



The Kappa

PILLAR

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Ham Chase, '47 Shares his Perspective

I have a new mindset to share with you all in this newsletter. My usual message lauds the undergrads for their efforts. I try to emphasize the high points of campus life as seen and participated by our undergrads. This is always worthwhile, since the campus Brothers are what Tri-Kap is at any moment. But now that we have completed a survey and invited opinions and response from you all, I fully realize that, at this very time, we Alums hold a key to the future. I will let the undergrads write of their activities. Things are generally ok, but with some areas remaining for the open exercise of leadership and responsibility.

My mind has turned inwards, toward our Alumni leadership, and I am bursting with pride and good feelings for our 5 member Executive Board, and the persistence, the caring, the thoroughness, the organizational skills, and especially the - dare I say this - Brotherhood, which stands out in our planning, our daily and nightly rounds of e-mail, and in our direction. I am talking about the 4 youthful Alums who support me and us all, on our Board, and they are making everything happen:

Bruce Westcott, '72, our Secretary, ever since he once asked 2 years ago, "Is there anything I can do to help out?" He has been busy, and involved in advising the undergrads, and making our Constitution and Bylaws make sense. He is thinking, involving, and planning, even when relaxing on a business trip 2000 miles away.

Bruce Williamson, '74, has been a working Alum almost continuously since the '70's. He often generates the words or ideas that make us realize our feelings, and seems to clarify our thinking. He is our construction, architectural, and safety code Guru, and stands ready to interpret our needs into plans and execution.

Terry Lowd, '66, a hospital administrator by profession is our Treasurer since forever. Now in Virginia he is a solid New Englander. He handles the money, and has comments or advice in single syllables, 5 words or less which seem to make sense of things.

James McKim '83, our earliest officer, forever looking to get things done, organized, summarized, deputized, fraternalized, and finalized - keeping us all on track toward progress. James has one decided advantage on the rest of us: he has a 36 hour long day, so naturally he gets so much done.

And there is myself, known as the cheerleader for the group, the House, the undergrads and I gladly accept this. Somehow all of these characters blend to form a work, work, working Board, and I am pleased with where we are, where we're heading, and how we got here.

Our understanding of our collective, best alternative course of action over the next time period is: to do whatever is necessary to keep Tri-Kap functioning and continuing "as we know it." (Hopefully, with improvement in the upkeep and housekeeping aspect.) This opinion was clearly the definite option of the majority of responding Alums to our recent survey.

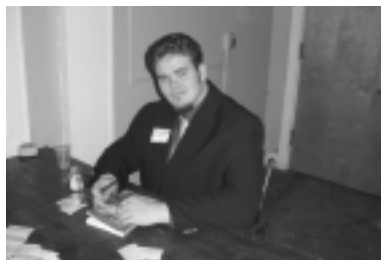
With the above thanks to our Board, and our stated future direction, I'll finish with the introduction of 3 new Directors to help our planning:

David Andryc, '82 - New York, NY

Dr. Kevin Fleming, '93 - Lebanon, NH

David Luckenbach, '00 - Long Island, NY

Yours in Kappa,
Ham Chase, '47
Alumni President



Rush Chair Matt Brown greets rushees at the Head Table

Tri-Kap Online Discussion Board

Share your thoughts and concerns with other alums on the future of organization.

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From Our Chapter President

Greetings Kappas!

As fall term comes to a close, I would like to address several pressing issues currently facing our brotherhood. First, the Alumni Executive Board and all of the alumni who have consistently supported TriKap throughout the years deserve commendation for their long-standing loyalty and commitment to our house. In the past few months, several alumni who have visited the house have expressed dismay at the lack of maintenance in our physical plant. I apologize on behalf of all of our current brothers for the poor upkeep that our treasured house deserves. Although I share their concerns, I would like to offer all the concerned alumni reassurance that we have taken strong measures to ensure that the house is maintained in a proper and respectable manner.

The house managers have drafted a clean grounds plan of action, which includes several measures to address specific problems. Brothers are assigned specific parts of the house, which they are responsible for keeping clean on a daily basis. In addition, we have removed public trash receptacles, which were posing a problem with our dogs. Most importantly, however, our brothers understand that the house, which for many alumni is the only remaining physical link to the brotherhood, should be treated with great reverence and respect. I hope that those alumni who expressed consternation accept our apologies and trust that TriKap is in good hands.

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 stan-

dards 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.

I am also proud to report that TriKap is excelling in the performance standards set by the College. Last spring, our brotherhood received awards for achievement in brotherhood, inclusivity and scholarship. In addition, individual members garnered honors at the ceremony as well. **Sunil Bhagavath, '03** won the Greek Man of the Year Award for his contributions to the entire CFS community. **Stuart Leung, '05** was honored as the Emerging Leader of the Year and also served as the Interfraternity Council Summer President. Lastly, **Jason Lee, '05** and **Imran Sharif, '04** earned awards for academic achievement. With the replacement of Minimum Standards with individual Action Plans, TriKap has already achieved lofty goals and set the standard for Greek houses on campus.

The start of a new academic year presents new opportunities for us to

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Fellow Kappas

Over the last two terms, the brotherhood has been involved in a wide number of projects and activities. Ranging from our success in sports, continuing education through our programming and to our improvement of parts of the physical plant, the brotherhood of Kappa remains strongly committed to upholding the rich Kappa name.

On the pitch and the gridiron, the Kappa intramural teams proved that they were a force to be reckoned with once again in both soccer and football. Our soccer team qualified for the playoffs with impressive wins over AXA and SAE. The stellar efforts of **Max Cinberg, '05** along with **Curt Monaco, '04**, **Eric Liu, '04**, **Derrick Chu, '04** and **David Phillibert, '05** lead the Kappa team to victory in the regular season before a heartbreaking loss in the playoffs.

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Financial Task Force Begins Work

Many alumni are aware that the House is showing its age, and we are faced with both the ravages of deferred maintenance, and the health-safety requirements imposed by the College and the Town. Many of these were documented for us in a College-funded project called the "Fuller Audits" last year. Based on our conviction that we need to pass on the best possible Tri-Kap "home" to future generations, and on feedback from the recent survey (view results at www.tri-kap.com/alumni/), we've begun what will be long and hard work to address these needs. Several of the Executive Committee have convened a Financial Task Force, and held two conference calls to begin the planning. Thanks to **Oliver B. Conover, '53**, **James J. Killmond, '87**, **Gerald J. Hughes, '88**, **Christopher E. Castonguay, '96**, and **Scott A. Sabol, '88** for their help. You'll be hearing more from us later this year.

Bruce Westcott, '72
Alumni Secretary

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achieve new goals. Our academic and cultural programming remains strong as ever, as well as our philanthropy endeavors. The social scene at TriKap is thriving as we continue to throw some of the most popular parties on campus. We are developing 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. 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.

Yours in Kappa,
Edward Lee '04
President

Tri-Kappa: Social Mecca

The social scene at Tri-Kappa seems to be again on the rise as the brotherhood has continued to strive to maintain and improve our presence as on-campus during the summer and fall.

In the summer, the Tri-Kap social scene was calm and relaxed to match the general mood of the term. Summer provided the opportunity for the '05 brothers to meet and bond with many of their fellow sophomore brothers and classmates. All 18 '05 brothers resided in the house for the term, and a social dynamic was established. "Tubestock" however was certainly the one event that highlighted the term. The annual river carnival featured the Tri-Kap raft, which proved to be unsinkable, relying - as the brotherhood on top of it - on its tremendous strength.

Two successful Kappa dance parties also took place including a wildly successful bash to celebrate homecoming. The strong tradition of in-house DJing has continued with several brothers perfecting their craft behind the turntables including **Josh McPherson, '04** who has made his mark not only in our basement, but also on page one of student newspaper, *The Dartmouth*.

Steve Kim, '04, Joshua Valdez, '05 and Matthew Potts, '05 also showcased their talents on the turntables as the campus turned out in force to dance to the latest in hip hop dance music. President **Ed Lee, '04** and social chairs ensured that the parties were fun and safe for the brothers and fellow students. The homecoming party had an especially large turnout of students and alumni alike. Highlighting the alumni arrivals were newly graduated '03 brothers along with many dear Kappas back again for bonfire, football and festivities.

The final event of the term was the quaint fall semi-formal, held at our beloved 1 Webster. The scene set with brothers bringing their beautiful dates and brothers dressed to impress. Providing a very relaxed social atmosphere, brothers and their dates conversed and danced into the late hours of the night.

Yours in Kappa,
Johnny Chen, '05 and
Matthew Potts, '05
Social Chairmen

Commitment to Service

TriKap's commitment to service through philanthropy has continued throughout the summer and fall as the brotherhood has done significant work helping and assisting those in need. We have tried as best as possible to maintain and strengthen our established relationships with service organizations and, as the brotherhood has taken the initiative, we have explored opportunities to create new relationships.

This past year, we continued our teamwork with traditional partners such as the American Red Cross, which holds a blood drive once a term. Our house provided volunteers for setup and cleanup for this effort. We continued our involvement with wood-crew, which provides wood for heating to underprivileged Upper Valley homes.

In addition to these activities in the summer, we also explored new avenues of service. We had a very successful car wash in order to raise money for charity and cultivated a strong relationship with DREAM, an organization on campus that provides mentoring for inner city children. With DREAM, Kappas have donated their time and energy in many ways - the brotherhood has helped raise funds, assisted in programs (such as the recent scavenger hunt), and provided our home as the central meeting place for their activities.

During the summer, the '05 class also contributed greatly in upholding Tri-Kappa's commitment to service. Several '05 brothers participated in the SEAD program, which brings minority high school students to Dartmouth for

three summers as part of an enrichment program. As a house, we prepared lunch-bags of sandwiches, fruit, and chips, and delivered the group lunch to their dorm. Some of the brothers stayed to mingle with the program participants, and it was turned out to be a great bonding event as well.

Looking forward, the philanthropic goal of the house is to build stronger relations the service organization we currently assist and hopefully strengthen our relationships with a few core organizations, in which our fellow brothers care deeply.

Yours in Kappa,
Fang Li, '05
Philanthropy Chairman

OUR ALUMNI REPORT THEIR NEWS FROM NEAR AND FAR

Jack Faunce, '40 has served as his Class' Secretary for decades. At this Fall's Class Officers Weekend, Jack was named Class Secretary of the Year. This is a prestigious award recognizing years of service and his ability to include lots of interst and keeping his classmates up-to-date.

Peter Stoll, '94 was married on September 21st, 2002 to Gersende Martin in Versailles, France. Fellow Kappas in attendance included **Tor Trivers '94, Vadim Granin '94, Walid Kamhawi, '94, Andrew Plumridge, '94, Tae Kim, '94, Youn Namkung, '95 and Ian Stewart, '96.**

Leonard Chang, '91 has a new novel out in May from St. Martin's Press, entitled Underkill. The novel is about couple's deteriorating love affair amidst an investigation into a suspicious death. Check www.leonardchang.com for more info.

Some sad notes: **Don Taber, '41**, house manager, passed away in Sarasota in November 2002. **George Canfield, '41**, House President, died in January 2003 in Madison, CT.

Paul Fitzgerald, '68 met with other 1968's in Alta/Snowbird in Utah last March for their annual Ski-Trip Dartmouth Reunion. This winter they plan to ski at Jackson Hole, WY. Call or email Paul if you are interested (paluf@itsa.ucsf.edu).

We received a Christmas phone call from **Bob Keller, '36**, on December 9, 2003. He tells us that he was given a gala 90th birthday party last month, with 75 friends and family. Then Bob and his wife were given a cruise along the west coast of Mexico. Not bad at all for a 90th birthday. Now Bob is back at the office pushing a pet project which will relate light waves to human health. Congratulations, Bob Keller on such a long and productive life. We salute you.

Rodney B. Plimpton, '61 writes:

Wonderful to read of the successes at the house and the improving relations with the college. Reminded me of many valuable lessons and advice that I received from brothers as an undergrad. After two years of retirement, I feel like I am just beginning to catch up with ourselves. I am able to put some of the hom improvement projects behind us and give some attention to more scholarly pursuits. Particularly interested in the esoteric psychology of Alice A. Bailey and its potential application to the business world.

In February 2003, **John D. Pope, '54** played golf in Crystal River Florida with **Dave Dame, '54, Bob Osmond, '54** and his bride Jinny. Marie Dame and Patty Osmond were also there. All couples were going together back at Tri-kap in the 1950's.

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In football, our team was defeated in the playoff semi-final, but it was not without breathtaking defensive efforts by **Fred Carleton, '04**. Looking forward, Ice Hockey will be the focal point of the winter IM season as the house hopes to build on last year success.

Tri-Kappa's tradition of involvement has continued by attending and sponsoring programming to help the community and the brotherhood. Recently, educator Rick Barnes came to campus and a good number of Kappas attended his educational programming on creating and building a strong Greek community. Also, the fall term concluded with a dinner with the Men's Project, which proved enlightening as the brotherhood

tackled the very difficult issue of sexual assault awareness.

Lock-in projects helped improve the parts of the physical plant with the major success being a renovation of the downstairs bathroom under the supervision of housemen **David Philibert, '05** and **Paul Rosania, '05**. The project was quite a challenge as the brotherhood rallied together to removing worn down tiles, replacing rotting pieces of the dry wall, reseal the toilet and repaint the walls and floor.

In short, the spirit of Kappa remains strong and may we look forward to that strength to continue longer still!

Yours in Kappa,
Alexander Taylor
Vice-President



Curt Monaco '04 tends the fire at TriKap Rush

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