



The Kappa

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The Importance of our Alumni

The 2004-2005 year at Tri-Kap fraternity has been a dynamic one. We have seen house improvements, a fantastic new rush class, and a myriad of alumni returning to the hallowed halls of Kappa once again. Our great society still embodies many of the traditions and the devoted Kappa spirit that I'm sure you are all familiar with. During Homecoming 2004, a new banner was purchased to welcome our alumni and they were encouraged to return to the house to meet with the current undergraduates. We were visited by several Kappas from the '60s, '70s, and even one brother from the class of '29, I believe it was, came to pay his respects to our great house and sign some of the undergraduates' black books.

As I'm sure you know, the house has a deep dependency on its alumni. You, as our predecessors and elder brethren, embody the rock on which we stand as a society. You have paved the way for us and have etched a mark on campus. We see your faces on our composites, and on certain occasions, have the pleasure of meeting you face-to-face. As Alumni Liaison, I have worked to contact many of you in an effort to bring you

back to the house you pledged your loyalty. Tri-Kap is, and forever will be, a place you can always come back to because of the shared bonds that both alums and undergrads have in brotherhood.

It is the purpose of this correspondence to encourage the alumni to "come home" when they can. We understand that this may be a difficult task for many of you given your current living arrangements, but accept this as an open invitation to return to the house whenever you can (let us know ahead of time so we can do some sprucing up!) I'm sure many of you have fond memories of the house as a Dartmouth student. Whether that is singing in the Hums competitions of yore, playing late night/early morning pong, going to house formals, or simply being in the company of your brothers – Kappa Kappa Kappa has more than likely made a strong impact on you. We, the undergraduate brothers, understand our need to connect with our past, so we invite you back to help us create a brighter future.

*Matthew H. Brown '05
Alumni Liaison*

Guest Speaker to Visit the House

Tri-Kap is inviting one or two guest speakers to come lecture at the house sometime in the spring. The house is planning on having a lunch-in for these speakers in the living room, setting an RSVP for a limited amount of guests. The board of execs have granted John Malanga '07, Abdallah Chammas '07 (co-Programming Chairs in the Spring), and Adam Patinkin '07 (Houseman) to begin the recruiting. The tentative list of guest speakers contains:

- **Judd Gregg**, US Senator from New Hampshire (R). Chairman of the Budget Committee, and one of the most powerful members of the Senate.
- **John Sununu**, US Senator from NH. Eloquent and a very independent thinker.

• **Charlie Bass**, US Congressman from New Hampshire. Dartmouth Graduate. A powerful moderate conservative; he is the #2 man in the "Tuesday Group", the leading group of moderate republicans in the House.

• **Senator Jim Jeffords**, U.S. Senator from Vermont. The only Independent in the Senate. Very Liberal.

• **David Gergen**, Presidential Advisor to four Presidents. Perhaps the most famous political commentator in the U.S. right now.

The board believes that this will reflect positively on the house and will hopefully attract various students from all over campus.

Social Update

Following in the spirit of the diverse and well-rounded brotherhood that has made Kappa Kappa Kappa so successful in the past, this year has proved to be no different. Our strong brotherhood continues to be recognized around campus for these merits, evidenced by another great rush class and increasingly successful social events.

This summer was marked by a comparatively relaxed social scene. Almost all brothers resided in the house, and those who did not were frequent visitors. IM softball games and house barbeques provided a fun and exciting gathering spot for brothers throughout the summer, further strengthening our tightly knit brotherhood.

Fall term saw the continuing success of Tri-Kap's social events. In addition to our usual parties, we also saw the recruitment of eighteen new members, helping bring a fresh spirit into the brotherhood. During the Fall term, Tri-Kap held a formal at the Quechee Club in Quechee, VT, which provided a classy setting for Tri-Kap brothers and their dates to dance and share the night.

Already halfway through our winter term, Tri-Kap has been host to some of the term's biggest social events. As social chairs, we have tried to provide a mix of events, ranging from events with sororities to parties for the entire campus. The Annual Winter Carnival party was last weekend and was host to Kappas past and present. The party boasted one of the largest crowds on the night, in spite of competition from numerous other parties. All brothers were on hand to help foster a fun, responsible environment for the night's festivities.

Upcoming events at the end of this term include another sorority event and our semi-formal. The semi-formal is always looked forward to, as it gives brothers a chance to get dressed up and dance with the dates of their choice.

*Nannan Hu '06
Cameron Hahn '06*

Financial Status

TriKap has maintained a sufficient level of funds for our normal functioning throughout the term ranging from rush events, to household dinners, to the funding of parties. Recently, the brotherhood has been eager to renovate the physical structure of the house and use the maintenance fund to present an inviting house to the brothers, alumni, other potential rushees, and the campus in general. The major renovation has occurred in our basement where a contractor has been building stadium seat-

ing in the back room to make more efficient use of the space. The old couches that were in that room were rundown and unappealing to sit on. The newly constructed and stained benches create a better overall atmosphere in the basement and display more respect for our house. Respect for the house is crucial to the brotherhood as it is the physical structure that unites the brotherhood and older alumni together. It is the outward sign that represents the brothers of TriKap. Other maintenance has come in

the form of new speakers, lock in projects fixing our showers, windows, and rugs, and just the general cleaning of the house by all the brothers. We have been receiving good feedback on the cleanliness of our house from alums that have been visiting. The general upkeep of the house has kept the finances from getting strained because if things are maintained properly, they are less likely to break and need to be replaced.

From Our House President

As winter term comes to a close, I would like to give an update on an issue that has been raised by the Alumni Executive Board in the recent past concerning general up-keep of the physical plant. The Alumni Executive Board and all of the alumni who have consistently supported TriKap throughout the years deserve commendation for their longstanding loyalty and commitment to our house. Several alumni who had visited the house expressed dismay at the lack of maintenance. The undergraduate Executive Board has instituted a policy that requires weekly clean ups and a monetary fine system that is controlled by the House Managers. The back room of the basement has also been completely renovated. Stadium style seating has been installed, giving it a Coliseum feel. Rush was moved by the Dartmouth Administration to Fall term, and I would like to report that we added 18 new members. Unfortunately, we are facing new problems as a result of the Fuller Audit, increasing property taxes and very high insurance rates. As many of you know, the College has mandated that each Greek house undergo renovations and repairs to meet with minimum standards of safety. Our Alumni Executive Board has been relentless in exploring ways to meet this new fiscal challenge to maintain private ownership of the house. In addition, the undergraduates are also facing challenges to the treasury because of increasing property taxes and insurance rates. As a result of the Town of Hanover reassessing our

property value, our property tax has more than doubled in the past year. Our insurance has likewise seen more than a 200% increase. Anticipating these increases, we have been saving money to meet these fiscal requirements. Unfortunately, the undergraduates have no capacity to contribute to the Fuller Audit as a result of higher bills, so I would strongly encourage alumni to maintain their support of our brotherhood. The social scene at TriKap is thriving as we continue to throw some of the most popular parties on campus. We have also been congratulated on skills in running our events by the College. We are continuing to develop a strong relationship with the newly formed Office of Pluralism and Leadership and look forward to the opportunities that will inevitably arise from that relationship. We have added Dean Tommy Lee Woon as our house advisor, and are honored to have him aboard. Overall, TriKap stands at the forefront of the Greek system as we set the model for the entire CFS community. TriKap has long stood for the Dartmouth traditions of democracy, loyalty and service. I believe that our brotherhood today believes in these ideals more than ever. I strongly encourage all the alumni to come and visit 1 Webster Avenue and see the current brotherhood. We would be more than delighted to show you the home and brotherhood that we now share with you.

Jeffrey F. Iacono '05
President

Despite the solid efforts of the brotherhood to maintain the house and stretch every dollar coming from the house funds, a larger monetary situation looms. As I am sure that most of you know already, TriKap will be assuming a \$500,000 loan to expand the physical plant. This expansion will add 14 more rooms for brothers to live in and create more singles. Overall, the increased capacity will attract more brothers to live in the house increasing our rental income and may even increase interest in undergraduates to join our house seeing the pride we have in our house. Leaving the advantages of the project aside, the loan will need to be repaid to assure ownership of our physical plant. Owning our house has been a benefit TriKap has had for all its existence. It is a source of pride for the brotherhood and unites us all.

In conclusion, the brotherhood of TriKap has maintained a level of pride within the house without overspending our means and the continuation of this will lead to a very successful time here at Dartmouth and beyond during our alumni visits.

Eddie Dunn '06
Treasurer



Brothers Eddie Dunn and Eric Chen replacing a broken window.

Current Improvements to the House

There are always the little things that need to be done such as changing a light bulb, or replacing a screw or nail here or there. Recently, however, we've undergone a few of new and exciting changes at our beloved TriKap.

The back room benches, after long service to many a raging party and pong spectator, have been retired. Housemen Mark Decker '06 and Peter Hughes '06, began the project that originated from an idea by Adam Patinkin '07, who will be next year's Houseman along with myself. Mark and I overlooked the finishing of the project, unveiling them just in time for the beginning of Winter Carnival and our house party entitled cK Seize last Friday. A new light was also placed there to help bring light to our new beautiful benches that have collectively been deemed



Brothers enjoy the new back room benches before meetings.

"The Coliseum" for its stadium seating appearance.

Nannan Hu '06 overlooked the researching and purchasing of brand new basement speakers. 4 towering speakers were bought, installed, and recently revealed and helped to bring in huge crowds for Winter Carnival.

New carpeting was installed from the first floor stairway all the way up to the GOTE room. This was done over the summer, and '06

brothers placed a protective cover on the stairs to protect it for the upcoming winter. We are currently looking for a more permanent solution to protecting the new carpet as the plastic has proven to be only a temporary solution.

Another addition to the basement was the installation of a trough. Again, Mark Decker and Peter Hughes oversaw the

project and had it finished this fall. It has been a great hit since brothers and socialites do not have to trudge up our wonderful stairs to use the restroom.

The window out to the Beach balcony overlooking the parking lot was replaced this summer with a door. The door has 4 glass panes in it and still looks like a window, but opens outward to allow free access to the Beach. It was a welcomed change during the summer and fall, but has been used little as the winter has overtaken us. I am currently looking into a more insulated replacement with a better opening mechanism, as the hinges do not seem to align correctly to keep out the cold as effectively as we'd like.

Also this summer, '06 brothers added curtains to the living room windows and doors. The long green curtains offer privacy to our living room that was previously remedied by bed sheets, or relocating events to other parts of the house. Hooks were installed to hold the drapes back, and they are taken down for parties. I am looking into replacing the hooks with sturdier ones that will not bend or break as some have at social events.

From outside, the green curtains accompany our new external shutters that were installed this summer. These arrived along with an external pressure washing of the house to give it a brand new, clean look.

There are many changes occurring here at TriKap and we don't plan to stop here. There are many things to do and many ideas yet to put in action. I hope to show that our physical house is merely an embodiment of all of our brothers' investments in the future of this house and brotherhood.

*Charles Deutsch, '06
Housemanager*

Rush Update

The Brothers of Kappa Kappa Kappa welcomed 18 new members from the class of 2007. We feel that these newly entering brothers uphold the strong pride and dedication seen with all TriKap's members. This strength within the class came from the recruitment of current undergrads and the love for the house that they demonstrate. Rush fall term was difficult as time was restricted. We only had 3 weeks to attract rushees after a three month break. Our rush events proved very helpful though, as a large group of solid brothers pledged the house.

As the winter term came, rush was uneventful for all fraternities including ours as no new brothers entered. We are currently looking at the possibilities of spring pledges but, our concentration has moved on to the 2008 class. We held an event for the Superbowl where

we ordered pizzas and hosted students of the 08 class that were on our rush list. More events will be held and current brothers plan to explain to younger students what it means to be a TriKap and why it would be meaningful to join the house. Current efforts have proven useful as numerous 08s have been inquiring about joining TriKap and have been visiting the house frequently. This initiative shown by the brothers will prove very useful for the recruitment of a motivated 05 Fall pledge class. As we all know, larger classes are important for the survival of the fraternity on a monetary basis. We hope that with the efforts of the entire brotherhood, including undergraduates and visiting alumni, recruiting will once again result in a large, strong group of students that will show the true Kappa spirit.

*Brian Crane, '06
Rush Chairman*

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KAPPAS ABROAD

From Nedko Kyuchukov, '07:

I am currently on an LSA in Berlin, Germany. The goal of the two-month-long program is to teach the students how to speak better German. The official activities at the program involve going to the opera, to the theater, and making cultural trips around Germany. The unofficial - hanging out at bars, going to soccer games and exploring Berlin's nightlife. After the last three months at Dartmouth, clubbing in Berlin is definitely a refreshing experience that reminds me a lot of the parties back home in Sofia, Bulgaria. Being here also gives me the opportunity to travel around, visit new places and old friends. So far I have been to Munich, Prague and Dresden, with Hamburg and Bremen being the next destinations. I have also managed to meet up with a lot of friends from high school that now study in Germany. For the night of the Superbowl, I got together with two Tri-Kaps that are also here in Berlin - my older bro **Peter Hughes, '06** and **Ben Herold, '06**. Overall, the Berlin LSA is a semester of pure European fun mixed with a decent portion of German lectures at an inconveniently early time in the morning.



Nedko is in the front, bottom right

From Peter Hughes '06:

Ben Herold '06, Nedko Kyuchukov '07, and I are all in Berlin, Germany this winter. Ben is doing research for his German Studies thesis on the German military resistance to Adolf Hitler, which he will be writing next year, and Nedko is here on the LSA program. I am working in the German Parliament, the Bundestag. We all watched the Super Bowl last night at 2 in the morning and are having a great time working, studying, and partying in Berlin. We all return to Hanover in the spring and look forward to seeing you guys soon.

From Eric Goodman '07:

For Winter term '05, I've been studying abroad at University of Auckland, in New Zealand. I'm studying the Maori, or indigenous peoples of Aotearoa/New Zealand, as well as issues of colonialism with the Anthropology Department. Aside from my studies, I've been traveling around the North Island, enjoying activities such as spelunking, and visiting New Zealand's world famous beaches. At the conclusion of this program, I plan on visiting the Cook Islands and Fiji, and spending two weeks SCUBA diving the reefs of the South Pacific.



Eric absailing down into a cave in Waitomo.

From Adam Patinkin, '07:

My decision to take this term off was last-minute. Climbing is an addictive pastime, and after being fortunate enough to reach the top of both Denali and Kilimanjaro during the summer I felt the urge again. So in December I joined a mountaineering expedition to South America and sent off applications to 15-20 organizations hoping to intern for only eight weeks in February and March - a very awkward time period and short internship - and was fortunate enough to get a couple offers. I almost ended up with a hedge fund in New York City, but in the end I decided to take an internship in DC working for a lobbying organization.

I am working one-on-one with a senior analyst/lobbyist with an organization called the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, or U.S. PIRG. It is a non-partisan NGO that conducts research and lobbying on a wide variety of issues including the environment, consumer safety, health care, and government waste and employs about 30-35 full-time lobbyists in its DC office. The lobbyist I am matched up with is one of the most sen-

ior individuals in the organization; we are working on protecting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska from oil drilling. I have been here for less than two weeks and I already have shadowed him to meetings with the staff of a half-dozen Congressional Offices, helped organize a rally where three Senators spoke, re-designed our website, began working on a massive selective-purchasing resolution campaign that I am doing virtually single-handedly, conducted research in the Library of Congress, and lobbied Senators in the actual Senate "lobby" in the Capitol building. This upcoming week I will be going to private meetings with Barack Obama, Dick Durbin, and Judd Gregg among others. And I have my own apartment in Foggy Bottom (I received an internship grant from Dartmouth's Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy that is helping defray the cost of living in DC), which gives me easy access to everything DC has to offer.

I just got back from Argentina a couple weeks ago. I was on a month-long mountaineering expedition to the Argentinian Andes to climb a mountain called Aconcagua; it's the highest mountain in South America and the highest in the world outside the Himalayas at just over 22,800 feet. The trip was brutally intense, but very worthwhile. We had tough conditions - gale-force winds at close to 100 miles per hour, temperatures that hit forty degrees below zero, five days in a row of blizzards at Camp 3 and above, and we needed two summit attempts to make it to the top, so we spent four nights at over 20,000 feet (what was almost certainly the highest campsite in the world at the time). On the second attempt I was fortunate enough to make it to the top, which was very sweet, despite the fact that another blizzard began moving in as we reached the summit. All in all the team had a bunch of good guys, the Andes were beautiful, and the Argentinian women were even better, so I have to say it was a very successful trip.

It's been a great term, but I still miss TriKap, and I am certainly looking forward to being one of the House Managers next term. All the best to the brotherhood.