



The Kappa

PILLAR

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An All Too Short Sophomore Summer Comes to a Close

Sophomore summer 2006 will conclude this week and for the brothers of Tri-Kap it was truly a term for the ages. From programming that put Tri-Kap in the Dartmouth cultural spotlight to social events that made other fraternities jealous to an extremely successful and time intensive philanthropic drive to deliver clothes to children in Iraq, brothers managed to make the time fly by. In talking to brothers during the last week of the summer about what they most enjoyed about the summer, brothers most commonly responded by saying something to the effect of "Enjoyed? It's already over?!"

Because of a problem with the house's

water pipes, brothers quickly learned how to bathe without showers. Almost daily Tri-Kap caravans headed to the river for a swim, to the student-created rope swing over the river, or to a jump into the water from the near 50 foot copper mines.

In addition, Dartmouth Dining Services offered only limited dining, especially at night, which led Tri-Kaps to find other ways to find sustenance. Sophomores used the new house grill to serve hundreds of midnight burgers. A couple brothers ventured out to the river in search of catching their own meals but couldn't muster up more than a six inch bass.

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Hamilton Chase From a Brother's Perspective

I met Ham for the first time at rush. Retrospectively, he was the perfect person for me to meet as I walked pensively into the halls of what would be my home at Dartmouth. To preface this, understand that for me, rush was a rather tumultuous period. First of all, my parents were upset that I even considered it because all they equated fraternities at Dartmouth with was scenes of debauchery likened to that of "Animal House". Tri-Kap, before that night, was mostly an aside to my Dartmouth life.

I pushed open the heavy front door of 1 Webster and in our living room, beaming and shaking hands like a true politician, was an elderly gentleman wearing a pea-green suit coat, a gold Pillar pin, and slacks. Within moments I was standing in front of him with my hand

firmly grasped by his. "How are you son? This is the only house worth joining on campus." He introduced me to several of the house executives, and told fable, lore, and story about the great house in which I stood. Truly, he was the biggest PR man the house surely must have ever seen. I was instantly hooked, and sank my bid that night.

That night wasn't my only encounter with Ham. We actually grew to be good friends. I would call him on occasion over my sophomore summer. We had dinner a few times together at Murphy's. He drove me (out of his way, mind you) to the house football game against the pledges when I missed my ride to Sachem. He taught us the "old school" chug songs (as well as some other unique house chants), and he would show up on meeting nights on a rare

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Welcome to the Latest Pillar

There are few Brothers who do not know Ham Chase '47.

As Brother Primarius, he has always set an example for the undergraduates. Over the years he has demonstrated his unparalleled love for the Brotherhood with his constant attention, assistance and affection.

Ham officially stepped down from Tri-Kap's Alumni Board in May after a lifetime of dedication and service. In this issue of the Tri-Kap Pillar, we hope to celebrate two things: Ham's dedication to the Brotherhood and the many joys of Sophomore Summer experienced by the newest crop of Tri-Kaps, a group renowned for their commitment to service and their respect for the house. Ham would certainly be proud of them.

So please enjoy the Summer Pillar, and, from the Hallowed Halls of Tri-Kap, we send you our best!!

Yours in Kappa,

Harris Chung '07, Fall President
Adam Patinkin '07, Fall Vice-President



Soph. Summer - continued

Dartmouth designs sophomore summer as a term to bond with your class and the Tri-Kap brothers of the class of 2008 offered a representation of just how strong the bonds within the class of 2008 can become. Tri-Kaps dominated the audience for events such as the newly reinstated chariot. Visitors got a great first impression of frat row by driving by 1 Webster Ave and seeing brothers constantly playing baseball or wiffle ball, studying on one of the three porches, or eating lunch with each other on the lawn. After the spectacular 10 weeks of sophomore summer as brothers of Tri-Kap, we speak for the class of 2008 when we say that we are truly proud to be members of Kappa Kappa Kappa.

Yours In Kappa,
Ed Son '08 & Ben Robbins '08
Summer President & Vice-President



*(Fromback left to right)
Brothers Claudio LoCascio '08,
Ben Robbins '08, Ken Wells '08, and
Alex Spinoso '08 pose with
chariot rider Tomi June '08 (seated)
moments before Tomi's
near death experience during an
interfraternity chariot race.*



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!

Programming Events

This summer Tri-Kap maintained its status as one of the best Greek organizations in terms of programming. The programming events encouraged bonding among brothers and also served to make connections to people all across campus, from musicians to other Greek house.

Brothers organized several events that profitably entertained people across campus. We helped organize a comedy show and fundraiser during sophomore parents weekend for students and their families, which was a great success. The hip-hop dance group SHEBA performed in the living room as did the acapella group, the Dodecaphonics. We'll finish

off the term during the newly established summer carnival by serving sundaes and popsicles on our lawn while taking donations for a charitable campus organization.

The programming chairs also hosted several events aimed at promoting brotherhood. We started off the term by organizing a house trip to a local paintball center. Two teams of brothers battled it out on the paintball fields, and although several people left with painful welts, the reponse was overwhelmingly positive. We held our semesterly lock-in at a cabin on the Dartmouth Skiway, and almost the entire on-campus brotherhood was present. During lock-in, the

programming chairs led a very interesting campfire discussion about the future of the house. As always, the programming chairs will be hosting a fast-food study break, for all of the brothers and alums on campus during the period between the end of classes and finals.

Based on the high rates of involvement by brothers, and excellent financial success in putting on all of these events, we can expect to see Tri-Kap continue to hold great events in coming terms.

Yours in Kappa,
Claudio LoCascio '08 & Sean Mcrae '08
Programming Chairs

Brother Sean Macrae '08 enjoys a Tri-Kap sponsored lunch with the underprivileged high school students of the SEAD program



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Tri-Kap for the World

Over the summer, Tri-Kap continued to uphold its status as a leader on campus in terms of community service. The Tri-Kap brotherhood participated in a number of philanthropic activities, the effects of which resonate from the areas near campus to all the way on the other side of the world.

The Tri-Kap brotherhood orchestrated the Iraqi Kids Project, an initiative that aimed to send clothing to the impoverished children of Iraq. In the beginning of the summer, Tri-Kap collected clothes from students all around campus and then dropped these clothes off at the Aquinas House, a local student center. After the collection, Tri-Kap brothers went to the Aquinas House every Saturday morning to sort and pack the clothes into large boxes. Near the end of the term, brothers then took these boxes to the post office and delivered them to a designated American officer in Iraq, who is a Dartmouth alum. The project ended up a huge success, with over thirty-five large cardboard boxes full of clothing shipped to Iraq.

Although the brotherhood spent several hours each week on the Iraqi Kids Project, most of the brothers still found time to help out on other service initiatives. Tri-Kap organized the set-up and disassembly of an American Red Cross Blood Drive, an event at which approximately seventy-five students donated blood. Tri-Kap brothers also provided a free lunch to disadvantaged students from SEAD. The children were so delighted at the lunch that they sang songs to the Tri-Kap brothers. SEAD instructors later said that we were the only house that evoked such a strong reaction from the students.

During sophomore parent's weekend, Summer President Edward Son spearheaded an Improv Extravaganza to benefit Project Bangladesh. Over one hundred people attended the event, and Tri-Kap brothers spoke to the parents about Project Bangladesh, a student-led fundraiser aimed to reconstruct an orphanage in Bangladesh. Brothers provided pamphlets describing the project in order to promote donations to the cause.

Near the end of the summer, Tri-Kap brothers sold ice-cream and popsicles on the lawn our house, with all proceeds going to DREAM, an organization which pairs Dartmouth students with local kids in order to provide them mentorship. Our event brought many people to the Tri-Kap lawn and resulted in generous donation to DREAM.

As this successful summer comes to an end, a new fall term arises, and Tri-Kap brothers are looking forward to continuing its excellence in service. We hope to make an impact on those less fortunate than ourselves, those in our area and around the world.

Yours in Kappa,
Tanvir "Fayaz" Kabir '08
Philanthropy Chair



U.S. Soldiers help unload the boxes we sent over



Iraqi children with the clothes and school supplies we sent them



Iraqi children play with a ball we sent over while U.S. Soldier watches

House Manager

Summer term has been busy. The term has been spent juggling swimming at the river and copper mines, running social events, and fixing the house. Projects ranged from repainting the entranceway, the beach, and the living room to installing new toilet paper holders in the bathroom stalls. Here's the breakdown of what we've been doing to maintain the physical plant of Tri-Kap.

The biggest challenge of the term has been the shower. It has been out of commission since the end of spring term since water has been leaking through into the library. We have hired Roy Morse, general contractor, who has regouted the shower and the floor outside of the shower. We also replaced the O-rings in the shower control handles to stop the leaking, which will save us gallons of water per day. Finally, the drain was repaired to prevent leaking into the library which had been cleared out to prevent water damage since last term.

Housemen used the opportunity of an empty living room to improve that space. The previously carpeted floor is now a hardwood floor, and Alex Spinoso '08 built a new stand for our large-screen TV.

Housemen became concerned this summer by a growth of poisonous black mold that began to grow in part of the basement kitchen. A strong bleach solution was used to kill the mold before it spread, then Killz brand paint was used to prevent the mold from returning. We tore up the tiles in the basement backroom in order to allow our newly laid cement floor to dry and we repaired the cracks in the patio with hydraulic cement to prevent recent leaking into the basement. We also cleaned out the grates at the extremity of the patio and unclogged the drains to allow for better drain-off that will also help to keep the basement dry.

The new paint job on the entrance, the beach, and the living room have made our 83-year-old house look much improved and we all look forward to alumni visiting to see the product of so many hours of work devoted to improving the house over summer term.

Yours in Kappa,
Marc Lajoie and Alex Spinoso
Housemen

Ham Chase

Ham's passion for Tri-Kap began during his undergraduate years as he was an active member of the brotherhood. After graduation he settled in Keene, New Hampshire and continued his active involvement with the College and was often seen on campus attending alumni functions and rarely ever missing a home hockey game. While in town he often found time to stop by Tri-Kap and visit with the brothers. He shared stories of his beloved Class of '47 and always showing a deep concern for the welfare of the House.

Ham's leadership of the Alumni Board during a critical period in the House's life was key in keeping Tri-Kap the strong institution that it continues to be today on the campus. Ham would make the trip from Keene (often several times a week) when ever necessary to attend meetings, initiate new brothers, or just hang out with the brothers. His presence and leadership are exemplary and we all owe a great debt of gratitude to Hamilton Chase for his untiring efforts on behalf of Kappa Kappa Kappa. Our fraternity is a better place as is Dartmouth College for his devotion and dedicated leadership.

Yours in Kappa,
Alumnus Harry M. Lowd '66



Brothers after a heated debate on the future of the house during the '06 summer lock-in.



The Dodecaphonic acapella group draws a large crowd to our living room.

Have you paid your dues for July 2006 - June 2007??
Tri-Kap has instituted a new alumni dues billing process, so if you **have** paid your dues, you **won't** be receiving a second request for payment.

Yours in Kappa
Alumnus Harry M. Lowd '66

Tri-Kaps Honor Long-term Alumni Volunteer

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May 28, 2006

H. Hamilton Chase '47
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Dear Ham,

This Green Key weekend you officially stepped down from the Alumni Board. While we knew it was coming, it was still a shock to realize our Brother Primarius, the most loyal of all Brothers, was no longer a member of our governing body.

We write to thank you for your years of service to the Brotherhood. You have been our strongest advocate when we have dealt with the College. You have been our staunchest defender to our sometimes critical Alumni. You have celebrated with us when we have done great things and encouraged us when our star has not shined so brightly. You have endured both the highs and the lows, and remained dedicated even as our Brotherhood changes with each new pledge class.

In short, you have always been there for us. There is no better description of a good Brother.

We hope that you will continue returning to the House at 1 Webster Avenue when you can. Your wit, your optimism, and your loyalty to your Brothers will forever be welcome in the Hallowed Halls of Tri-Kap.

From all of us here at 1 Webster Avenue: Thank You.

Yours in Kappa,

[Handwritten signatures and notes follow]

A.S. Chamas "Boots"

Harris Clay '07

Ben Holden

Everett Pyburn

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Benjamin...

David...

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House Managers Lead by Example, Overhaul Tri-Kap Library

Our house was built in 1923. As with any structure, over time it has started to show its age. Given New Hampshire's harsh winters, our raucous dance parties, and the fact that our house is, after all, a Dartmouth fraternity, it should come as little surprise that significant portions of our house are in great need of renovation.

In recent years, the undergraduates have been doing our level best to revitalize the house.

We cleaned the GOTE room and attic, repainted hallways and outside columns, revolutionized our basement with new stadium-style seating, refinished the living room floor, cleaned and reframed all our class composites, and we have put in an extraordinary effort in terms of day-to-day house maintenance. As we wrote last year, much of our hard work has paid off—one member of Dartmouth's Office of Residential Life recently told us that the house "looks better than it has since I've been here"...and he's been at the College for more than a decade! But, despite our very best efforts, the house remains largely a work-in-progress.

One of the most downtrodden rooms in recent years has been the Tri-Kap Library. When the class of 2007 (the current senior class) pledged just two years ago the room served as little more than a storage space. The walls, originally painted an off-white color, were badly deteriorated and dirty, giving the room a dark and uninviting feel. This was compounded by extensive water damage from leaking pipes in the ceiling. The trim was chipping off, the old



Water Damage

ceiling panels were missing in places and crumbling in others, and the poor fluorescent lighting left the room feeling dark and uninviting. Even the wooden floor was in poor condition—warped and dirty from decades of abuse, it was literally beyond repair.



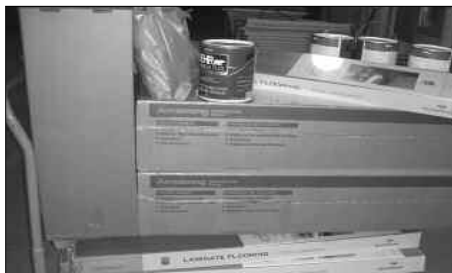
We might be missing a panel or two!



Needs a little work...

Over the past two years we took several steps towards renewing the room. We installed locking, enclosed bookcases to protect our ancient books. We added additional cabinet space to house our house artifacts in the TriKap display cases. And, this summer, interim House Manager Marc "Stevey" Lajoie '08 led an effort that finally fixed the leakage problem by replacing the broken pipes and re-grouting the bathroom floors. But the simple fact remained: our Library, once beautiful, was still in terrible shape.

Over the interim between summer and fall quarters, our two full-time House



Bringing in reinforcements

Managers—Alex Spinoso '08 and Tyler Hawkins '07—decided to do something about it. And for them, going halfway is never an option.



Tyler Hawkins '07 hard at work

During the first two weeks of September, Alex and Tyler invested an extraordinary amount of time and energy into overhauling the Library. The two totaled more than fifty man-hours of labor on the Library—without taking a single dollar's pay from the House—in an all-consuming effort to bring the room back to life. And there is no doubt that they succeeded with flying colors (see the photographs for before-and-after pictures.)



A deft touch

First, Alex and Tyler cleaned out the Library, removing all furniture, ceiling panels, composites, decorations, and other artifacts (including the memorial hanging on the wall to Tri-Kaps who died during World War I). Then, in a painstakingly time-intensive effort, they chipped away the paint on each wall where it was flaking off, filled in the holes and cracks with spackle, and sanded down the walls by hand. Both Housemen agree that sanding every inch of the walls was the most tedious and mind-numbing part of the job.



Alex Spinosa '08 making up for his lack of height

After the sanding was complete, the walls were completely washed down to remove any dirt or other foreign substances. In preparation for painting, the moldings and windows were taped off, and the walls were primed with a first coat.

The House Managers decided to lighten the feel of the room by painting the walls a bright color instead of the previous dull off-white shade. Ultimately, they chose "pale daffodil", a more inviting yellow color, for the walls, and a complementary cream color called "sun glint" for the ceiling. Before installing the brand new and ultra-light fiberglass ceiling panels, they individually painted each one to fit the room's new motif.



They might not look it, but these guys actually, y'know, fixed things

The old fluorescent lighting was removed, and Mr. Spinoso, exhibiting an electrician's talent, installed a new ceiling light fan in the center of the room. The molding tape was removed, and the window panes, fireplace and moldings were all primed and painted with a fresh coat of white paint. The World War I Memorial, newly cleaned, was reinstalled above the door, and the other artifacts were returned to the display

cases. These artifacts include original founding Tri-Kap documents from the 1840's, a 1916 Baseball Trophy, a Hums Competition victory plaque from 1966, the Mary Gray Gile Award we won in 1970, 1972, and 1973, former NFL kicker (and Tri-Kap Brother) Nick Lowery '78's autographed football cleats, and a 1992 letter from then-Governor Bill Clinton congratulating us on our 150th anniversary, among other treasured relics.

When the paint had finished drying, a handful of Brothers joined Alex and Tyler to lay down a wood laminate flooring of "cognac oak" color. Brothers who participated in this collaboration included Marc "Stevey" Lajoie '08, Matthew Fisher '08, Vorapat "Bobby" Praneprachachon '07, A.J. "Bootz" Chammas '07, Leo Gong '08, Ray Baik '07, Andy Chu '08, and Ken Wells '08. After cutting the pieces to precisely fit in the room, the Brothers spent hours covering up the old floor with a brand-new surface worthy of such an esteemed and ancient room of the house.

The effort was completed with the purchase of dark-brown leather couches with seating for eleven, intelligently positioned around the big-screen television to maximize viewing capacity.



It's amazing what three weeks of hard work can do

The transformation is remarkable.

The Tri-Kap Library, previously an eyesore, is now one of the most beautiful and often-used rooms in the house. It is a common venue for Brothers to hang out, watch movies or sports, or simply

relax for a few minutes between classes. Tri-Kap's possessions are now secure and protected, and finally reside in a room worthy of their tradition and age. And, especially during football season, we are more than happy to enjoy the fruit of our labor.



Lookin' Good

If you're ever by 1 Webster Avenue, be sure to check it out in person.

If you're not going to be back for a while, take a look at the pictures.

Otherwise, we simply send our deepest thanks to our House Managers. Alex and Tyler—you guys made it happen!!

Yours in Kappa,

Harris Chung '07, President
Adam Patinkin '07, Vice-President



Matt Fisher '08 & Steven "Corky" Ueng '09 give the Library two thumbs up!

Ham Chase - continued

occasion. He truly is the epitome of what the house's impact is on a person if they give themselves to the ideals we adhere to. The word "dedicated" falls short when describing his relation to the Brethren.

Ham's biggest contribution has been himself. Over the years, he has countlessly volunteered for events, meetings, and for anything to further and deepen the relationships within the fraternity. He is tireless, he transcends generations of us Tri-Kaps, and he is simply a wonderful human being. He is a primary reason that I am a Tri-Kap, and I thank him deeply for his efforts. Thank you for being a Pillar to me, Ham.

Yours in Kappa,
Matthew H. Brown '05

Want to Get More Involved with Tri-Kap?

Tri-Kap is looking at long-term strategic issues for the House

(House maintenance, Alumni Relations and facilities planning).

If you are interested in contributing your time and energy to this process, call or e-mail Tri-Kap Chairman James McKim at 603-493-8186 or mckim@isrginc.com

Accomplishments

While keeping busy with sports, philanthropy and other activities, brothers managed to excel in the classroom. In the Spring '06 term, Tri-Kap's average cumulative GPA surpassed the average fraternity GPA. Also, of 60 active brothers, 25 achieved a GPA above 3.5.

Sean Macrae '08, Edward Son '08 and Tomi Jun '08 have been accepted into the Lamda Rho chapter of the Order of Omega, the nationwide Greek honor society, which selects members based on academic achievement, Greek leadership and campus activities.

Yours in Kappa,
Tomi Jun '08
Academic Chair

The Social Scene

Social chairs this summer focused on strengthening our relationships with Greek houses across campus as well as providing an outlet for brothers to have a fun time. The social scene has recently been booming at Tri-Kap so the social chairs did not find it difficult to inspire excitement while planning social events. Brothers found general sentiment across campus during sophomore summer to be more conducive to social events than during other terms and the social chairs capitalized on that sentiment.

We held several events with the intention of strengthening ties with students across campus. Although large parties are rare during sophomore summer due to stringent alcohol policies, we held several smaller events. As a testament to our strong social status on campus, a steady

stream of students came through our basement almost every night of the week. Also, as always we hosted sororities almost every weekend at pre-party events in which brothers mingle with sisters from a variety of Greek houses.

Social chairs also held several events designed for brothers to have a good time with each other. We began a tradition this summer of hosting midnight Sunday barbecues during which brothers can take a break from studying and hang out on the porch. We also organized almost weekly house trips to attractions in the area only open during the summer such as the rope swing, the local copper mines, and swimming areas of the Connecticut.

We all look forward to reaping the benefits of our strengthened ties with students campus wide by throwing our renowned dance parties starting this fall.

Yours in Kappa,
Faisal Ratansi '08 & Dave Lindenbaum '08
Summer Social Chairs



Members of the '08 class try to pack in just a few more calories after a weekend of partying during our weekly Sunday night cookout.



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