



## The Kappa

# PILLAR

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## Alumni Association Records Overwhelming Support During 1995-'96

**B**rothers, your board of officers, as well as the undergraduate membership, salute your dedication over the past year, 1995-'96. As the year closes and a new financial year commences, we have heard from 405 of you when you sent dues for the year past, and 295 of you sent added donations toward a successful rush last fall and toward house repair and maintenance—all for a grand total just over \$10,000. You will see by reading further how far your enthusiasm has carried our fraternity. A member of the College Fraternity Advisory Group who is also a member of the class of '55 commented to me and our undergrad officers that if his fraternity had even half the response rate we showed, he'd be proud. Our undergrads are making this loyalty a hallmark of Tri-Kap, as indeed it is.

Let me fill in a bit of background many of you may be aware of. In recent years, the house has been through a difficult period: destructive members, over-zealous parties, disciplinary actions by the office of residential life (ORL), some problems perceived with the three K's, and a trial name change. House membership dropped to under 20, and this meant money problems. At the same time the entire state of New Hampshire has been experiencing rapidly

rising property tax rates, affecting all our towns. Hanover taxes have risen to staggering heights. When I came to office in May 1995, the house owed taxes for 1993 and 1994, at over an 18 percent rate, and we were into 1995 taxes of nearly \$7,000 per year. This was a daunting tax load to push onto incoming classes. Your board felt our association funds should go toward paying back taxes before taking on other expenses. With this brief review, here's what came to pass this year:

1. The undergraduates voted unanimously on October 18, 1995, to end all questions of our name and to resume the name Kappa Kappa Kappa just as it has been for 150 years. There was some campus debate, but for the house leaders this was not debatable, and so the situation was handled very smoothly by the leaders.

2. Your association paid taxes in June 1995 for 1993 and in April '96 we paid for the year 1994, totaling \$14,000. We also took care of another \$7,000 for house repair and maintenance and some other overdue bills, with funds donated by our brothers.

3. The house pledged 16 new members during fall rush, and this spring term added 12 new members. Wednesday meetings are now well attended.

4. The house conducted its first initiation in a few years in May '95 with 11 men, most seniors. We look forward to more of this. We also purchased a new die so more Tri-Kap pins can be made. Each brother buys his own pin.

The spirit within the house is high. During last fall's rush, I met a steady flow of prospects, and I can say of the pledges I've met that they seemed to have a good work ethic and were sincere and friendly.

The undergraduates are working very hard to increase membership and turn the finances of the house around. During next fall's rush they have identified at least 13 potential pledges. They will continue to need our guidance and our financial support. The training and work to run a balanced budget are already in progress, but it will take a few years to rebuild the membership. In the interim, we need your annual dues—plus any additional support for rush and for house maintenance that you can send. It will be well used and appreciated.

Stay with us, and the house will continue its resurgence. You will hear from us often as this newsletter kicks off a new year. See you soon.

Ham Chase '47  
Alumni Association President

## Departing President Reviews Tri-Kap's Progress

**I**n my first three winters in the Hanover tundra, I have experienced little that I'll forget. True to form, this past winter was a memorable one, to say the least. A philosopher once said 10 good tea leaves make good tea; 100 good tea leaves make a lot of good tea; 1,000 good tea leaves and one bad tea leaf make miserable tea.

The question this left in my mind was how to create a sense of unity in a house that recently added over a dozen new brothers. Would Kappa be a house of bad tea leaves? Creating an environment conducive to brotherhood was a daunting task, but as I look back on a hectic term, I can

only smile as I see how much Tri-Kap has progressed.

Whether during a mass exodus to Taco Tuesday in West Leb or a furious game of pong in the basement, there exists a unity among the brothers paralleled by few at the college on the hill. It is the intangibles of fraternity that makes Tri-Kap so special.

Another important aspect of Kappa is the brotherhood's refusal to remain static. In looking to bolster the special aspects of our physical plant, we have plans to build a basketball court. (As this is a great financial undertaking, any support would be greatly appreciated.) Also, a special thanks

goes to alumnus Hance Oliver for his donation of an air hockey table.

With the year winding down, there's  
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR  
*Dartmouth Night &  
Homecoming '96*  
October 18-20  
Dartmouth vs. Yale

## A Senior Reflects On His "Best Decision" At Dartmouth

In a very one-sided debate, the fraternity system is routinely assigned responsibility for campus ailments such as anti-intellectualism, alcoholism, and rape, while given no credit for what good the system does. What I would like to discuss in these next few paragraphs is the good the fraternity system does for its members. In particular, I'd like to share how Tri-Kap Fraternity has enriched my life and the lives of my friends and fellow Tri-Kap brothers. As a graduating senior, I find that the best decision I made at Dartmouth was joining Tri-Kap.

I joined Tri-Kap in the summer of 1994 with some reluctance. It's hard not to be influenced by the constant barrage of propaganda that states that fraternities are populated by beer-addicted thugs who can only muster enough coherence to seduce women before assaulting them. Raised in a decent home and with some sense of self-respect, I didn't aspire to this "ideal," and

I didn't think that my personality was compatible with a fraternity. Still, I had a suspicion that there was more to fraternities than this stereotype admitted, and eventually friends within the fraternity persuaded me to give it a try. Thankfully I did.

What I soon learned is that Tri-Kap provides its membership with two vital experiences: continuity and camaraderie. Tri-Kap showed me two distinct types of continuity. The first type is a short-term continuity. From term to term, despite changing dorms and friends leaving and returning to campus, there is a single place I can call home and where I can find my best friends. Tri-Kap is that place. But perhaps more importantly, the fraternity has given me another, more profound type of continuity. Since joining I have felt a very real connection with the 153 years of Dartmouth men who have passed through this organization. This experience is both hum-

bling and exhilarating—humbling in that I realize that my time here is short and my experience at Dartmouth is but one tile in an enormous mosaic of history, exhilarating in being part of that larger and proud mosaic. I am grateful to be in such fine company.

As for camaraderie, I'm sure each of you has a litany of stories much like my own about Winter Carnivals and pong games and a number of friendships that were the direct result of being in Tri-Kap. I too have made some of my best friends and have had some of my best times because of this fraternity.

It's a shame the fraternity system's critics seem incapable of understanding how the Greek experience makes men stronger and Dartmouth better. I thank Tri-Kap for four great years and a lifetime of memories.

Mark Cicirelli '96

## OUR ALUMNI REPORT THEIR NEWS

"I was retired from the National Academy of Sciences in 1977," reports GILBERT W. BEEBE '33, "and came to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) at that time. I work mostly in radiation epidemiology, largely on the consequences of the Chernobyl accident in 1986. I also have a study of liver cancer among the A-bomb survivors in Japan, where I worked for a number of years as head of the department of epidemiology and statistics." Drop Gil a line at 7311 Stafford Rd., Alexandria, VA 22307.

Greet DAVID W. RUSSELL '33 at a

new address of 10411 SE Terrapin Place, Apt. #106-C, Tequesta, FL 33469.

J. BRADLEY VARNUM '37 reports that his wife passed away in 1988. He welcomes news from brothers at #30 Wildflower Condos, 6796 Gasparilla Pines Blvd., Englewood, FL 34224.

### Tri-Kap's Progress

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much to look back on. Whether it was the Dodecaphonics' performance at Tri-Kap or poker night, we seniors have enjoyed the time. Now we must look to the future. This year's graduating class will be attending the finest medical schools, creating a niche on Wall Street, and forging ahead into successful careers.

To the class of 1996 I wish all the best. With that in mind, I welcome Eugene Kim '97 as the new president of Kappa Kappa Kappa. I am confident that Eugene will lead the brotherhood in continued excellence. I urge you to keep in touch with Eugene in the coming months, and again, if you are in the area, please be sure to visit your home at 1 Webster Avenue.

Yours in Kappa,  
Andrew S. Koh '96  
President

"The December *Kappa Pillar* is the most exciting one I have received," pens JOHN D. FAUNCE '40 (11 Overlook Dr., Canton, CT 06019). "All good news. The Kap is back." He adds, "Tri-Kap has two class secretaries that I know about: DICK JACHENS '41 for '41, and I am secretary for '40. I see JOE BIRD '40 and TOM TODD '40 at reunions. I also keep in touch with GEORGE CANFIELD '41, who lives in Madison, Connecticut."

Write THOMAS B. MAVER '45 at 105 S. Wilshire Lane, Arlington Heights, IL 60004-6742.

"Glad to know Tri-Kap is back on the map," pens DONALD W. BARR '46 (639 River Rd., Lyme, NH 03768).

Reports DAVID I. HITCHCOCK JR. '50, "I continue to write and lecture on the U.S. and East Asia, especially Japan. We've moved—downsized recently from a large house to a comfortable condo apartment (4990 Sentinel Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816)."

"I'm a psychiatrist," writes JAMES S. KETCHUM '52 (P.O. Box 6281, 21560 Sunnyslope St., Tehachapi, CA 93582). "Well, I used to be. Now I still have all the tickets and a few loyal patients who have decided to adopt me for life—either theirs or mine; I guess it doesn't matter. (continued on page four)

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## New President Vows Commitment To Preserving Our Traditions

Since my election to the presidency of Tri-Kap, I have thought a lot about the way I'd like the house to be under my leadership. First, I would like to assure all the brothers, including alumni, that I will do everything in my power to preserve the traditions that have made this house so special. The traditions and history of Kappa set this fraternity apart from all other fraternities.

As you may or may not know, many of the brothers currently in the house will be graduating this year, which is why it is so crucial to open greater lines of communication between older and newer brothers. As

always, the door is open to all brothers who wish to come back to the house, and I strongly encourage them to do so and to share some of their experiences that made their four years at Dartmouth so memorable.

There is a great deal of excitement this term. Much of the excitement surrounds the new project that Tri-Kap is currently undertaking—the construction of a basketball court beside the house. By the time this goes to press, we hope to have the project completed, so any of you alumni out there who wish to hoop it up, come on down to 1 Webster and check it out. If you don't like to

play basketball, you should try the new air hockey table we have in the basement, thanks to the generosity of Hance Oliver. I'd also like to mention that the house is looking great, and, of course, improvements are constantly being made. We have many parties planned for the days ahead and many interested pledges, both of which should make Tri-Kap even stronger and popular as a fraternity.

Yours in Kappa,  
Eugene K. Kim '97  
President

## Maintaining Our Home's Traditional Grand Ambience

A lot has happened this year in terms of house maintenance. As you know, last term we had the first floor repainted. The paint has held up rather nicely, and we consistently receive positive feedback on the beauty of the living room. Furthermore, during the winter break, we cleared out the attic and disposed of the excess items that had cluttered the space.

This term, Keat Leong '98 and I have remodeled room 12 into a nice lounge/TV common room. In addition, we have had regular cleanups of the entire house (we have held functions and parties every other weekend or so) to maintain Tri-Kap Fraternity's traditional grand ambience. I wish you all a good summer season.

Frank Aum '97  
House Manager

## An IM Sports Update

This winter was bittersweet for Kappa in intramural basketball. After coming off an impressive win over Phi Delt, Kappa fell short of the final four because of a controversial mixup that caused Kappa to forfeit its quarterfinal playoff game against Bones Gate. Kappa will miss its seniors, who were the leading scorers: Michael Schuster '96, Shawn Burgess '96, Andrew Koh '96, Kenji Uematsu '96, and Johnny Kao '96. However, hopes are high for the coming years, as the much-anticipated construction of the Kappa basketball court is expected to attract new members who are basketball enthusiasts.

The Kappa softball team is expected to  
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## With Probation Finished, Tri-Kappa Strives To Become The Envy Of Frat Row

Last term was a slow-moving one for Tri-Kappa. Because of getting caught with keg violations, we were burdened with probation throughout the whole term. Now, however, we hope to bust out in grand Tri-Kappa fashion!

This term we hope to build a basketball court beside the house. Everyone is excited about playing ball into the wee hours of the night, spotlight shining on the court like something out of *Hoop Dreams*! The other brothers on frat row can drool in envy as they walk by the house and realize that obviously they are second-rate in comparison. Then there are those Tri-Kappa parties,

so cruelly denied us last term. We hope once again to establish our social reputation at Dartmouth.

Individually, the brothers are busy upholding their status as student leaders on campus. James Jung, Sangwoo Lee, and I plan to go to Yale with the rest of the tae kwon do team for a tournament. With these men and house adviser John Brennan, who does jujitsu in his spare time, and several brothers notorious for getting into fights at other fraternities (no names mentioned), others think twice before causing trouble in our house!

Keat Leong '98

## Many Brothers Contribute To Our Wide-Ranging And Successful Programming

The winter term was a successful one for Tri-Kap as the brothers undertook several programming events. On March 7, during reading period, we hosted the Dodecaphonics, an a cappella group, for our first open concert in over two years. The event was very well attended, and we hope to make this an end-of-term tradition.

We also scheduled a number of other events during the term. At the end of January we had a party during the Super Bowl for the brothers and their invited guests. Additionally we hosted a poker night in mid-February. We also continued the tradition of having donuts, ice cream, and pizza study breaks on the evenings before final exams.

One of our brothers, Mark Cicirelli '96, served as the Dartmouth campus coordinator for the Phil Gramm for president campaign. In January he arranged for a bus to take several brothers to a presidential candidates forum in Manchester that was spon-

sored by the National Rifle Association. There the brothers had the opportunity to meet Senator Gramm as well as several other candidates.

Brothers also continued to gather for a number of less formal events as well. Many brothers took advantage of the winter weather to arrange house ski days. Additionally, brothers made frequent trips to the gym to play basketball and racquetball and to lift weights.

Next term the agenda looks full. We are planning to invite faculty from different departments over to the house for a faculty tea that will be open to the entire campus. A Kappa cappuccino night is also in the works.

Even though I am stepping down as Tri-Kap programming chair, I am confident that my successor will continue Tri-Kap's success in programming.

Michael New '97  
Vice President/Programming Chair

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But my life is changing fast, and I hope they can keep up. Of course, I'm on the 'net. On-line and there to stay. My day is a combination of computer screens and crabgrass. Actually, there isn't any crabgrass here in Tehachapi, but it sounds better than plain old 'weeds.'

Writes STEPHEN O. WILSON '55, "This has been a year of changes, progress, and adventures for all of us. I decided to retire at the end of March. To begin satisfying my lifelong sea-wandering lust, I assisted in delivering a new 32-foot Beneteau sloop from North Myrtle Beach to Tortola in April and a 44-footer from Fort Lauderdale to Connecticut in May. The solitude of the open sea and wonderful night skies filled with stars, comets, and planets all uninterrupted by the noise and blazing lights of our overdeveloped world reminded me of the limitless beauty of our marine world. I returned just in time for the retirement party my daughters had organized for me." To learn how Steve is keeping busy now, write him at RD #3, 6626 Stitt Rd., Altamont, NY 12009.

Keep in touch with KENNETH W. McCABE '58 at 3210 Delmar Terrace, Pueblo, CO 81008.

"Big changes," pens RODNEY B. PLIMPTON '61 (6443 Lake Trail Dr., Westerville, OH 43082). "After 30 years of travel as a management consultant, I have accepted a job as senior vice president of human resources and director of the American Electric Power Institute. I accepted the new job, got engaged, bought a house, sold a condo, and prepared to move, all in 30 days. I would enjoy seeing brothers from the early '60s if they are in the Columbus area."

A civil engineer with Acorn Engineering, HUGH P. SAVAGE '64 receives correspondence at 11 Laurel Rd., Brunswick, ME 04011.

Write BRADLEY DEWEY III '65 at 243A, Rte. de Chevrens, CH-1248 Hermance, Geneva, SWITZERLAND.

"I continue to serve as director of facility planning at Children's Hospital in Boston," writes DAVID B. PECK JR. '68 (160 Savin Hill Ave., Boston, MA 02125), "directing architectural services and space planning. My wife, Diane, is now a certi-

fied nurse midwife and works at Planned Parenthood while she looks for a true midwife job."

Drop a line to JONATHAN I. RABINOWITZ '74 at 17 Woodhill Dr., Maplewood, NJ 07040.

Pens W. JEFFREY LONG '76, "I hooked up with JOHN PANCOAST '76 in New Orleans. He's got a one-year-old daughter, Robin. I've got a one-year-old son, Liam. I'm still flying F-15s in the Air Guard. I've joined a 10-man cardiology group and practice invasive cardiology in Baton Rouge." Greet Jeff at 935 Claiborne Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

"I finished up an orthopaedic residency at Yale in June 1995," writes ANDREW P. GUTOW '86, "and am now living in Santa Monica doing a hand surgery fellowship at USC. I'm enjoying the perfect Southern California weather, but I am going to look elsewhere for a job when the fellowship ends." Andrew's address is 922 Lincoln Blvd., #5, Santa Monica, CA 90403.

Keep in touch with BJONG W. YEIGH '86 at 717 S. Greystone St., Stillwater, OK 74074. He writes, "I just completed four years at Princeton (three years on a PhD and an MS in civil engineering and public policy and one year as a lecturer at the Woodrow Wilson School, also Princeton University). I am now at Oklahoma State University as an assistant professor in civil engineering. If there are any Tri-Kaps in Oklahoma, please drop me a note."

Naval flight officer RICHARD H. DWIGHT '88 notes that he and wife Annie and their sons are still living in Virginia Beach (2209 Fiddler's Green Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23454). "I made two

## Sports Update

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make a run at the fraternity league championship. Weeks before the start of the season, Eugene Kim '97, Jesse Russell '96, and Shawn Burgess '96 began their practice regimen. They are only three of the men who will play a key role in Kappa's success in the future.

Yours in Kappa,  
Johnny Kao

Mediterranean deployments and received an air medal and a Navy commendation medal while at my prior command. I have heard rumors that STEPHAN CHASE '85 is going to business school and WERNER MEYER '88 is a father. What next? Good luck to the new pledges!"

A marketing manager with General Mills, Inc., PHILLIP A. SINGH '89 invites correspondence from brothers at 686 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105.

"I've finally exited the realm of 'professional student' and actually receive a paycheck, though small," writes KEITH C. DANGLEIS '91 (2122 Acklen Ave., #3, Nashville, TN 37212). He has begun his residency in diagnostic radiology—"x-rays to most. It's a four-year program and so far Nashville has been great. BRETT OESER '90 is a lawyer in town and has been an excellent social adviser as well as future housemate. I remain in frequent contact with MIKE TSAO '91, who is busy himself with putting OJ into some serious debt as a lawyer involved in the Goldman civil suit." Keith invites brothers to call him at 615/383-3957 or via e-mail: [danglekc@ctrvax.vanderbilt.edu](mailto:danglekc@ctrvax.vanderbilt.edu).

Writes PETER H. STOLL '94, "I have just been transferred to Paris with my firm, where I will be working in commercial real estate for at least the next several years." His business address is LaSalle Partners, 72 rue du Faubourg St. Honoré, 75008 Paris, FRANCE.

## DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

CONVERSE A. CHELLIS JR. '39  
RONALD P. HOBBS '30  
CARL E. SIEGESMUND '29  
LOUIS A. VALIER JR. '37

*Your fellow alumni are very interested in hearing what you've been up to. Keep us apprised of news about your family, marriage, job, social life, political aspirations, or retirement plans.*