



The Kappa

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Excitement Builds As Tri-Kap Crosses A Threshold To Its Future

Brothers:

Our Dartmouth fraternity has entered a new phase of growth and fellowship.

Just as our founders took decisive steps in 1842, just as Professor L. B. Richardson and his associates paid for and erected our building in 1926 (still in use)—so, in 2000, are we crossing a threshold to our future.

Imagine! The college decides to have an SLI, a student life initiative. Now there are new rules and standards being pondered and audits of our physical plant by consultants and by ourselves. Our campus undergrads, being young and indomitable, are

accepting, planning, and behaving eagerly, moving on, acting responsibly. We alums have been actively planning for Tri-Kap's future. Now let's see what we together, campus and world, can bring about.

This will indeed be an exciting few years. We alums have raised a nest egg to allow us to plan our own future—a future we can control. We see the growth and splendor that come from our own hard work, plans, and stewardship.

Keep in touch.

Ham Chase '47
Alumni Association President

Alumni Contacts Help Level Road For Young Brothers

Last October 2000, James McKim '83 planned and held a job search seminar, as reported in a recent *Pillar*. This event invited sophomores and juniors (actually all Tri-Kaps, as interested) to hear from speakers as we discussed interviewing and business opportunities. It was a success.

Meanwhile, last spring and so far this year several of our seniors have come up with Tri-Kap contacts and have landed jobs as a result.

This can be very rewarding for both student and employer. For a better

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Dartmouth Homecoming • Saturday, October 20, 2001 • Dartmouth vs. Columbia

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Tri-Kap's Reputation Of Social Prowess Grows

Recently, Tri-Kap has been enjoying a steadily increasing reputation as being one of "the" houses to go to on a Friday or Saturday night, which is no surprise. Tri-Kap's parties and social events during the past few terms have boasted huge turnouts, and have, by and large, been great successes.

As a new house social co-chairman, I was pleased and relieved to see the first party of the term—both ours and the campus's— attract an enormous crowd the first weekend of winter term. Co-Chairman Sunil Bhagavath '03 and I tested our blood pressures as we dove headfirst into the fray without the assistance of the previous social chairs, both of whom were off campus. Thanks to the help of all of the brothers, though, everything came together and went even better than expected. A hip-hop party, cK Hazard, was co-DJed by our own Rich Park '01 and drew so many students that we exceeded our capacity several times; the front foyer was packed with people trying to join in.

For Winter Carnival, we followed the success of Homecoming Weekend's festivities by offering Del Sol, another dual-party escape from winter drudgery. Hip-hop on Friday night was another great success, kicked off by a floor-shaking performance by the Green Room. On Saturday, we kept the buzz alive by electrifying the campus with a signature Kappa Rave, with Wen-Kai Ying '01 on the turntables.

This term got off to a relatively slow start, with a huge blizzard and power outages keeping people confined to their rooms. Our first party of the term, Ice-9, didn't pull in as many people as the previous few, which was a blessing in disguise, as it left the perfect amount of room for dancing and, well, moving in general. A few of those who were smart enough to attend mentioned that it was one of the best dance parties they've been to.

It's been a hectic past few terms for Tri-Kap, but we've always managed to come through and provide many great social events for the enjoyment of the brothers and the community. The rest of the term looks promising, as ideas for Green Key Weekend and another Kappa formal are brewing. This weekend students and prospective students will once again flock to the house as we throw another amazing dual-floor rave to welcome the potential '05 class.

Tri-Kap has always boasted a wealth of diverse talents and tastes, and, combined with the commitment of the brotherhood, Kappa Kappa Kappa will continue to grow as a social and cultural leader on campus.

Jason T. Kobilka '03
Social Co-Chairman

Alumni Contacts Help Young Brothers

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idea of how this works, read Robert Reich's ('66) book *The Future of Success*, which is excellent. Page 134 tells the job contact success story.

James is planning more this fall 2001. This time we'd like to compile a list of you Tri-Kaps who can be contact persons or know the right contacts to guide our men to a good job. We who put together *Kappa Pillar* will compile this as a file and pass on contacts. Let's hear from all you folks.

Kappa Kappa Kappa Exceeds Programming Expectations For Two Consecutive Terms

Tri-Kap programming has recently taken a new turn under the leadership of Sean Heikkila '02. After years of merely passing our programming standard reports, Tri-Kap has finally surpassed the expectations of the Coed, Fraternity, Sorority (CFS) programming standards. For the past two terms (summer 2000 and fall 2000), Tri-Kap has taken its programming to a higher level, one that merits being assigned a grade of "exceed."

Especially impressive is the house commitment to community service. Since summer 2000, Tri-Kap has consistently logged over 300 hours of service per term. These hours come from the brother's involvement in service projects like Habitat for Humanity, Students Fighting Hunger, COVER Home Repair, Red Cross Blood Drive, Operation Insulation, Help Is On The Way, Rivendell Boys Mentoring, the Elderly Life Program, Children's Hospital at Dartmouth, Prison Project, and the Cultural Extravaganza. In addition, brothers have used their personal aptitudes to benefit the Upper Valley community. Beginning September 2000, brothers Benjamin Frischhertz '02, Sean Heikkila '02, Mark Perez '02, and Michael Salzman '02 coached a soccer team of seventh and eighth graders. This new movement toward service leadership is one of the new goals of Tri-Kap.

Equally notable is the plethora of intellectual events held at Tri-Kap. In November 2000, the house invited Dr. Mark Reed and Margaret A. Smith to give a talk entitled "Brain + Drugs = ???". The purpose of the talk was to supplement the lack of focus on drugs in the new member education curriculum. A special emphasis was put on Ecstasy because of its mainstream use in the "clubbing" scene. In February 2001, Tri-Kap and the AIDS Workcrew collaborated to bring a Living with AIDS discussion. It featured a woman named Peggy who is living with HIV and is a widowed mother with two teenage children. She has been living with the virus for many years. For the past seven years she has worked for the Twin State Women's Network

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During a winter storm. Left to right: Joe Simeone '02, Ben Frischhertz '02, Mike Salzman '02 (with ball). On ground: Simon Han '02 and Dan Soule '03.

While On Leave-Term, President Reviews Year To Date

Greetings from New York City! After my inaugural term as president, I have taken a leave-term and made a foray into the corporate world. Mere weeks of the daily grind have left me eager for a return to Hanover and Tri-Kap in the fall.

I hear from interim President Joe Simeone '02 that the house is running smoothly as ever. Preparations for the Minimum Standards Review are under way, and we look forward to receiving high marks for our efforts over the past year. Along with stellar performances in the areas of programming and physical plant, we have also taken internal measures to enhance the experience of current brothers and alumni alike.

In addition to our Web site initiative, we recently amended and updated our constitution to reflect more current needs. The revised document includes many minor administrative changes but features the outlining and clarification of the responsibilities of our elected officers, particularly the members of our newly established Internal Standards

Committee. We hope future execs and brothers will take advantage of this resource as they strive to improve on what we leave them.

As the year comes to a close and the departure of our senior class approaches, the visible influence of generations of past Kappas on our current membership is evermore salient. The legacy that passes from one class to the next is perhaps the most sacred and special bond among the brothers of our house. I eagerly anticipate our annual night of bequeathals at the end of this term, not for the chance to receive fraternal heirlooms but because it serves as a reminder of why we are Tri-Kaps. Last year, the emotion-filled ceremony lasted nearly until dawn. I am sure that I am not alone in my conviction that it was the most moving evening of my time at Dartmouth College, and I expect many an absentee Kappa to make the pilgrimage.

Each class leaves a distinct mark on the history and character of the house, and the '01 class is no exception. Our seniors

brought a diverse mix of talents unmatched by any group I have ever known. Among the cast of unique personalities are two DJs, two MCs, the co-founders of an acting troupe, and the president of the Dartmouth football rugby club. I wish them all good luck on behalf of the entire brotherhood, and I am sure they will need no reminder to take full advantage of their last weeks as active brothers.

Looking ahead, I certainly hope that our '01s and the generations of Kappas before them will take time out of their busy schedules to make it back to Hanover and back to the house. I encourage all of you to join me in taking a much-needed respite from work to attend the corporation meeting held on the Saturday of Green Key Weekend.

YiK,
Mike Salzman '02
President

Acting President Provides A Glimpse Into Undergraduate Life

Greetings, Kappas near and far! I hope that these early spring days have brought you better weather than we have seen up here in Hanover. Needless to say, the brothers of Tri-Kappa continue to attend classes, lead activities, and provide great social and programming options for the campus even when the Green has become a mud pit. I'm proud to be writing you as the president for my first and only term. I've come up slowly through the system and couldn't be more honored to have the opportunity to lead this great house through another term.

Spring term brings the annual College Minimum Standards, and we're quickly preparing for that day. We also have a very important corporation meeting on Saturday, May 19, at 11:00 a.m., followed by the new class's initiation. With these events and many others planned, it looks like we're going to have a busy term as always.

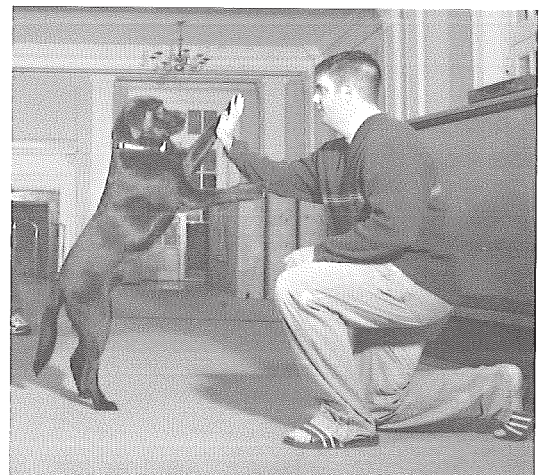
Recently the house has grown very

rapidly, and we currently have about 60 brothers in the house. This explosion in membership has produced some growing pains that have not been as prevalent in the past. To remedy this, we started to have times other than Wednesday night meetings for brothers to interact with other brothers they may not know very well. Events such as house dinners and brother's-only nights have begun to draw the house closer together and to create that homey feeling we have been used to in the past.

Well, I hope this gives you a glance into the happenings of 1 Webster Avenue. We're all making sure to spend extra time with the soon-to-be-graduating seniors and having a great time while we're at it. Don't forget to stop by and say hello if you're in the area.

Joe Simeone '02
Vice President
Acting President

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Our Alumni Report Their News From Near And Far

"Frances and I live in a retirement community called Heritage Heights in East Concord," reports JOHN S. LYLE '34 (149 E. Side Dr., #131, Concord, NH 03301). "We are in reasonably good health for our ages. Most Sundays I see and talk with DANA REDINGTON '34 and his wife, Barbara. They are also reasonably well."

Writes OLIVER B. CONOVER '53, "My son, GERRETT '87, is now president of Radio Systems, which builds radio stations, including the largest in the world in Washington, DC. It uses a whole new technology." Oliver himself keeps busy with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. Drop him a line at 2405 Del Ray Place, Lehigh Acres, FL 33972; mcobnollie@sprint.com.

GEORGE C. BLAND JR. '61 pens, "Recently passed 25 years of ordained service. That's 25 years in a second

career! Whew! Gene and I will be in Hanover for our 40th reunion in June and are beginning to play the end game; the plan is to build in Castine, Maine." Get in touch with George at 83 Arundel Place, St. Louis, MO 63105; blands@swbell.net.

"Things are great in the land of the Berkshires," boasts BRIAN J. LITSCHER '78 (62 Sampson Pkwy., Pittsfield, MA 01201). "My son, Kyle, continues to build his sports resume with selections to both the fourth-grade soccer and basketball all-stars. He's also working on a killer forehand in tennis. Fortunately, he has a supportive coach who understands the balance that must be struck between academics and athletics (me)."

Writes KEITH C. DANGLEIS '91, "I'm back home in Denver working in private practice with a large multi-specialty radiology group. I'm having a

great time." When he wrote in March, Keith was looking forward to attending the wedding of BRETT OESER '90 in Nashville in April. Send Keith best wishes at 169 S. Jackson St., Denver, CO 80209; kdangleis@hotmail.com.

MICHAEL A. STAFFORD '91 welcomes correspondence at 154 Gosport Rd., Portsmouth, NH 03801; mstafford@earthlink.net.

DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

JOHN B. ADAMS '52
March 2001

I. GORDON COLBY JR. '27
July 3, 2000

JOHN P. WOOD '39
October 14, 2000



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1999-2000 Honor Roll Update

Contributions from the following alumni were not processed until after the summer honor roll was published:

S. Jonathan Bugbee Jr. '54
Raymond R. Castello '74
Leonidas G. Demas '69
Steve C. Dollinger '90
Nick P. Perencevich '69
Stewart Sanders '56
J. Randall White '76
Bruce R. Williamson '74

To them we offer our belated thanks.

Tri-Kap Exceeds College's Expectations

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(TSWN). TSWN provides support services for women and families living with HIV. She is also dedicated to HIV awareness and education. For confidentiality purposes, Peggy's last name was not revealed to us. She revealed her experiences living with the virus and the ramifications it has had on her life.

Although Tri-Kap has developed its intellectual side, it has not forsaken its reputation of giving good parties. For Homecoming Rave 2000, Tri-Kap acquired the co-sponsorship of the Red Bull Corporation. The Red Bull Corporation donated 35 cases of their energizing drink to our highly successful

social event. Dartmouth students, Tri-Kap brothers, and alumni danced the night away to the artistic beats of brother Wen-Kai Ying '01.

Tri-Kap programming is constantly developing and improving. These past two terms are only the beginning of Tri-Kap's commitment to excellent programming. Thanks to the excellent work of our summer 2000 programming chairman, Sean Heikkila '02, and our fall 2000 programming co-chairmen, Nam Kim '02 and me, Tri-Kap has paved the way to higher standards for programming.

Brian Lai '02
Programming Co-Chairman