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President's Report

This past summer, I was lucky enough to be on campus with the Kappa Kappa Kappa Class of 2010 over their sophomore summer. It was their first term running the house, and I came away impressed with their ability to take over house responsibilities. And — although not surprising — I was most impressed by their love for the house.

The house was kept in great shape, they stayed on good terms with the administration, and held true to Kappa traditions. Of course, the most important of these traditions is that the '10s also really came together their sophomore summer. From playing *Super Smash Bros* in the library to their outdoor Lock-In trip, the juniors enjoyed a chance to get to know each other and bond as fraternity brothers.

Although Sophomore Summer was a phenomenal time, it was great to see the house full of returning brothers this fall. I have never before seen so much excitement in the freshmen class about Tri-Kap; throughout the term, freshmen have come up to me to say, "This place is amazing, I want to rush here." And even though it was the first term on campus for freshmen, the turnout to our first few Rush events was tremendous.

We've been flourishing in so many aspects of Kappa life thanks to the hard work of our executive board

(and every brother's contributions and infectious love for the house) and many people on campus are taking notice. More importantly, this fall gave us the chance to induct new members into the brotherhood. Our



Brother discuss candidates during elections

Pledge Trainers Valentino Wong '10, Eric Padegimas '09, and Sam Kennedy '09, all did a fantastic job guiding pledges and instilling in them the meaning of being a brother at Tri-Kap. During Homecoming, we held an alumni BBQ event, run by Matt Brown '05. Current brothers and alumni joined in the festivities, and the pledges were captivated by Matt's lecture on Kappa history and bartending. As always, recent alumni told us to "stay at Dartmouth as long as you can. Enjoy your time at Tri-Kap because the memories you make there will be the best of your life."

The executive board put in a tremendous amount of effort during

the fall. With classes, activities and jobs, we all know that undergraduate life is hectic enough on its own, yet there are those who (commendably) choose to take on the additional responsibility of a House executive

position. Each one of our Execs is dedicated to going above and beyond the call of duty. Many of them took time to create events for the House, packing our calendar with a variety of campus entertainment, philanthropy and social events, lectures from professors, and exclusive brotherhood events. Thanks to their hard work, Tri-Kap not only remains among the most active fraternities on campus, but also without question one

of the strongest brotherhoods on campus.

Reflecting on the past two terms, I have never been prouder to be a part of the Tri- Kap family. This year we are determined to do great things, like those before us. I am sure that this strong trend will live on, fostered by the '10s and '11s. We seniors will leave the physical plant in the spring with a heavy heart, but when we do, we at least will know that the future of the Kappa Kappa Kappa society is bright.

Yours in Kappa,
Andrew Jean-Louis
President

Programming Report

This term Tri-Kap continued to be a campus leader and innovator with its amazing programming events. Brotherhood outings to a New Hampshire Fisher Cats minor league baseball game in Manchester, New Hampshire, and a Laser Tag match brought the men of the Pillar and the Shield closer together. Both events had great turnouts and everyone had a blast. Andy Sloan '09 and Adam Merber '10 picked up where the legendary Programming Chair Ian Tapu '08 left off, spearheading a barbeque with the charity organization DREAM that raised over \$400 for charity. A performance by the most popular dance troupe on campus, Sheba, and the remarkable Dog Day Players at Tri-Kap helped sustain and increase the house's presence around campus.

Andy Sloan has previously served as programming chair for two terms and philanthropy chair for one term, and is known for creative charitable events. This term was no different, as he and Adam organized a three-on-three basketball tournament for the International Humanitarian Foundation along with 99 Rock/ 1340 WDCR that raised almost \$1,000 for charity! The event will become an annual outing, with the radio station providing excellent press for the house.

Adam has shown marvelous capabilities in his first term as Programming Chair, organizing a *Super Smash Brothers* video game tournament at Tri-Kap for charity with the Andy's helpful guidance. Adam did the bulk of the on-site setup and organization. The event was a tremendous success, drawing a huge crowd and raising over \$300 for charity!

Upcoming terms will find the house paired with the radio station in several events, giving Tri-Kap free publicity and another source of sponsorship money. The future looks bright for the programming events at 1 Webster Avenue.

Yours in Kappa,
Andy Sloan '09 & Adam Merber '10
Programming Chairs

Philanthropy Chairman's Report

This fall term, Rush brought the addition of twenty-eight new members, many of whom were very eager to contribute to Tri-Kap's long-standing tradition of service and philanthropy. Our house requires a minimum requirement of five hours of community service per brother, and this term we more than met that quota. Combined, our brothers put in a total of 386 hours of community service, which averages out to just over six-and-a-half hours per brother.

We began this term with an in-house clothing drive. Brothers donated a wide variety of clothing, including winter jackets, boots, jeans, and sweaters that were packed into large cardboard boxes and dropped off at the Tucker Foundation. The Tucker Foundation then distributed those donated clothes to the local Listen Centers in the Upper Valley. In total, we donated about eight full boxes of clothing.

This fall we repeated many of our successful philanthropy events from the past. Our now-established weekly grilled cheese fundraisers raised approximately \$600 in DASH and cash donations this term. We also repeated last spring term's successful Super Smash Bros. 64 Video Game Tournament. We raised just under \$200 in donations. We repeated our participation in the campus Red Cross Blood Drive; brothers helped set up and break down for the event, and helped advertise by going around campus dressed as the Red Cross Blood Drop mascot.

By far our biggest event of the term was our second annual Halloween Trick-or-Treat event on Webster Avenue. The event was planned and organized by Andrew Sloan '09, Adam Merber '10, and Joseph Pena '10, and included participation from many other houses on Webster Avenue, like Beta, Phi-Delt, EKT, and Tri-Delt. In addition to organizing the event and closing down Webster Avenue, Tri-Kap had a large bouncing castle, snow cone machine, costume contest, and a haunted house in its basement.

The event saw full support and participation by the entire brotherhood. Among its attendees were children and parents from the local Upper Haven community, Big Brother Big Sister, DREAM, and (of course) Dartmouth students.

One of our brothers, Jude Chiy '10, was one of the main organizers of the on-campus "Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk," which was held in early November. Tri-Kap supported both our brother and the cause; our team for the event raised over \$200, and brothers helped people sign up and register at the event itself. Many of our brothers participated in the Walk to further show support. The event was a huge success, and we congratulate Jude for his effort and dedication.

Our fundraising efforts went primarily to support brothers' causes. Aside from the aforementioned Suicide Prevention



Halloween at 1 Webster Ave

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Walk, we supported the Cheyenne River Youth Project (of which Jiles Pourier '08 is a member), as well as the Kenya Project, a philanthropic movement that Cameron Sharman '11 is involved in, which provides aid to displaced Kenyan families. In total we raised well over \$1,000 this term.

Next term will be my final term as Philanthropy Chair, and already we have a number of events planned. In addition to holding another all-campus video game tournament, we are hoping to organize a campus Texas Hold-Em Poker tournament, and may plan a can drive to support the Upper Valley Haven's Food Shelf program. It seems that Tri-Kap's philanthropic efforts are only heating up, despite the cold winter months ahead!

Yours In Kappa,
Joseph Pena '10
Philanthropy Chair



A crowd gathers at the Halloween event



The haunted house in the basement



Hip-Hop in Morocco Event



Alumni President James McKim '83 at Homecoming.

House Managers' Report

The fall trimester has historically been perhaps the most exciting yet hectic term for any Tri-Kap House Manager. This term was no different – it started out a bit chaotic, as we had 18 brothers simultaneously move into the house. Things eventually slowed down, and once they did, the brotherhood banded together and accomplished many projects that would make any Tri-Kap member, young or old, proud to be part of the house.

This term was a particularly productive term for house cleaning and repair, as we had two major cleanups of the term – one just before homecoming (to prepare the house for all the alumni traveling up), and another right before Lock-In. The bathroom saw yet another overhaul: We repaired the hinges on the stall doors as well as the entrance door to the bathroom and replaced our aging toilet paper dispensers. Additionally, brothers took on the task of organizing and re-felting the President's desk in the G.O.T.E. Room. Brothers also replaced the hydraulic hinges on many of the old house doors. They now swing and shut properly, thus better protecting our house from both intruders and the oft unforgiving Hanover weather. Other interesting house projects included replacing the front yard steel grates that covered our basement windows, now ensuring a safer environment for both brothers and non-brothers alike, as well as archiving. We also archived old Kappa documents, such as party invitations and rush cards, with some of the materials dating back to the early 1900s.

The two main repair projects of the term included refinishing the living room floor and replacing our inoperative steam boiler. The former was accomplished by our 2011 pledge class. Under the direction of the House Managers and brother Christopher Takeuchi '09, the pledges thoroughly cleaned the floor, sanded it down, re-stained it a dark cherry oak hue, and finished it with a number of coats of floor varnish. The project took

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approximately a week to accomplish, but in the end turned out to be quite the success.

The other major project of the term, replacing the steam boiler, turned out to be somewhat more of a task than the House Managers had originally planned. After Irving Oil's installation of the industrial steam boiler, we had many a night over the next two months where the heat would intermittently shut off. Not to fear, however, as the House Managers were always quick to contact Irving and summon a technician, no matter what hour of the night. As a result, we subsequently met with the Irving technicians and the manufacturer's representative two or three times per week, and worked our way through the problems. With luck, the boiler should be working efficiently come the beginning of winter term.

On behalf of the current Kappa Kappa Kappa brotherhood, we hope that you alumni will visit your former home and take note of all the efforts both the House Managers and the brotherhood as a whole have put in.

Yours in Kappa,
Mark Heller & Eric Larson
House Managers



Sheba performs.



Pledges perform before the Sheba show.

Social Chairman's Report

This fall the brothers of Tri-Kap had another successful term of social events. Our fall was packed full of well attended, popular events from our signature Monday Night Freeze featuring frozen drinks to our traditional Friday Night dance parties. From the beginning of the term, it remained clear that Kappa Kappa Kappa was still the place to go for a great night, whether on the pong table or the dance floor.

Our newest pong table rang in the beginning of a very busy fall term. New and returning Dartmouth students flocked to 1 Webster Avenue, appreciative of the relaxed, fun loving atmosphere, engaging music, and titillating conversation. The brotherhood hosted private events with each of the seven sororities on campus as well as events that attracted some portion of the entire Dartmouth community. Our three dance parties utilized the mixing expertise of DJs Grimmee (Andy Sloan '09) and the Keystone Cowboy (Chris Takeuchi '09), which brought in huge crowds each of the

three nights. Social Chairs Michael Brasher '10 and Zach Gottlieb '10 were also proud to bring back an old favorite of years past – Wallbangers – to draw a new crowd to Tri-Kap.

Tri-Kap hosted its Fall Formal at a new location, the Hartness House (in Springfield, VT) at the end of the term. The well-appointed bed and breakfast served as the perfect setting for a classy night of dining and dancing to celebrate the successful fall term with the daughters of Dartmouth. In summary 1 Webster saw another exciting social term this fall. If only these aging walls could talk.

Yours in Kappa,
Michael Brasher '10
Zach Gottlieb '10
Social Chairs

Academic Chairman's Report

This term the brotherhood continued to successfully balance work and play. In addition to their regular academic schedule, they also made room for two special, brotherhood-exclusive guest lectures at Tri-Kap – from Professors Peter Travis and Aden Evens of the English Department. The former lectured on modern masculinity and the latter on digital arts. Both were well attended showing clear evidence that the brothers of Tri-Kap continue to seek edification as well as other (perhaps alcohol-related?) pastimes.

Yours in Kappa,
Jamie Lee
Academic Chair

Rush Chair Report

Rush this past fall went well once again. We continued with our traditional sporting event, where we played football with some of the Rushees and then headed back to the house for barbecue and pong. This combination was quite popular. We also had the customary final Rush Pong Tournament, which had a great turnout. Finally, we had smaller, more intimate events including social pong, harbor, and other, low-key affairs, such as individual brothers inviting Rushees to play pong or grab a meal.

Rush itself was a big success . Roughly eighty sophomores showed up over the two nights, up from about seventy last year. In addition, twenty-eight guys sunk their bids, up from twenty-three last year (the third highest of the fourteen fraternities). Although unfortunately a few of them could not complete their pledge terms, the brotherhood agrees that we have a great Rush class this year and welcome to Tri-Kap twenty-two brothers of the '11 class.

Yours in Kappa,
Teddy Sinsheimer '10
Andrew Greenberg '09
Rush Chairs

Athletic Chair Report

Fall term was football and soccer season for IM sports. Football was a bit disappointing, but soccer went very well. IM Football consisted of a Flag Football tournament over the course three weekends. The first weekend Tri-Kap had a double-header scheduled, but none of the other teams showed up (perhaps because it was the day after Rush). Thus, we were 2-0 after that weekend due to forfeits. A promising start, but the season ended there. For reasons unknown, the IM Commissioner stopped all contact about games, and football was forgotten.

Soccer, on the other hand, was very successful. Brothers were very excited for the games, and we had great turnouts. Our team did well due to our experienced soccer players, including members of the Club Soccer team (four of whom were pledges), and the hard work of our less-experienced players. Tri-Kap went undefeated for the regular season, with just one tie (against AD) and easily defeating the rest. During the playoffs, we had an amusing victory over TDX, during which they complained about every call the ref made. Tensions ran high, and sure enough a fight broke out at the end of the match (but was quickly broken up). In the finals, however, we suffered a heartbreaking loss to a team named "FC Compton." We fought hard, but were outplayed in the 2-0 loss.

Other sporting events included house football and basketball games. Brothers played against the pledges, with some of their house privileges on the line. Both games saw crushing defeats for the pledges.

Overall, it was a good term for Jock events, and I look forward to the return of Samir Mehta '10 as Jock Chair next term.

Yours in Kappa,
Islam Fayed '10
Jock Chair

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



Tri-Kap Juniors at Fall Formal



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!

Reunion Dates:
Tuesday, June 16th 4 PM
Saturday, June 20th 4 PM
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