. For more information on the Relay for Life program or the

cancer research effort, please visit the American Cancer Society's website at www.cancer.org.

The sisters of Mu Chapter, who have gained a reputation for outstanding service at Allegheny and in the Meadville community, have been keeping very busy this spring, participating in a variety of service.

Every week, groups of sisters go to the local animal shelter to walk and bathe the dogs and cats there. Sisters have been helping out at the local soup

kitchen on a regular basis. Thetas have also helped build a Habitat for Humanity house, as well as participated in other service opportunities provided by the college.

We are currently in the beginning phases of creating an annual service event that we hope will be "uniquely Theta." This event will be a benefit for Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and will hopefully become a new tradition at Allegheny.

Service Chair Maggie Surface



Sisters volunteering at the local soup kitchen, one of several activities Thetas participate in weekly.

Alumna Enjoys Running Alpaca Ranch, Retail Store

Bette Bauman Rittinger '57 is owner of the Double B R Alpaca Ranch and The Alpaca Store & More. She started the ranch three years ago after tiring of driving down to Boulder and wishing she could do more on her land near Nederland. A passing trailer advertising an alpaca ranch provided the inspiration for Bette to start her own. Alpacas are South American animals highly valued for their pedigrees and fine wool.

In March 2004, Bette opened The Alpaca Store & More, which features products made from alpaca wool, as well as other local and imported hand-

made items. Bette tells sisters, "I am establishing connections with artisan communities in Peru. Portions of the



Bette provides a morning treat for the alpacas at her Colorado ranch.

store's proceeds help support weavers in Andean villages. I enjoy breeding top-quality alpacas and have an on-going interest in promotion of alpacas and their exquisite fleece." (See [www.http://alpacabrilliance.com](http://www.alpacabrilliance.com).)

Bette gives schoolchildren tours of her ranch, and she is a member of several alpaca organizations. Bette is also a member of the Nederland Chamber of Commerce. She has two adult children, Scott and Kristy.

Renew the bonds of KAΘ by writing to Bette at 78 Aspen Grove Ct., Nederland, CO 80466 or bbr438@aol.com.

Alumnae: We Want You Involved!

Mu Chapter is currently working hard to improve our relationship with our alumnae by involving them in the chapter as much as possible. Alumnae Relations Chair Ashlie Louie, along with the external relations committee, is currently working to strengthen ties to our alumnae through various events.

The first order of business is to plan events during the two events at Allegheny during which all alumni are already returning to the college: Homecoming in the fall, and Reunion Weekend at the start of each summer.

During Homecoming Weekend this fall, Mu Chapter plans to host an Alumnae Tea in the Suite for all returning Thetas. We hope that this will not only make Homecoming

Weekend more exciting, but will give the collegiate sisters and alumnae a chance to mingle and make connections with one another.

For Reunion Weekend, we will host an Open Suite with refreshments, thereby giving our alumnae a chance to take a walk down memory lane, look through our scrapbooks and family trees from various years, and show their families a little more about their collegiate experience.

We are also hoping to host a Senior Workshop, which would bring recent alumnae back to campus to discuss their post-college lives, such as where they are in graduate school or in their careers. This effort is to get Mu Chapter seniors thinking about life after Allegheny. This also will help

our seniors establish connections with alumnae, especially those working in their field of interest.

In the realm of community service, which Thetas continue to excel in, Mu Chapter plans to invite alumnae and their families to participate in various philanthropy events that we will be participating in this semester and next year. Look for updates at [www.http://webpub.allegheny.edu/group/theta](http://webpub.allegheny.edu/group/theta).

Maintaining connections with our alumnae is the best way to show that KAΘ sisterhood does not end after graduation, but that the bonds we create really are for a lifetime.

*Alumnae Relations Chair
Ashlie Louie
and Editor/Technology Chair
Amanda Knowles*

Mu Chapter Senior Reflects on Theta Memories

As the snow starts to melt for the final time this winter, Mu Chapter's seniors are beginning to realize that soon we will receive our diplomas and be saying good-bye to our undergraduate years here at Allegheny.

Despite the perpetual amount of work, meetings and the completion of the dreaded Comp, Mu Chapter seniors have all made a special effort to take advantage of the time we have left with our sisters. The underclassmen have been extremely supportive of us, as we wait to hear back from graduate schools and job interviews. We find Twin Stars gifts with a different fun theme in our mailboxes each week. Also, thanks to senior relations chairs, Katie Turiak and Anne Schwabenbauer, several senior events have been planned to allow us to enjoy the company of our entire class, such as excursions to our favorite restaurants, gift exchanges and fun bowling nights. It is also not uncommon to find several sisters of the senior class singing karaoke on Thursday nights or enjoying lunch somewhere in town.

In our years here at Allegheny, Theta has given us so much! We've

met some of our best friends in Theta, friends we will keep in contact with years down the road. Theta has taught us about leadership and working with others. In addition, because scholarship and service have always been stressed, they have become an integral part of our lives. Finally, and

most importantly, Theta has taught us the importance of the everlasting bonds of sisterhood.

Theta has played such an important role in our years here at Allegheny; without it, our college memories would just not be the same.

Jessica Buck



Mu Theta seniors celebrating their last spring formal. Preparing for graduation, our seniors try to enjoy every minute of Theta fun!

The Mu Review is published by the sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity at Allegheny College for members and friends. Alumnae news items, photographs 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 News

Alice Bowden D'Alessio Marshall '53 has retired as director of corporate communications at Marshall Erdman, Inc. She sends this news, *"I recently had two book published: **Uncommon Sense: The life of Marshall Erdman** (Trails Press, 2003) and **A Blessing of Trees** (Cross & Roads Press, 2004). The latter is a poetry chapbook."*

Alice has three adult sons, Greg, Mark and Dave. She is a member of Planned Parenthood and several environmental organizations. Write to Alice at 2309 Rowley Ave., Madison, WI 53726 or adalessio@aol.com.

Jill Hodgeman Marchand '95 writes, *"I moved back from Australia in 2000 (after three-and-a-half years abroad), went back to school and got my web design certification from Boston University. I now run my own free-lance web design company."*

Jill and her husband, Chris (New Hampshire), a team leader, reside at 72 Stumpfield Rd., Kensington, NH 03833. Her e-mail address is jill@web-design-studio.net.

Vicki Ohl '69 is a professor of theory and piano and faculty coordinator for the Honors Program at Heidelberg College.

Vicki tells sisters, *"My biography of composer Kay Swift has just been published by Yale University Press. It is called **Fine and Dandy: The Life and Work of Kay Swift.**"*

Send a note to Vicki at 340 Coe St., Tiffin, OH 44883 or vohl@heidelberg.edu.

Mary Stewart Gregg '40 owns a farm, and her husband, William (AXP), is a businessman. They have two grown sons, Douglas and Scott.

Mary sends this note, *"My granddaughter, Sara Gregg, joined KAΘ at the University of Florida!"*

Mary is a member of a book club and also enjoys traveling. Surprise her with a letter to 430 S. Market St. #214, Martinsburg, PA 16662.

Bri Pike '99 writes, *"I just had my first poem published in an accredited journal. I'm a graduate student*

(English) at the University of North Texas." When she wrote to us last summer, Bri has planned to teach freshmen English beginning last fall.

Bri can be reached at 1418 W. Oak #108, Denton, TX 76201 or bjpoozz@unt.edu.

Susan Lovell '95 is a theatre director and casting director for television and the theatre. She writes, *"I directed a play called **Dog Sees God** for the 2004 New York International Fringe Festival. We received 'Best Overall Production' out of the 200 shows and an extended off-Broadway run!"*

Susan (a.k.a. "Mouth") has a new address, 310 Riverside Dr. #808, New York, NY 10025.

Barbara Chew Roy '50 is a self-employed clinical counselor and her husband, David (Harvard), is a retired professor. She writes, *"I loved seeing Theta classmates at the 50th reunion!"*

Reconnect with Barbara by writing to 5443 S. Cornell, Chicago, IL 60615 or bjcroy@aol.com.

Our New Mu Chapter Officers

President Amanda Kopnitsky
 VP Administration Jessica Henriquez
 VP Finance Jennifer Berosh
 VP Development Jen Slater
 VP External Relations Kristen Marcheck

VP Membership Katie Turiak
 VP Education Missy Meyer
 Administrative/Recording Secretary Leah Naar
 Alumnae Relations Ashlie Louie
 Archivist/Historian Laura Cavagnaro
 Assistant Member Educator Colleen Zink
 Assistant Membership Hillary Bennett
 Deputy Finance Margaret Keilty
 Facility Manager Amanda Sceiford
 Head Marshal Sarah Kuhn
 Music Mandy Graner
 Public Relations/Panhel Delegate Rose Leous
 Recruitment Caitlin Sutorius
 References Megan Roby
 Risk Management Laura Geffert
 Ritualist Stephanie Douthett
 Scholarship Amy Bonaparte
 Senior Relations Anne Schwabenbauer
 Service Maggie Surface
 Social Activities Katie Horton
 Social Events Leaslie Dean
 Spirit/Awards Samantha Walsh
 Technology/Editor Amanda Knowles



Sisters relaxing before last fall's Greek Sing performance, during which Thetas danced to "Super Greek," our own rendition of Rick James' "Super Freak."