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Tri-Kap Dominates Greek Awards Ceremony, Named "Model" Fraternity

With more than twenty Greek organizations on Dartmouth's campus, it is difficult for any house to set itself apart from the crowd. This is particularly hard for a fraternity, which typically has fewer than half the membership of an average Dartmouth sorority. However, in the past year Tri-Kap has stood out in a manner rarely achieved here at Dartmouth.

Every spring term, the College and the Order of Omega host an awards ceremony to honor outstanding Greek organizations. The awards are centered on the College's "Six Principles", a set of defining ideals for the Greek community. The "Six Principles" are Accountability, Service, Leadership, Scholarship, Inclusivity, and Brotherhood/Sisterhood.

Tri-Kap was named as the outstanding Greek organization on campus for two of the six principles: Service and Inclusivity. We cannot underscore how rare this feat is: out of over twenty Greek organizations on campus, we were named the finest in not one, but two categories. The criteria for the Inclusivity award include maintaining a welcoming environment for all Dartmouth students, both Greek and non-Greek, and a willingness to reach out to organizations across campus. The Service award, as might be expected, is predicated on strong brotherhood-wide dedication to volunteering and giving back to the community. That we were honored as the finest Greek organization in both areas—and particularly for our philanthropic efforts—is a remarkable honor.

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Tri-Kap Enjoys Strongest Pledge Class in a Generation

In the fall, more '08s rushed, shook-out, and pledged Tri-Kap than any other house on campus.

It was extraordinary. Over eighty students, or nearly 15 percent of the '08 class, rushed Tri-Kap. Fifty shook-out (essentially saying that if we offered them a bid, they would sink it here). And, ultimately, thirty-three men joined the fraternity between the fall and winter terms.

We do not have a particular number or quota for our pledge classes. Instead, we take pledges who we feel will make solid brothers. This year, due to the incredible amount of interest in Tri-Kap, we took a stronger class than usual. It is a testament to the quality of our previ-

ous Rush Chairs, Christian Wylonis '06 and Walter Shin '06, and our brotherhood as a whole that such a fine group joined the fraternity this year.

After admitting one of the largest classes in recent memory, the current Rush Chairs aim for another strong group of individuals in the coming year. The brotherhood has broadened its influence in the Dartmouth community as we have expanded, leading to new recruitment opportunities. At present, there are seventy-four '09s in our e-mailing-list, all expressing degrees of interest in our society. This is slightly ahead of where we were at the same time last year.

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Accomplishments of the Current Brothers

From David Andryc '82

Judge Amos Blandin '18, an illustrious Tri-Kap alumnus whom I had the privilege of knowing during my Dartmouth years, told me on several occasions that the House existed primarily for the undergraduates and it was up to them "to figure things out."

The Judge would be rightfully proud of the current undergraduate brothers.

I have been a member of the alumni board for the past several years. During that time, I have gotten to know some of the undergraduates – primarily by telephone and e-mail – as they have participated in our discussions about planning for Tri-Kap's long-term future. As a group, they have impressed me as engaged and hard-working.

Recently, the undergraduate Vice President, Adam Patinkin '07, took the

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Adam Patinkin '07, Ben Herold '06, Peter Cucchiara '06, Christian Wylonis '06, & Harris Chung '07 light up the grill at our Katrina Relief Barbeque

Tri-Kap Named Model Fraternity - continued

As if that weren't enough, we were also recognized as most-improved organization in Accountability and singled out for our innovative Leadership on campus. And to top it off, at the conclusion of the awards we were named as the outstanding fraternity on campus by President Wright and his wife Susan.

As Brothers of any generation can attest, it is often difficult to maintain a good relationship with the College. The College has tried to get rid of fraternities many times, going all the way back to 1849. More recently, the College has taken to regulating the Greek system by creating a complex set of hoops for us to jump through. Among others, we must follow onerous regulations on kegs and alcohol, pass weekly inspections by the College, and submit quarterly audited financial reports. It is almost a wonder that we have any time to ourselves.

And yet, somehow, we've done it. We still throw the best parties on campus. We still take crazy road trips, go through pledge term, and maintain Tri-Kap's ancient traditions to the best of our ability. We have balanced schoolwork with socializing, commitment to the fraternity with service to the community, and a tight-knit brotherhood with remaining open and inviting to the entire campus. In short, we have epitomized what it means to be a Dartmouth fraternity.

Tri-Kap Demonstrates "Innovative Leadership" Through Programming

At the Order of Omega awards ceremony Tri-Kap was recognized for its innovative leadership on campus. Much of this had to do with our house's programming over the past year; by reaching out to groups all across campus, the brotherhood showed itself to be an integral part of the Dartmouth community.

Fall term was exceptionally successful for Tri-Kap programming. At first-year orientation we facilitated a discussion for the incoming class of 2009 in our living room. Shortly thereafter, Programming Chairs A.J. "Bootz" Chammas '07 and Bibhuti Mainali '07 worked closely with Philanthropy Chair Eric Goodman '06 to

It is often difficult for Alumni to gauge the strength of the Brotherhood based on a short visit to 1 Webster Avenue. Our house, after all, is over 80 years old and desperately in need of renovations; some alumni take this to mean that the brotherhood is not what it used to be. The reality is exactly the opposite. We are strong in both numbers and character. We are fiercely loyal to Tri-Kap; brothers feel a passion for the house that is almost tangible. Tri-Kap is our home while we are here and whenever we come back, both in reality and in spirit. In short, it is much, much more than simply a fraternity—it is our brotherhood.

The Tri-Kap Constitution states, "We take just pride in the achievements of this society, and We resolve that the future must reflect the past. We pledge ourselves, therefore and solemnly affirm that We will work for every project for the welfare of Tri-Kappa, for promoting its ideals, for upholding its fair name."

We are incredibly proud of all that we have done. It is our hope that you, our fellow Brothers, take as much pride in our house and our accomplishments as we do.

Yours in Kappa,
Harris Chung '07
President
Adam Patinkin '07
Vice-President

host a Katrina Relief Barbecue. We also worked with Student Assembly and the Undergraduate Judicial Affairs Office to host a mock hearing by the Committee on Standards to raise awareness of the College's student disciplinary procedures. Finally, Tri-Kap hosted a pumpkin-carving event for Dartmouth's Big Brother/Big Sister program.

During the winter Tri-Kap sponsored and hosted many particularly interesting events. One of the best was a Japanese traditional drumming performance; the group agreed to come back to 1 Webster Avenue and offered a demonstration that was quite popular within
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Academics on the Rise

Tri-Kap's academic performance has been steadily improving since the 2005 spring term. The percentage of brothers achieving GPAs above 3.5 has increased from 40% in spring '05 to 44% in winter '06. Tri-Kap's house GPA has also been above the average fraternity GPA for the past two terms.

Congratulations to the following brothers for their academic achievements:

- Peter Hughes '06, won a Fulbright scholarship to Germany. He also was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and will be graduating summa cum laude as a Presidential Scholar with high honors in History for his thesis: *The Origins and Evolution of the Wehrkunde Conference: NATO In Perspective, 1963-1969.*

- Eric Goodman '06 and Christopher Vale '06 have written senior honors theses in Anthropology titled *From Bodies to Beliefs: A Question in Medical Anthropology Using Ancient Egyptian Mummies* and in Japanese Studies titled *Japanese Political Theatrics: A Linguistic Analysis of the 2005 Election Campaigning*, respectively.

- Andy Chu '08, Donald Zhang '08 and Tomi Jun '08 have been selected to be Presidential Scholar Research Assistants in the History, Sociology and Biology departments, respectively.

- Jeffery Iacono '05 co-founded the company www.UGRResearch.org, a continuously growing electronic library for undergraduate research focused on compiling thesis works from college students around the country.

We will continue to work hard (and play hard) over the next year and build on our achievements.

Yours in Kappa,
Tomi Jun '08
Academic Chair

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A Letter from an Alum

Dear Bootz,

I'm a Tri-Kap alum who just Googled the fraternity and discovered the terrific site for the house and then the IFC rush site, both attributed to you. Congratulations and thanks for a real service to our fraternity and to the brotherhood.

My class is 1953, although I didn't get around to graduating until 1956 (and I was rush chairman in my senior year). The reason I happened to be looking on the web for Tri-Kap was to find a way of reporting that four brothers popped up last month on a Dartmouth Alumni Tour of Sicily to our mutual surprise, with no advanced planning. I have a decent photograph of the four of us at the Doric temple at Segesta, which may be worth posting somewhere. We are Steve Wilson 1955, Jack Devanny 1958, and Roger Ulrich 1977, our captive Prof. Roger's wife Imo Ulrich took the picture. It was pretty funny to have four Tri-Kaps in a group of 35 people of both genders, eight of whom were not affiliated with Dartmouth. Roger was a wonderful asset on the trip, delivering three formal lectures, all engaging and informative, and much enthusiastic and useful commentary at appropriate times.

What are your thoughts about sharing this with the brotherhood, past and present? All best wishes.

Yours in Kappa,
Jack Morris '53

Housemen Move Forward with Innovative Projects

Greetings from Hanover!!

The housemen of Tri-Kap have been working hard to keep our house extremely well kept and organized. Given that we have an 83-year-old house and a leaking foundation, this is not always the easiest task. However, by working closely with past House Managers like Peter Hughes '06 and Adam Patinkin '07 we are ably managing the day-to-day operations of the fraternity while also thinking long-term with major new projects.

Since the fall, the House Managers have worked on many worthwhile projects. We are replacing old light bulbs with long-lasting and energy-efficient fluorescent bulbs throughout the house. We have worked towards putting new sump pumps in the basement so we can quickly react when our basement floods after a rain. We also are regularly steam-cleaning house carpets every few months and mopping our living room and entry way weekly. The shower curtains have been replaced and, as always, we are regularly cleaning out the attic.

Tyler Hawkins '07, one of our new House Managers, performed an effort of extraordinary magnitude by single-handedly digging out and demarcating our parking lot to add two new spots. The House Managers have also taken the initiative to reorient our library and fix the library doors that in the past gave us so much trouble. New wall-mounts

were installed in the basement to protect our speakers, and the railings on the beach have been fully repainted to look brand-new.

Last week our lawn was fully aerated and sowed with new grass seed by brothers as part of Lock-In, when every brother must fulfill a certain task to make the house look better. One major component of this spring's Lock-In was a power-wash of the house exterior; the bricks were power-blasted to actually look red again.

Finally, the House Managers have undertaken the extraordinary effort to find all composites in the house, piece them together if possible, and hang them up in the Hallowed Halls of Tri-Kap. We now have full-scale 2005 and 1957 composites hanging in our library and soon will be adding composites from the 1960's, 1970's, and 1980's to our 2nd-floor hallway. A 1954 composite graces our fireplace in the living room, and, as always, a plethora of mini-composites line the GOTE room.

Future plans for our House Managers include repainting the columns outside our house and working with the Task Force, a group set up by Vice-President Adam Patinkin '07, to ensure the future of our physical plant here at 1 Webster Avenue.

Yours in Kappa,
Tyler Hawkins '07 & Alex Spinoso '08
House Managers



Jack Morris '53, Jack Devanny '58, Roger Ulrich '77, and Steve Wilson '55 at a Doric temple in Segesta, Sicily

Do You Have Any Favorite Tri-Kap Stories?

Every week at our Wednesday night house meetings our House Historian shares a tale of past Tri-Kap deeds (or, preferably, misdeeds) for the brotherhood's enjoyment. If you have any stories of TriKap adventures, pledge term legends, or anything else you think the brotherhood might find interesting, we encourage you to e-mail them to TriKap@Dartmouth.edu and address them to the "House Historian". The stories will only be used for the private enjoyment of the brothers unless you give express permission otherwise. Thanks!

The Make Up of the Tri-Kap Brotherhood

Total Tri-Kap Active Membership: 74

Undergraduate Brothers: 71

- Class of 2006: 23
- Class of 2007: 19
- Class of 2008: 29

Super-Senior Brothers: 3

- Class of 2005: 3

Where Tri-Kaps are from:

Tri-Kap Brothers hail from 16 states and 12 foreign countries. More Brothers come from New York than any other state. Next are California, Maryland, and New Jersey.

Geographical Residency

- New England: 8.1%
- Mid-Atlantic: 32.4%
- Mid-West: 6.8%
- South: 5.4%
- West: 18.9%
- Europe: 6.8%
- Asia: 14.8%
- Other non-US: 6.8%

Undergraduate Officers:

President: Harris Chung '07

Vice-President: Adam Patinkin '07

Treasurer: Mitchell Oh '08

House Managers: Tyler Hawkins '07 & Alex Spinoso '08

Social Chairs: Edward Son '08 & David Lindenbaum '08

Programming Chairs:

Arden Bromley '08, Tom Atwood '08, & Claudio LoCascio '08

Jock Chair: Joe Kutney '07

Philanthropy Chair:

Tanvir "Fayaz" Kabir

Rush Chairs:

Vorapat "Bobby" Praneepachachon '07 & Faisal Ratansi '08

Academic Chair: Tomi Jun '08

Webmaster: Lars Mortimer '08

Alumni Board Officers

Terry Lowd '66

Bruce Westcott '72

Bruce Williamson '74

David Andryc '82

James McKim '83

Scott Sabol '88

Sunil Bhagavath '03

Ed Lee '04

Matthew Brown '05

Facts & Figures:

- Brothers currently on leave from Dartmouth to serve in the Army: 2
- Year our house at 1 Webster Avenue was built: 1923
- Number of bricks in the house: 62,396
- Number of bedrooms in the House: 18
- Size of our living room: 1325 sq. ft
- Money undergraduates raised for charity this year: ~\$5,000
- Athletic teams with Tri-Kap starters: Soccer, Rugby, Squash, Fencing
- Year Tri-Kap was Founded: 1842
- Year Dartmouth first tried to get rid of fraternities: 1849
- Second-Place Finishes in Intramural Sports this year: 6
- Dogs in residence at 1 Webster Ave: 2 (Chase & Ruff)

Order of Omega Awards:

- Outstanding Organization for Fostering the Principle of Service
- Outstanding Organization for Fostering the Principle of Inclusivity
- Outstanding Overall Improvement in the Principle of Accountability
- 1st-Runner-Up: Innovative Leadership
- Runner-Up: O'Connor Award



Dave Cao '06 accepts the award naming Tri-Kap Dartmouth's "model fraternity" from President and Susan Wright



Brian Crane '06 and Joel Hwang '06 work the grill



President Harris Chung '07 and Vice-President Adam Patinkin '07 accept the Inclusivity Award

Programming - continued

the brotherhood. Tri-Kap also hosted a discussion with the Sexual Abuse Peer Advisors concerning sexual violence on college campuses. Finally, we held a Super Bowl party and enjoyed a performance by Dartmouth's hip-hop dance group SHEBA.

This spring we have continued to enjoy excellent programming. Our first event was a lecture by wine celebrity Leonard LoCascio, an expert on Italian wines. Mr. LoCascio reviewed methods of wine production and tasting for members of the campus in a public lecture before holding a private tasting for the brothers later that evening. The event, as one might imagine, was quite well attended. In addition to the wine tasting we have continued our tradition of low-key hookah nights and hosted our annual Champions League soccer event; well over a hundred people packed our living room to watch the Barcelona vs. Arsenal final game. We also held a Green Key dance performance by SHEBA that filled our living room to capacity with over 200 students.

Later this term we are planning a joint hunger banquet with Dartmouth sorority Kappa Delta Epsilon. Students attending the event will have a chance to learn about food scarcity as well as experience first-hand a typical meal from the world's poorest regions. Donations for a Bangladeshi orphanage will be taken at the event. Tri-Kap will also be hosting a lecture on sexual awareness and an event with Alianza to continue our fraternity's legacy of reaching out to campus organizations.

Yours in Kappa,
Arden Bromley '08, Claudio LoCascio '08,
& Tom Atwood '08
Programming Chairs



Tri-Kap DJ A.J. "Bootz" Chammas throws down for the Brotherhood at our Katrina Relief fundraiser

First the Worst, Second the Best?



The Fearsome Foursome: Joe Kutney '07, Fayaz Kabir '08, Tyler Hawkins '07, & Ben Robbins '08 during our lock-in football game

In recent years Tri-Kap has been known as a pong powerhouse. Recently, however, this dominance has spilled over onto the athletic fields. Sophomore summer for the 2007 class was the coming out party as we surprised the opposition with second-place finishes in basketball and dodgeball and a highly successful softball season. Now when opposing teams see Tri-Kap on the schedule they know they're in for a tough match.

During the fall our soccer team made it to the finals where we lost to Chi Heorot on a mud-soaked field. Dustin Wong '05 led the way with his great playmaking skills and quickness. Marc Lajoie '08 was playing a great game until we lost him in an extremely large puddle near the middle of the field. He was last seen chasing a ball down across the midline when he just disappeared. While we fell in the championship game this year, we feel confident that next year, with much of our talent returning, the trophy will be ours.

In flag football we never seemed to get into a rhythm. We showed moments of greatness. WR Adam Patinkin '07 was able to break deep to haul in a few Joe Kutney '07 bombs. But these plays were few and far between, as the defense was unable to consistently stop the opposition. Charlie Deutsch '06 provided the intimidation for the defense and a few great tackles.

Over the winter we cemented our place as a basketball powerhouse. Led by LeBron James, correction Harris Chung '07, we made it to the finals where we ultimately lost to Theta Delt and their

team of ex-varsity basketball players. Throughout the season Harris Chung '07 delivered countless break-away dunks and no-look passes. Thierry Callier '07 was one of the many beneficiaries; Thierry dominated in the low post, pulling down just about every rebound. Ray Baik '07, one of the smallest players on the court, played much bigger than his size. His sneaky play led to many steals and baseline drives. This group has one more year to bring home the highly coveted championship, and next year we won't settle for second place.

This spring has seen much success thus far. In the Inter-Fraternity Council Dodgeball tournament, we fielded two teams. Both made it to the Elite Eight, and considering the tournament started with close to 50 teams, this was no small feat. In one game, Charlie Deutsch '06 was the only player left against five players from Heorot. Within a matter of seconds, after a flurry of hard throws and acrobatic catches, Deutsch was the last man standing. Everyone in the crowd, which had grown quite large by this point, stood up and gave Tri-Kap a standing ovation. Our other team rode this energy into the finals, where we ultimately lost to GDY. Our team was led by the strategy of John Malanga '07 and many other '07s who had played on the second place team from the summer.

Just recently, we placed second in a Wallyball tournament, which is volleyball played in the racquetball courts. Adam King '08 and Nedko Kyuchukov '07 showed their volleyball talents by feeding Harris Chung '07 and Joe Kutney '07 for high-flying spikes. Our inexperience ultimately failed us in the finals against GDY.

We are currently doing well in the regular season of softball. The playoffs are quickly approaching. Ben Herold '06 is determined to get to the championship game, and in the next Pillar we will provide you with the results.

Yours in Kappa,
Joseph Kutney '07
Jock Chair

Tri-Kap Named Top Greek Organization for Service

Over the past year Tri-Kap has proven to be one of the premier organizations on campus in the area of community service. At the Order of Omega awards ceremony, amongst many other accolades the men of Kappa Kappa Kappa received the prestigious Award for Service, naming our brotherhood the finest Greek house on campus at giving back to the community. We were congratulated for our commitment to social service on every level—locally, nationally, and even internationally. We were specifically commended for the establishment of the “Kappa Relief Fund”, an endowment designed to provide relief to communities that have ties to the brotherhood on any of those levels.

Our achievement shows that the brotherhood has taken immense initiative to do good deeds for surrounding communities. Much of this leadership has come from Eric Goodman '06, the Philanthropy Chair over the past year, who ought to be recognized for outstanding dedication not only to the brotherhood but to the world at large. With Eric in charge the brotherhood has raised literally thousands of dollars for good causes. I hope to continue this tradition of service with the same level of commitment for the next year.

This past fall, Tri-Kap was the first organization on campus to react after the disaster of Hurricane Katrina. The very first weekend after school began the brotherhood hosted a massive fundraising barbeque on our front lawn, drawing students from all over campus. House

DJ A.J. “Bootz” Chammas '07 emceed the event, which ultimately raised more than \$2,300 for Katrina relief. In addition, with various sororities helping out we collected hundreds of items of clothing to donate to the Red Cross. Our barbeque proved to be a huge success and raised more money than any other Hurricane Katrina event on campus.

This winter Tri-Kap hosted a speed dating event with all proceeds benefiting Project Bangladesh. Project Bangladesh is an organization raising money to rebuild an orphanage on Bhola Island in Bangladesh that will house more than 100 boys and serve as an emergency shelter for all of the island’s residents during monsoon season. Our event was a success and showed that Tri-Kap is helping out even on the international level. Tri-Kap also had a Big Brother/Big Sister event at the house; children in the program were invited to 1 Webster Avenue to carve pumpkins. Many brothers who weren’t even members of the program entertained the children and had a great time.

This spring, the brotherhood once again signed up for “Relay for Life” and raised over \$1,000 to benefit the American Cancer Society. Tri-Kap had the second most brothers participating in the event out of all the fraternities on campus and raised more money than almost all the other fraternities. Perhaps most importantly, the Dartmouth “Relay for Life” goal had been to raise \$80,000. It was our contribution that allowed the organization to reach that magic number.

Tri-Kap has proven its dedication to community service, and the school has rewarded Tri-Kap with the Service award. Tri-Kap has been recognized as the premier Greek organization in the area of community service, and we can only hope to continue giving. This summer the brotherhood will immediately start its service by gathering clothing and other goods around campus and sending them to kids in Iraq. The brotherhood is also looking forward to more Big Brother/Big Sister barbecues starting this coming fall. Also, Tri-Kap is planning to host a series of events to benefit Project Bangladesh, including a “Hunger Banquet” later this term. As part of this effort the Ambassador of Bangladesh to the United States will soon be visiting the house to speak to students about raising money for such causes.

At the founding of our fraternity, Hobart, Philbrick and Nash declared: “We believe: That Kappa Kappa Kappa has been a bulwark for Dartmouth traditions of Democracy, Loyalty, and Service.” These words have been taken to heart by the brotherhood, especially in the area of Service, and we are proud of our achievements. During the coming year the brotherhood will continue its efforts to aid those less fortunate, whether they are in the surrounding community or way beyond.

Yours in Kappa,
Tanvir “Fayaz” Kabir '08
Philanthropy Chair



Three Members of Dartmouth's Board of Trustees with the Brotherhood:
Peter Robinson Tri-Kap '79, Todd Zywicki '88, and T.J. Rodgers '70



Marc "Stevey" Lajoie '08 and Ed Son '08 engage in shenanigans

A New Transition for Tri-Kap

Transition is never easy. Usually it is a hectic and confusing process – hectic because positions are held for, at most, a year, and confusing because our Executive Board often includes several of the brotherhood's newest members. However, I believe we have made the transition this year as smoothly and painlessly as possible. Given our strong leadership and direction, I am confident that this year will be a success for Tri-Kap.

This term is my first as Tri-Kap Treasurer. And as the new Treasurer, I am proud to report that our current financial status is healthy and stable. Our success can be clearly seen in our numbers: as you may have heard, this year our fall pledge class was the largest on campus. With numbers come resources, and this has

provided us with a solid financial foundation to build from. Furthermore, by working with and learning from past undergraduate Treasurers I hope to continue our tradition of tight fiscal discipline over the coming year.

The basic responsibility of the treasurer is to manage all of the income and expenses of the house. Planning ahead and literally hunting people down for receipts is the day-to-day duty of the Treasurer. At the beginning of each term, the Treasurer drafts a rough budget of specific spending for Executive Board positions – programming chairs, social chairs, philanthropy chairs, housemen, etc. are each given specific budgets. Furthermore, all major spending must be voted on by the full

Undergraduate Executive Board. At the end of each term, the Treasurer is responsible for a complete financial report to the Office of Residential Life. This system demands fiscal accountability not only from the Treasurer, but from the entire undergraduate Executive Board as well.

Our entire brotherhood is currently working on projects involving the future of the house. It will require a joint effort between the Alumni and the undergraduates to ensure that Tri-Kap keeps its status as a local and privately-owned fraternity. It will take a lot of hard work; however, I am convinced that we can succeed. I am currently working with Ben Silverman '06 to create a third undergraduate fraternity account (in addition to our House Fund and our Maintenance Fund) to be called the "Tri-Kap 3rd Century Fund". Our Executive Board, as a major first step towards meeting the requirements of the Fuller Audit, has committed to investing \$20,000 in this account by the end of the term.

The Tri-Kap Social Scene: A Dartmouth Institution

As the Dartmouth campus readies itself for another gorgeous spring, Tri-Kap is excited to continue its role as a cornerstone of the Webster Avenue social scene. The past year, under the leadership of former social chairs Karan Danthi '07 and Harris Chung '07, has seen a meteoric rise in the popularity of our events.

Our dance parties continue to be one of the most anticipated events of the term. We have continued our house tradition of throwing Friday night parties between two and four times each term, and we regularly draw the largest crowds on campus- it is not uncommon to see a line stretching out our front door and reaching all the way to the sidewalk. In-house DJ's A.J. "Bootz" Chammas '07 and Bibhuti Mainali '07 have become campus legends for their mixing talents and comprehensive knowledge of the best dance music. The bottom line is that on a night when we throw a registered party, we are the place to be.

In addition to our campus-wide dance parties we have also increased the number of private events with sororities or with friends of the fraternity. And despite the fact that we are now a happening place on the Dartmouth

campus, we have managed to succeed while staying out of trouble. In fact, we have been so responsible that the College honored us as the most-improved Greek organization on campus for the principle of Accountability, no small feat considering the number of fraternities and sororities on campus.

Now with the winter snows melted and the sun shining, the brotherhood's social efforts are in full swing. Our parties are bumping, our private events are popular, and new traditions like "hookah nights" are growing in popularity. And of course, when there's sunshine and fresh-cut grass, afternoon barbeques are a way of life.

To cap off the end of the year, our formal this term will be held at Lake Morey Resort, just off White River Junction. As the last formal for the '06s it in one sense will be bittersweet, but Lake Morey should provide an excellent location for a send-off.

Yours in Kappa,
Edward Son '08 &
Dave Lindenbaum '08
Spring Social Chairs

Tri-Kap is undergoing some major changes in the near future. Our existence as we have always known it – a proud, local, and tight-knit fraternity grounded in our history – will be determined by our actions over the next few years. We, as a brotherhood, realize how critical this time is to our house and our history. This spring term is not just a transition for the '08 executive officers, but rather a transition for all Tri-Kaps – the undergrads as well as the alumni. It is my hope that this period of transition is not a hectic and confusing time, but a smooth and painless one. Guided by Tri-Kaps past, I will do my very best to ensure that the next generation of Tri-Kaps will be blessed with the same resources that we currently enjoy.

Yours in Kappa,
Mitchell Oh '08
Undergraduate Treasurer

Pledge Class - continued

The Rush Chairs look for Dartmouth men whom the brotherhood feels can bring class, enthusiasm, and respect to the house. To attract such talent we collaborate extensively with the social and programming chairs to bring creative and entertaining events that allow brothers and potential members to develop relationships. Bringing a successful recruiting class, however, cannot be achieved without the relentless efforts of each and every brother. It is, thus, another objective for rush chairs to encourage all of the brothers to show amenability and hospitality towards our visitors.

Upcoming rush events include recreational athletic activities, barbecuing on the house lawn, watching sports games on our house television, and possibly a hiking trip off campus. The chairs believe that a diversity of activities will convey different facets of our brotherhood and appeal to a greater range of personalities.

In closing, the recruitment chairs are confident that the diverse and charismatic characters of the brotherhood and our passion for Tri-Kap will bring yet another strong group of individuals in next year's pledge class who continue to exude the class, enthusiasm, and respect that make Tri-Kap what it is.

Yours In Kappa,
Vorapat "Bobby" Praneepachachon '07
and Faisal Ratansi '08
Rush Chairs

Accomplishments - continued

time to write me a lengthy, insightful e-mail after a board conference call. At the end of the message, Adam mentioned that he would be in New York for a job interview the following week and offered to update me in person about recent activities at Tri-Kap.

Adam and I had a quick lunch near my office. During that time, he confirmed my impression that Tri-Kap has an extraordinary current group of undergraduate brothers. Among their many recent accomplishments:

- the brothers concluded a very successful rush last October, with 15% of the males of the class of 2008 rushing Tri-Kap, the largest rush on campus
- the brothers continue the Tri-Kap tradition of regular community service projects
- without alumni prodding or assistance, the undergraduates have earmarked a portion of their recent annual operating budgets for an emergency reserve fund
- a number of graduating seniors from recent classes have donated 5%-10% of their signing bonuses to the House
- when an undergraduate brother recently had difficulty in obtaining financial aid, the other brothers pledged to extend him a loan if the College did not come through
- the undergraduates have begun compiling an oral history of Tri-Kap, collecting favorite stories of alumni from their undergraduate years

These are the accomplishments of a dedicated group of brothers who live up to Tri-

Kap's best traditions and are committed to preserving its ideals for the 21st century. It is no surprise that the House recently



AJ "Bootz" Chammass '07 and Eric Goodman '06 accept the Service Award from Dean Lord of the Tucker Foundation

received numerous accolades from the College that are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. The alumni board members believe that such dedication deserves our support and encouragement.

Before anyone thinks that the undergraduates have gotten too serious, I also got an e-mail last week from Harris Chung, the current House president. He told me to call him if I ever wanted an update on the Tri-Kap or if I "was thinking about dropping by for a pong game."

Thanks Adam, Harris and all of the undergraduates for a job well done and the invitation to a pong game. I'll take you up on it next June during my 25th reunion.

Yours in Kappa,
David S. Andryc '82



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