



# THE TRI-KAP

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## *Undergraduate Report* TRI-KAP HONORED AS OUTSTANDING FRATERNITY

We are proud to report on the House's recent accomplishments and continuing strong spirit of brotherhood. In the wake of the faculty's vote to abolish fraternities and under the close scrutiny of the Trustees, the fraternities have been forced to re-evaluate their activities and objectives. Unlike most of the houses, Tri-Kap is comfortable with continuing its normal activities with very few changes. Our re-evaluation served to point out how responsibly previous undergraduate brotherhoods had formulated House policies.

As the Alumni Association President, Charles Widmayer '30, informed you in the fall, Tri-Kap was awarded the O'Connor Prize for 1978-79. This prize recognizes Tri-Kap as this year's outstanding fraternity on the basis of academic achievement, financial bookkeeping, intramural athletics, community service, and brothers' campus involvement. Many letters of congratulations were received, and that of Robert Bartles, Chairman of the Fraternity Board of Overseers, is reproduced on the next page. The House will be officially honored with the presentation of an engraved plaque to be hung in the new student center in early January.

The fraternities were tested by two new regulations this fall. First, the N.H. legislature changed the legal drinking age to 20. Secondly, the Trustees declared that freshmen would not be allowed at any fraternity function where alcohol was being served during the fall term. Our social committee took responsibility for implementing a system of checking identification at both the entrance and the bar. In addition, Tri-Kap held the first non-alcoholic fraternity party; a step other houses hesitated to take initially, but soon followed. The party was a complete success.

Normal House activities ranging from "mop crew" to "ghetti dinners" (perhaps in reverse order) continue. Our fellow officers' reports which follow will better describe these activities. We are particularly pleased with the recently-formed Capital Improvements Committee's accomplishments.

The brothers are once again very active in other campus organizations. Kappas hold top positions in *The Dartmouth*, WDCR-WFRD, the Outing Club, the Marching Band, the Glee Club, and many other groups. A '79 pledge, Steve Levitan '82, was responsible for starting a new, well-acclaimed magazine, *Campus*. Many



*The brothers and their guests celebrate Dartmouth's victory over Brown with a pre-game punch party.*

brothers are playing on J.V. and varsity teams. Greg Hartman '80 is one of the varsity tennis team's co-captains. With graduation quickly approaching, the seniors have been busy writing resumes and applying to graduate schools. Many have already received lucrative job offers.

Finally, the alumni contact has been exceptional. Throughout the fall, particularly after home football games, many alumni stopped by and visited us (some even taught us punch party songs). In addition, many of you have written letters to the Trustees on our behalf or kept us informed of your activities. Beyond this, Philip McInnis, the Alumni Association Treasurer, has informed us that you have already responded very generously to Mr. Widmayer's request for contributions. We continue to have an excellent rapport with the Alumni Corporation. It is through your moral and financial support that we are able to uphold Tri-Kap's past excellence.

Yours in Kappa,

*Sean C. Wilson '80*  
President

*Mark S. Speers '80*  
Vice President



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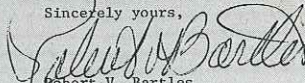
Dear Sean:

The good news just reached me. As Chairman of the Fraternity Board of Overseers I know that I speak for the entire Board in offering congratulations to you and all the Brothers of Tri-Kap for being named the recipients of the annual O'Connor prize. Tri-Kap is proof positive that a fraternity at Dartmouth can provide many opportunities for personal achievement within the context of a social brotherhood.

For all of us, the pursuit of excellence in any endeavor remains a worthy goal. To achieve that standard in so many diverse areas is indeed worthy of the highest praise. Your academic, social and organizational accomplishments, coupled with dedicated involvement in community and College affairs provides the Trustees, alumni and your fellow undergraduates with an outstanding example of what a fraternity can be at Dartmouth. Your award is well deserved and hard earned. I look forward to your continued strength and leadership among fraternities at Dartmouth.

Keep up the good work. We're all proud of your achievements.

Sincerely yours,



Robert V. Bartles  
Chairman, Fraternity Board of Overseers

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cc: Mr. Ralph Manuel  
Mr. John Hanson  
Mr. William Dennett  
Mr. David Kollmorgen '80  
Mr. James Coakley  
FBO Members

*Letter received congratulating the House on winning the O'Connor Prize.*

## ALUMNI MEETING

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held at the House on May 5, 1979 with President Charles E. Widmayer presiding. The following Alumni officers were elected for the 1979-80 year: Honorary President, Vincent K. Smith '17; President, Charles E. Widmayer '30; Vice Presidents, James C. Chilcott '20, Richard D. Muzzy '35, and Rolliston W. Linscott '38; Secretary, Paul F. Doscher '66; Treasurer, Philip D. McInnis '36; Directors, Amos N. Blandin '18, A. Kelvin Smith '20, Wilbur W. Bullen '22, Kenneth F. Graf '28, Joseph S. Piazza '29, H. Meade Alcorn '30, John L. Hyde '43, Hamilton H. Chase '47, Saxton W. Fletcher '47, Paul D. Paganucci '53, James W. Varnum '62, Robert Y. Justis '65, Harry M. Lowd '66, R. Hampton Rich '69 and Bruce R. Williamson '74.

Alumni Treasurer Philip D. McInnis '36 reported that \$6,150 in dues and donations had been contributed by 378 alumni since the previous meeting, predicting that a record of over 400 donations would be eventually counted. The interest from invested funds brought the total income for the year to \$6,818. The major items included in 1978-79 expenditures were \$607 for stairway repairs, \$415 for the Tri-Kap newsletter, \$393 for water main repairs, \$375 for chimney improvements, and \$195 for water heater improvements. Cash assets of the

Alumni Association as of April 30, 1979 were \$15,175, consisting of \$3,223 in checking and savings accounts, and \$11,952 in CD's at the Dartmouth Savings Bank.

Undergraduate President Sean C. Wilson '80 reported on a number of positive developments that had grown out of the recent evaluation of fraternity life at Dartmouth, such as the increasing responsibility of the new Fraternity Board of Overseers, and the expanded contributions of individual houses to community and charitable activities in the Hanover area. Tri-Kap is frequently referred to by the Dean's office and the Trustees as a model house on campus. Treasurer Charles S. Sawyer '80 demonstrated how the implementation of budgetary and cost controls procedures had saved the house funds through conservation, improved dues collections, and liquidation of athletic shirt inventory. Interim House Manager Andrew J. Sullivan '80 described the ongoing efforts of the brotherhood to maintain Tri-Kap's physical condition. The undergraduates had fulfilled all of the commitments for plant improvements that were promised at the prior meeting of the Alumni Association in 1978. This achievement was duly noted by the Alumni, who then voted to make \$2,000 available in 1979-80 for house repairs and maintenance, including funds for library furniture and carpeting, foyer carpeting, and refurbishing the Goat Room walls.

President Widmayer then commended the undergraduates for their recommendation to establish a special fund that would be augmented each year to offset future capital expenses of the house. The fund would be named in honor of Joseph A. D'Esopo '29, loyal and loved brother of Kappa, 'to insure that the house will prosper in the future as it has in the past.' The alumni wholeheartedly endorsed this resolution. An initial under-



*Rick Mullins '81 ready to launch Tri-Kap's entry in the Summer Carnival Raft Race.*



graduate contribution of \$3,000 was approved. This action is unprecedented among current Dartmouth fraternities.

The Alumni and the undergraduates concluded the meeting with a formal expression of sorrow over the passing of James C. Bingham '18, 'outstanding and generous pillar of Kappa who had given so much of his time and enthusiasm over many decades to ensure the wellbeing of the house.'

*Paul F. Doscher '66*  
Alumni Secretary

## John Baldwin '81

The undergraduate brothers are deeply grieved to announce the death of John Baldwin, class of 1981. John drowned on a Cabin and Trail outing July 19, 1979.

Since joining the brotherhood in his freshman spring, John had been an active and prominent brother. We will all cherish our memories of a fine, yet brief, Tri-Kap experience with John. His example of unlimited spirit and intense loyalty to his friends enriched our lives and we will miss him.

The brothers held a memorial service at Rollins Chapel during the fall. His ashes were buried next to the Appalachian Trail on Holt's Ledge. Being an avid outdoorsman, this is a fitting resting place for John.



*Sean Wilson '80 and Ben Pierce '81 relax at fall term 'ghetti dinner.*

## Capital Improvements

In the recent past, the Executive Committee has been responsible for implementing capital improvements. This year, however, due to the number and nature of the

proposed projects, a special 15-member committee has been authorized to oversee improvements.

The committee, using both earmarked alumni funds and undergraduate savings, will evaluate the proposals, discuss their relative importance, budget the available funds, choose specifics such as carpet colors, and supervise their implementation.

The current list of potential improvements includes: carpeting or tiling the vestibule and entrance hallway, carpeting the library and/or the second floor hallway, repairing the goat room walls, furnishing the library with a study table and lamps, renovating the kitchen, improving the heating system's efficiency, re-wiring some lighting fixtures, leveling the driveway, and constructing a low wall along the front of the patio.

In the meantime, brother participation in mop crews, clean-up after social events, "walkley", and work days maintains the physical plant's excellent condition.

*Bill Dorman '81*  
House Manager

## 1979 RUSH

Tri-Kap, under the leadership of Rush Chairman Rob Rough '80 and his committee, once again sank an outstanding group of pledges; 29 in the spring and one this fall. Naturally, the rituals of black books and pledge raids were fully implemented. In fact, two pledges found themselves in Canada and one managed to be caught three times. The new brothers are:

David Andryc '82	Rossford, Ohio
Mark Belmonte '82	Revere, Massachusetts
Michael Berg '82	New York, New York
Thomas Bledsoe '82	Yorktown Heights, New York
Bruce Boyer '82	Washington, D.C.
Eric Brown '82	Yorktown Heights, New York
Mark Butterfield '82	Pembroke 5-58, Bermuda
Matthew Davis '81	Wilmington, Delaware
Kevin Devine '82	92200 Neuilly S/Seine, France
Michael Dickens '82	Hartford, Connecticut
Daniel Fitzpatrick '80	Plattsburgh, New York
Alfred Forbes '82	Dorchester, Massachusetts
Daniel Gaulin '82	Holyoke, Massachusetts
James Griffin '80	Mc Allen, Texas
Brian Herrle '82	Oshkosh, Wisconsin
Matthew Hunter '81	Amherst, Massachusetts
Peter Jacobs '82	Washington, D.C.
Jason Klein '82	Morristown, New Jersey
Steve Levitan '82	Brooklyn, New York
Marc Lewis '82	Paramus, New Jersey
David Mayberry '82	Mc Murray, Pennsylvania
J. Chuck Muenzen '80	Pearl River, New York
Mark Pomper '81	Wilmette, Illinois
Bruce Randall '82	Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Thomas Ravens '82	Norwood, Massachusetts
John Ribauda '80	Hingham, Massachusetts
Jonathan Sadick '82	Worcester, Massachusetts
Howard Tung '82	Poway, California
Kent Van Voorhis '81	Norfolk, Massachusetts
Scott Young '82	Hinsdale, Illinois



## Social Column

Heartily supporting the ethos "work hard, play hard", Kappa socialites have fully applied themselves to the pursuit of a nonacademic pleasure — good clean fun. Events this fall included a well-polished mix of new and traditional parties. Necessity breeds invention and Tri-Kap had a non-alcoholic weekend affair so that new friends in the freshman class could be guests (reportedly, past undergraduate brothers, in more carefree times, attempted more imaginative circumventions of the rule). Traditional events included the live band and formal dinner during Houseparties Weekend and four successful post-football game punch parties. Fortunately, we had quite a few alumni on hand to join in a few songs, ribald or otherwise, with the undergraduate "choir boys." Overall, we have had a helluva good time complimenting our intensity about academics with an equal intensity about social events. President Sean Wilson proves that one can work at having a good time. Pledges still do not know how to dance. The best parties are still the ones held when the football team wins. 'Zelli, after four years, has dates. Good times were had by all.

*Andrew Sullivan '80*  
*Social Chairman*

## Athletics

Tri-Kap has completed another successful season in the College's intramural athletic program. The volleyball team reached the semi-final round of playoff competition before being edged out by the team that eventually should have gone on to win the college title. Our soccer team again qualified for the playoffs, and the football team — despite several key injuries — turned in a

respectable performance in the toughest league (at least it should have been). On the whole, Tri-Kap's involvement in intramurals this term was characterized by high levels of participation, lots of spirits, and "hellish good times."

With the end of the last school year, Tri-Kap concluded another outstanding season. The House captured second place in the fraternity competition an unprecedented two years in a row. In light of the fact that many Tri-Kap teams have competed in the toughest leagues, the accomplishment is indeed impressive.

*Rob Rosselli '80*  
*Jock Chairman*

## Financial Report

During the past year, Tri-Kap has been able to maintain its strong financial position. Increased House membership over the last few years has enabled us to cope with inflation. This fall, the House adopted a modest increase in both dues and room rent to meet rising costs. Financial awareness on the part of all brothers has enabled Tri-Kap to save funds for some larger capital improvements.

Conservation has also become a major concern of all house inhabitants. The addition of insulation above the living areas has enabled us to cut fuel consumption and minimize the impact of rising fuel costs. Further conservation measures are currently being studied to determine other possibilities for savings. While the undergraduate financial position is strong, we continue to depend on alumni support for capital improvements that require substantial funds.

*Charles Sawyer '80*  
*Treasurer*

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