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Notes and Announcements

Any questions about the campaign for renovations, offers to assist on the campaign committee, or inquiries about making a gift or pledge can be directed to Sunil Bhagavath, at sunilsbhag@gmail.com or +34 605 285033. The design for the renovations are available online: ftp://www.tri-kap.com/public_html/alumni/Tri-Kap_Drawings.zip

Please visit our frequently-updated blog at trikap.blogspot.com. Add comments, see pictures, check in on the house, and feel free to make donations! Of course, you can always start out with our website at trikap.com, which includes our look-up page for all Tri-Kap alumni.

Marcel Wolff '12 has created a website featuring scanned items of the Tri-Kap historical archives. Check out our society's priceless memorabilia, and enjoy images of past classes and our 1842 Constitution and By-Laws at <http://trikaphistory.shutterfly.com/>.

And finally, join our group on Linked In ([Linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)) to join the Kappa Kappa Kappa message board and connect to current undergrads and fellow alumni. If you ever want to send historical documents or memorabilia to the house, we'll happily accept and display them. If you want to mail us something, contact our apprentice house historian, Marcel Wolff '11, at marcel.s.wolff@dartmouth.edu. Also, feel free to join the Tri-Kap Facebook group at http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_2200011893.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A united brotherhood indeed.

Dear Brothers—
After a cold winter, the spring has finally arrived in Hanover, and I am glad to report our brotherhood is as strong as ever. Despite the cold weather, the Winter term was filled with fun social and programming events, meaningful philanthropy efforts, and the addition of three great brothers to the house.

The change of season has reinvigorated the house, as enthusiasm, attendance, and commitment are at all time highs. We certainly hit the ground running this term with a re-tiled shower and re-carpeted second and third floors. We kept the good times going with a very packed schedule, including fun social events, brotherhood barbecues, and the start of a new tradition: Kasa

Krew. Kasa Krews are home improvement days in which most of the Brotherhood comes together to make some meaningful upgrades to the house. Projects of note include restoring the beach, improving the library, renewing the bathroom, and painting the house. These efforts have brightened our days living in the house and bettered the experiences of our guests. A additional events of note include a trip to Manchester to watch the NH Fisher Cats – the Blue Jays Double-A affiliate – spring formal, and the IM softball season.

Beyond these brother-focused events, the house remains committed to giving back. We hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 22nd. This afternoon provides a tremendous service to

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Upper Valley children. The event featured a moon bounce, face and egg painting, a piñata, the *Charlie Brown Easter Special*, and of course an Easter egg hunt. Additional philanthropy efforts include our fundraising and participation in Relay for Life. This event raises funds for the American Cancer Society, and the house has raised over \$1,000 for the cause.

Looking to the future, the House is focusing on rush and recruiting the next class of brothers. Additionally, the Alumni Board continues to work on renovating our physical plant. Despite our best efforts to improve our current conditions, we are still in dire need of a major renovation. Alumni Board president, James McKim, will keep the alumni in the loop as to our progress.

Lastly, I would like to encourage all of you to reconnect with the brotherhood. We have been making significant efforts to keep the alumni in the loop regarding the happenings at 1 Webster Ave. For the last two months, I have sent out monthly update emails. Additionally, we are posting on the blog on a regular basis, updating our website, and social networking through LinkedIn and Facebook. Don't hesitate to send in any stories from your glory days at 1 Webster Ave or stop by the house if you are ever in the neighborhood. I wish you all the best and hope this Pillar finds you in good health and spirit.

Yours in Kappa,
Maxwell David '12
President



The newly-elected executive board gathers in the GOTE room.

Treasurer's Report

Brothers,

Despite rising expenses, the house's financial health remains stable. This current term we have encountered some unforeseen costs, but with careful budget management, we have continued to have sufficient funds to maintain a thriving environment in which the brotherhood has both grown closer to one another through programming and social events, as well as to uphold our campus reputation as a philanthropic stronghold amongst Greek organizations in the greater Upper Valley community. The brotherhood has continued to make strong efforts towards contributing to the Third Century fund in hopes of working towards the greatly anticipated house renovation project. As inflation further raises prices, and thus our expenses, to new levels, our current system of dues becomes more and more outdated. We anticipate making necessary adjustments to dues and room rent in the fall to stay present with the current economy.

Yours in Kappa,
Kenneth Wang '12
Treasurer

Do You Have Any Favorite Tri-Kap Stories?

Our House Historian loves to share tales of past Tri-Kap deeds (or, preferably, misdeeds) for the brotherhood's enjoyment. If you have any stories of Tri-Kap adventures and legends, 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.

Corporations Update

The Board of Directors met for the Annual Meeting on May 21st in the GOTE room during Green Key Weekend lest the old traditions fail. Board members physically present included myself, James McKim '83, Terry Lowd '66, Matt Brown '05, and Michael Brasher '10. On the audio bridge line were Sunil Bhagavath '03 and Adam Patinkin '07.

I am happy to say, the state of the brotherhood is strong. We initiated 26 new members into the brotherhood. From where I sat, it was a fine looking class. Each took the opportunity to sign their name in the same Membership book in which most of us signed our names. The undergraduates had it re-bound, so it looks as good as it has in years. The signatures of those who did not have the opportunity to add their "John Hancock" to this book are being added as special pages into the book.

Terry reported that the financial situation looks better than last year with a total balance in our checking account of \$8,406.85. There is a fair balance in the Third Century Fund account being used for physical plant improvements. More on that later.

We do need to find another administration mechanism as CMA has decided to not continue providing the service to us. Terry and I will be pursuing options.

Adam and Sunil reported that the Kappa Campaign has its infrastructure set and financials ready to be submitted to the College for a loan, which would allow us to begin con-

struction. I am in the process of scheduling a meeting with the College to proceed with our plans. I am anticipating approval by late June, which will lead to presentations to the town in July and August. With luck, we'll be in construction by Fall term. If you want to help in the Campaign, please contact Sunil at sunilbhag@gmail.com.

The attendees approved the continuation of the current Board members whose terms are expiring. At our next Board meeting, we will elect officers for the coming year. If any of you are interested in joining the Board, please let me know.

As you can see from the other reports in this issue, the undergraduates are doing great things. They continue to be held in high regard by the student body and the administration and hold leadership roles on campus. The party the night before the meeting was, as usual, packed and very successful.

There was much discussion about what we can do to foster more interaction between alumni and undergraduates. Ideas ranged from continuation of the monthly emails from the President to finding out what alumni interests are and matching them with undergraduates who have the same interests. Matt Brown '05, is heading the revised Alumni Relations (formerly Reunions) Committee that worked on this and has already organized an alumni Pong Tournament which raised considerable funds at the 2011 Reunions this year.

Reunions themselves were particularly successful. The House was crawling with younger alums ('06 and prior classes) that came to relieve the Kappa experience. A handful of "older" alums showed up as well – a couple of '81s and a number of '86s.

The pong tournament was a raving success, thanks to Richard Park '01 who helped organize it! There was lots of pre-tournament practice that started Thursday evening and was going strong when I arrived Friday mid-afternoon.

If you have an interest about holding similar events and want to get undergraduates involved, please contact Matt at matthew.h.brown@ampf.com.

For video clips from the meeting, visit <http://www.blogtv.com/people/stmatts>. Next year, we'll try webconferencing.

YiK,

James McKim '83
Tri-Kap Chairman



Alumni Pong Tournament champions Sung Cho '01 and Phil Lee '01

Social Chairman's Report

This fall, the brothers of Tri-Kap have had yet another successful term of social events that helped establish Club Kappa at the forefront of the Dartmouth social scene. As we reveled in the beautiful fall weather, the term was packed with popular Monday Night Freeze events, Friday Night dance parties and our traditional tails events.

As usual, Tri-Kap was in high demand among sororities for joint tails, but on the scarce off night we expanded our social calendar to include invite events. In such events, every brother invited 2-3 friends over for a night full of well-structured, game-oriented tails. Our Rags to Riches invite event in particular has gained fame across campus, leaving prospective guests begging for an invitation.

Although Tri-Kaps are still well known for our pong prowess, you can now find brothers and guests playing our new house game, Vortex. Highly esteemed by The Dartmouth newspaper, Vortex is a fun, involved and fast-paced game that provides a great interlude while waiting for line on table.

In addition to developing our relationships with all seven sororities, we also made strides in solidifying our interactions with other fraternities. In our highly successful LemonBangers event, the brothers of Tri-Kap and SAE joined forces and cohosted an awesome party with our respective house drinks; Wallbangers and Lemonade. This drew in a new and highly enthusiastic crowd to Tri-Kap.

Our Friday Night dance parties continue to be among the most highly attended events on campus. Club Kappa used the expertise of DJ Kwangy (Kenneth Wang '12) to keep the house packed with people dancing the night away. We further continued our tradition of hosting an alcohol-free dance party for prospective students over Dimensions weekend that served to get future generations of Dartmouth students excited about the Tri-Kap social scene. Most recently Michael Barile '13 has made his debut as "DJ Kollidar" and shows promise of taking over the house DJ position in the future with his fine mix of mainstream and techno music.

Formal this fall was held at the Hartness House, in Springfield, VT. A classy night of dining and dancing, the brothers and their dates thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In summary, Tri-Kap established an exciting and engaging social scene this term that further boosted the house's image as both an open and welcoming member of the Greek Life community. The brothers of Tri-Kap truly have brought pride to these hallowed halls.



Yours in Kappa,
Tanay Ganga '13
Paul Wagdalt '13
Chris Woods '13
Social Chairs

A Brief History Lesson

The following was brought to our attention by Rhonda C. Brennan:

"We live in Atlanta, Georgia and my husband's father was a graduate of Dartmouth and a member of Kappa Kappa Kappa Fraternity. Mr. Brennan, who is deceased, went to Dartmouth for 1 year after H.S. graduation, then served in the 10th Mountain Division, and then finished at Dartmouth in 1948 after the war (he was recorded as graduating with the class of '46 due to his service).

His story is remarkable and one to make his alma mater proud. Mr. Brennan did not talk about his war experience very much, says my husband. After doing all this research, his family now has a better idea of what he actually went through, which was incredible. His company ('C') was the first of the 86th regiment to take Riva Ridge. Just reading about the physical challenges they faced makes one shake their head in disbelief.

Our daughter, Lauren, is applying for a 10th Mtn. Division Descendants' Scholarship, and must do a community service project to support the 10th Mtn Division. In memory of her grandfather, and in honor of all our soldiers now serving in the 10th, she is coordinating an 'Adopt a Platoon' project."

Rhonda C. Brennan

We thank Mrs. Brennan for sharing and congratulate Lauren on her service project.

Mr. Brennan outside our hallowed halls

Academic Chairman's Report

I am happy to report that academically Tri-Kap has held itself to as high a standard as ever. All of our seniors are on track to graduate. Seven of them – John Burden, Joey Garagliano, Jerry Watchman, Henry Yan, Tan Chen, Steve Amrhein, and Jack Wang – have disappeared in recent months to the depths of the Baker stacks as they slave over their honors theses. Some highlights include Steve's religion thesis, "Piety through Praxis: Muslim Women and Fundamentalism" and Joey's biology thesis, "In V itro Assessment of a Novel Absorbable Tissue Fixation/Surgical Staple."

After graduation, when our seniors head out 'round the girdled earth, they will enter law and medical school, study Arabic in Egypt, research medieval history, serve in the Republic of Korea Navy, and pursue careers in finance and the film industry – to name just a few.

In other news, Tri-Kap hosted a very interesting speaker this term, The Honorable Gregory W. Slayton. Professor Slayton is a former U.S. ambassador, Silicon Valley CEO, and current professor at Tuck. His talk drew a good portion of the brotherhood and stimulated some thoughtful, frank conversations over a delicious meal that the College subsidized. We were lucky to have him and look forward to building our relationship with him in the future.

Tri-Kap's scholarly success and involvement reaffirms our commitment to academic excellence above all else. What else can I say? We're an impressive bunch!

Yours in Kappa,
Dan Fox '13
Academic Chair



The Honorable Gregory W. Slayton addresses the brothers.

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Yours in Kappa, Alumnus,
Harry M. Lowd '66, *Treasurer*

Programming Report

In the fall, we kicked off the year with our annual Halloween Haunted House. Local kids who came enjoyed a full haunted house, along with pumpkin carving and other fun activities. Seeing the joy and smiles of the young children who attended was a truly gratifying experience. In addition to this philanthropy event, we had a few events with sororities, where brothers got the chance to mingle with girls outside of the traditional basement scene. In the fall, brothers went bowling with the sisters of AZD. The turnout was good and those that went had an awesome time. Also in the fall, brothers went mini-golfing with the sisters of KD. In a unique winter programming event, brothers and special guests had a blast while jello wrestling.

Although participation was high in philanthropy and sorority events, the brotherhood may have most strongly bonded during brotherhood events. In the fall, the brothers and pledges participated in an intense series of paintball matches followed by a nice lunch at Happy Family Restaurant. During the winter, the brotherhood established "Fraterdays," where brothers would meet once or twice a term on a Saturday and spend the day together. Fraterday typically started at 2 pm with some sort of athletic event, such as kickball or football, followed by food and discussion. In the winter, many brothers capped off Fraterday by going to the Dartmouth men's basketball game to support fellow Tri-Kap Matthew Labove. The brotherhood continues to remain strong through life-long friendship and great times spent together.

Yours in Kappa,
Arun Gomatam '13
Dexter Zhuang '13
Programming Chairs

Philanthropy Chairman's Report

There has been a significant amount of philanthropic involvement over the past term. On April 22nd, Tri-Kap hosted one of its biggest philanthropy events. We invited children from the Upper Valley region to our annual Easter Open House. At the event, kids had the options of getting their faces painted, bowling, playing in a moon bounce, and hunting for Easter eggs. Hzza and the smashing of a piñata marked the end of the event. This would not have been possible without the support of the brotherhood and the Greek community. The brotherhood donated its time and effort while other organizations helped monetarily through co-sponsorship. All in all, the Easter Open House was a huge success this year and appropriately displayed what the brothers can accomplish in terms of philanthropy.

In the winter, we started fundraising efforts for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. After two and a half terms of selling grilled cheese and asking for personal donations, we raised over \$1,300 for the event. On May 14th, we went to the relay with a team of 15 brothers and walked laps for the fight against cancer.

Brothers have also found other ways to contribute to the community. Many members are involved in programs like DREAM and Big Brothers Big Sisters, two organizations that uphold the goal of mentoring children from the area. On May 4th, brothers helped take down supplies after the Red Cross Blood Drive. The house has also recently co-sponsored a Cinco de Mayo benefit with Project RightChoice in order to establish clean drinking water and sanitation facilities in developing countries. Overall, the brotherhood has been very active in volunteering and has accrued over 300 hours of community service. We plan to maintain, if not strengthen, our philanthropic efforts this upcoming year.

Yours in Kappa,
Christian Mgbonyebi '13
Philanthropy Chair



Arun Gomatam '13 helps out at the Easter egg hunt

House Managers' Report

With spring cleaning in the air and two new sets of hands on the house management team, 1 Webster Ave. has seen plenty of improvements to its physical plants during the last two terms.

During the winter, our former housemen, Jinwoo Baik '11 and Marcel Wolff '12, focused their efforts on improving the basement by installing a new window fan and redoing the plumbing in the trough room, which had corroded from heavy use.

Fortunately, we started off the term with a new blue carpet, and a fresh set of tiles in the shower thanks to Marcel, oversaw this project during spring break. Following the plans Marcel and our former president Cameron Sharman '11 had drawn up, the bathroom was the focus of improvement this term. We installed new toilet seats, toilet paper dispensers, foam soap dispensers, an electric paper towel dispenser, and various other small fixes. Plans are already under way to install a new oak sink countertop and vanity with white basins and brushed metal faucets over interim.

We're happy to report that lock-in projects were also a success this term. Brothers were eager to pick up a screwdriver or paintbrush and give back to their beloved physical plant. Such projects included repainting our pillars out front, washing windows, replacing glass panels, cleaning closets, rearranging composites, cleaning the beach and laying down new Astroturf, and removing graffiti. Our hallowed halls even saw a new coat of paint in our first floor foyer and lobby as well as on the interior doors thanks to our handy Ben Burke.

Otherwise, brothers in need of reduced dues have been exceptionally helpful this spring even with small tasks like tidying the bathroom, laundry room, GOTE room, and picking up trash around the yard or broken pong handles in the bulkhead.

We're excited to report that this spring has been full of successes in the physical plant, and we anxiously await summer term, when the '13s plan to tackle library.



A dashing group of '12s before boarding the busses to formal.

In Memoriam

We recently received the sad news of the passing of William Krieg, Class of '35. Mr. Krieg held the honor of being the oldest living Tri-Kap and the last surviving member of his class. A member of Phi Beta Kappa at Dartmouth, Mr. Krieg had a long and fruitful career in the State Department as a Foreign Service Officer. He was an expert on Latin-American affairs, and also a visiting lecturer at Georgetown University. He is survived by his sister Jeannette Krieg Drake, of Granville, Ohio; his three children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He will be missed.

Yours in Kappa,
Marcel Wolff '12
House Historian

Yours in Kappa,
Deep Shah '12
Daniel Krawec '13
House Managers

Jock Chairman's Report

The Spring Intramural Softball Season was cut short by terrible weather, which persisted throughout much of the term. In the end, all the bad weather resulted in only one regular season game and a single elimination tournament to determine the league champion. In the first round of the tournament the brothers of Tri-Kap suffered a heartbreaking 6-5

loss to GDX. Overall, however, the brothers enjoyed staying active this spring, and we are looking forward to the Summer Intramural Season.

Yours in Kappa
Matt LaBove '13
Jock Chair



Festive as always in the Tri-Kap basement



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