



PILLAR



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FALL 2009



Notes and Announcements:

Fall rush is set for Saturday, October 10, and Sunday, October 11. Alumni are welcome to come and judge the caliber of potential members of the Class of 2012. 7 PM, *Tri-Kap Living Room*.

Homecoming 2009 is October 23-25. Please e-mail Trikap@dartmouth.edu to let us know if you're planning to visit! Expect a formal reception on Saturday, October 24th for all visiting alumni.

If you are interested in the major renovation plans for Tri-Kap, please contact James McKim at jtmckim@myfairpoint.net.

Please visit our frequently-updated blog at trikap.blogspot.com. Add comments, see pictures, check in on the house, and feel free to make donations! Of course, you can always start out with our website at tri-kap.com, which includes our look-up page for all Tri-Kap alumni (<http://209.198.98.98/Trikap/search.php>).

And finally, join our group on Linked In ([Linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)) to join the Kappa Kappa Kappa message board and connect to current undergrads and fellow alumni.

President's Report

Fellow Brothers,
Zach and I would like to thank you for taking the time to read our Spring & Summer 2009 Pillar Newsletter. We hope this Pillar finds you in good spirits and good health.

It has been another successful year at 1 Webster, with one of the strongest executive boards in recent memory. Today, Tri-Kap remains vibrant and strong. Between the Classes of 2010 and 2011, we have over 50 brothers. Tri-Kap, as always, is known for the strength of our brotherhood and the life-long bonds we share.

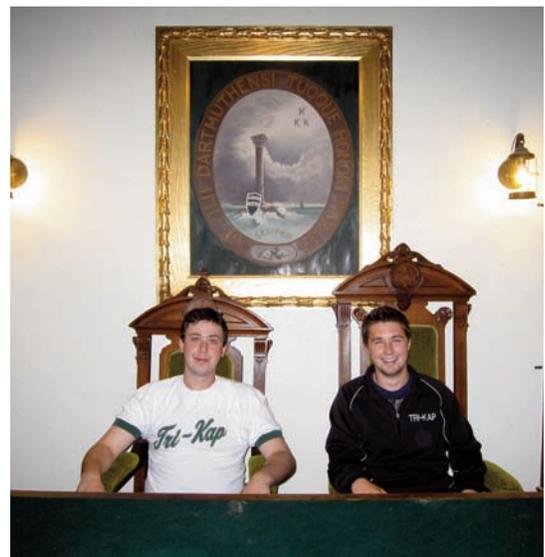
Spring was a busy term, as always. Among our many events, which you will read about in this issue, was our formal farewell to the Class of 2009, who we will warmly remember as a diverse group of loyal brothers. They enjoyed a magical senior dinner, followed by a rainy Commencement on the Green, to celebrate their graduation from Dartmouth. The Tri-Kap class of 2009 has dispersed around the girdled earth, from the United States to England to Asia. They will be missed.

Sadly, the brotherhood came together to mourn the loss of our house dog, Hobie, who was hit by a car in May. Brothers were deeply affected by the news, but came

together to cope with the loss. We held a burial for him on our front lawn, where he will continue to be a part of our house.

The summer class held itself to the same standards of Kappa excellence in all respects. They made great strides to incorporate innovative programming, inter-organizational philanthropy, and brotherhood events into their term, and made the decision to bring two new canine brothers – Parker and Sam – into the house.

Over the past year, the undergraduates have enthusiastically helped Tri-Kap's Alumni Board develop plans for the house's future. Our 90-year-old house is in need of major renovation to ensure the strength of our brotherhood for the next century to come. As brothers, we



Zachary Gottlieb and Michael Brasher at the helm, from the G.O.T.E. room

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must come together to secure the Tri-Kap experience for future generations. Stay tuned for more information on the exciting plans or contact James McKim if you are interested in aiding the process.

We enter fall term with enthusiasm and confidence. We are hopeful that President Kim will realize the great benefit of Dartmouth's Greek organizations and support our missions. We look forward to an energetic young Class of 2012 and the future renovations that will provide much-needed rejuvenation to our physical plant.

Lastly, Zach and I invite you to reconnect with the brotherhood. Check the house website and blog frequently, send us a note to the Tri-Kap email account (Kappa.Kappa.Kappa@Dartmouth.EDU), share a story from your time as an undergraduate, or join us in Hanover for Fall Rush or Homecoming. Remember, you are always welcome home. Just be sure you bring your pong A game.

Yours in Kappa,

Michael Brasher '10, President
Zachary Gottlieb '10, Vice President



The Class of 2009 enjoys Senior Dinner

Brotherhood Kept Strong Through Innovative Programming



Several Tri-Kap '10s enjoying spring break in Cancun together.

The Spring of 2009 saw a continuation of our vibrant and cohesive brotherhood, as Tri-Kap brothers continued to bond over a multitude of in-house and inter-fraternity programming events.

We organized myriad successful events in the spring term, starting off with an Easter Egg Hunt for the local community. Brothers enjoyed themselves with traditional Tri-Kap events such as movie nights, paint-balling, and a performance by the hip-hop group SHEBA. We also hosted the first inter-fraternity Poker Tournament, in which Tri-Kap brothers showed their dominance in the art of Texas Hold-'em by winning the tournament and having four brothers at the final table.

Spring term Lock-In included a Big Fatty's BBQ, a house game of soccer and kickball, and a discussion about the purchase of new dogs for the house. As Spring term drew to a close, we hosted McNutts, bringing the joy of food to brothers during reading period and finals week.

Filled with sunny days and long nights, the Summer of '09 carried on the tradition of festivity. From week to week, brothers enjoyed placing bets with each other during intense games of poker and

watching movies in the library. Hot dogs and hamburgers were on the grill constantly. But, despite the relaxed nature of the term, our commitment to community was not forgotten.

We volunteered to bring excitement to the SEAD Carnival Program in which high school students bobbed for apples and won a variety of prizes. To combat the humidity, AZD joined us for a lawn party with refreshments and a slip-n-slide. We also had the unforgettable experience of welcoming two new brothers, Sam and Parker, a pair of irresistible black lab puppies. They are delighted to be a part of the house. To top off the summer, brothers trekked to Montreal to spend quality time and escape the constant academic mayhem that arrives towards the end of the term. In order to celebrate the end of a beautiful summer in Hanover with the rest of campus, we hosted a triple-threat show consisting of Sheba Lite, Summerphonics, and Dodecs and maintained our status as a fraternity of engagement, energy, and excellence.

Yours in Kappa,

Jinwoo Baik '11 & Blair Randall '11,
Spring and Summer Programming Chairs

Tri-Kap Remains Social Leader on Campus

Along with warm weather and sunny days, the brotherhood enjoyed many successful social events during spring term. The first dance party, featuring Blair Randall '11 in his debut as "DJ Kemmik," was packed the entire night. The hundred students that remained when we turned on the lights at 3 AM were a testament to Blair's popularity and the fact that Kappa Kappa Kappa continues to throw some of the best parties on campus.



Starting the second week of the term, we began serving college probation (of disputable origins) for an incident during the winter. The brotherhood took full advantage of this opportunity to improve event procedures and to strengthen relations with Safety and Security and the college administration. Brian Bowden, the college's

Alcohol Education coordinator, spoke to brothers about potential safety risks during parties and offered advice on how to minimize them. Safety and Security Director Harry Kinne and Associate Director Keysi Montas also spoke to the brotherhood about working efficiently with S&S officers to avoid unfortunate misunderstandings in the future. Ultimately, the brothers chose to create a video about safe party practices, to ensure we are prepared for any potential problems at social events.



Our spring and summer formals demonstrated the classier side of Kappa men.

We continued our tradition of hosting an alcohol-free dance party for prospective students over Dimensions weekend. The event was very well attended. We also had events with sororities most weekends throughout the term, offering brothers a chance to charm their way into new friendships. The socially vibrant term concluded with our end-of-term formal at Lake Morey Resorts in Fairlee, Vermont. Brothers enjoyed fine food, a beautiful sunset, and lakeside views at one of the nicest locations in the area. The senior brothers provided humorous entertainment throughout the night, including a special performance of their sophomore year pledge dance. It was a great way to end the term.

This summer, we had an unprecedented mix of both Semi-Formal and Formal dances. The Semi was held at the 1 Webster with the ladies from Alpha Phi sorority. Formal was held at the DOC house on Occom Pond, with exquisite catering from Gusanos Taqueria. The weather cooperated to allow the fashionably dressed couples to take classic twilight pond photographs.

As a class, we have established connections on the rest of the campus. We have had gatherings with virtually every sorority, and we even attempted new inter-fraternity events. As the term comes to a close, we can safely say that the '11 Tri-Kaps have not only grown as a class but that we also have left our impression to the rest of campus.

The brotherhood was fortunate to enjoy many successful social events these past two terms, and we look forward to greeting the new Kappa class and showing them how good life in our hallowed halls can be.

Yours in Kappa,

Mike Abendroth '11 & Cameron Sharman '11, Spring Social Chairs
Conrad Whitaker '11 & John Mackay '11, Summer Social Chairs

Brothers Retain Tri-Kap's Financial Solvency

These have been banner terms for undergraduate finances at Tri-Kap. In addition to fully funding the brotherhood's normal activities, we paid off all major debts and took resolute steps to plan for our future. In light of adverse economic conditions, the executive board worked together to spend the house's money on what is most important: activities that both strengthen our ties to one another and establish our social presence on campus. Additionally, early June marked the maturation of the house's Third Century Fund certificate of deposit at Ledyard Bank. The resulting income will be directed toward long-anticipated house maintenance projects. As for summer, the Class of 2011 was quite frugal with its budget, spending well under the income from rent and dues, and plans to contribute significantly to the maintenance fund and the Third Century nest egg.

Yours in Kappa,

Leonard Lewis '10, Spring Treasurer
Leonard Chang '11, Summer Treasurer

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Philanthropy Chair Report

This Spring, Tri-Kap received an important honor as the Greek house recognized for greatest service efforts at the Order of Omega Awards. In addition, Joseph Pena '10 received an award for single greatest Greek contributor to philanthropy at Dartmouth. Needless to say, we continue to be recognized as the leaders in campus volunteer and philanthropic efforts.

In the continued spirit of contribution to the community, at the beginning of this term, Joseph Pena '10 (former service chair) collaborated with Jinwoo Baik '11 and Blair Randall '11 (our programming chairs) to organize an Easter Egg Hunt in Collis Commonground for Hanover and Upper Valley children and their parents. We provided pizza, chips, and refreshments. After the egg hunt, the kids and their parents watched an episode of "Dora the Explorer: The Easter Egg Special." We had about 20 brothers volunteering throughout the 3-hour event, while even more set up prior to the start of the egg hunt. Several professors brought their own children to participate, and it was deemed a very successful event.

During the term, brothers took shifts and helped run fundraisers for both Grassroots Soccer and Habitat for Humanity under the Rockefeller Center overhang on Friday nights. We also had the opportunity this term to host a DREAM BBQ on our lawn and we had many kids and their DREAM mentors come by to eat grilled food and hang out.

For the Blood Drive this term, Tri-Kap brothers took time to help set up and clean up at Alumni Hall. Setting up involved putting up signs all around the green to promote blood donations and cleaning up involved closing down the individual stations and packing up the medical equipment and supplies back into the trucks.

Several Tri-Kap brothers volunteered during the Special Olympics Summer

Games about midway through the term. We were able to help setup and register teams for the opening ceremony and lead them into the march around the track. We then helped out in the swimming events by timing the contestants and providing



Children in the community enjoy Tri-Kap's community Easter Egg hunt

updates on which events were coming up. Overall it was a very rewarding and enjoyable experience.

Brothers have been doing a great job these terms with individual service and volunteer work as well. Some of the organizations that Tri-Kap brothers were committed to this term include: OLE (Outdoor Leadership Experience), DREAM, and Big Brother Big Sister. Three brothers also had the great opportunity to travel across the country and to the Dominica Republic through Tucker ASB trips this past spring break to volunteer for different organizations addressing homelessness, poverty, healthcare, youth education, and cultural diversity.

During the summer '09 term, we organized several successful philanthropy events. In the first few weeks of the term, Tri-Kap brothers sponsored a SEAD dinner during a Saturday afternoon and also got together to volunteer for the big Prouty event that same day. Brothers volunteered for the Prouty by helping to move food supplies and keeping the event organized and helping cleaning up afterwards. The programming chairs and I

also organized a "bobbing for apples" station for the SEAD carnival the following week. We also supported the Blood Drive this term as we have done in the past each term. One organization that we truly enjoyed working with was

Students Fighting Hunger. We bought a three-course dinner to feed the low-income families and elderly in the neighborhood. The dinner was prepared with the help of a few brothers and the SFH members at the "Our Savior Lutheran Church" on Summer Street. In addition, our IFC volleyball tournament team was able to raise about \$150 for the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth.

In the fall, I will plan on having more fundraisers and working with the fall term pledges to sign up for

many more volunteering opportunities to maintain the outstanding image of Tri-Kap in terms of community service for the past several years.

Yours in Kappa,
Dan Choi '11, Philanthropy Chair

Physical Plant Maintenance Tedious, But Effective

This past spring, we were hard at work with repairs and renovations as well as preparing the house for the annual Commencement & Reunion exercises.

During spring break, while most brothers were on vacation or visiting home, the kitchen and bathroom of the basement suffered an attack from a potentially hazardous mold. With the help of a contractor and the tireless support of Cameron Sharman '11 and Alex Spinoso '08, we managed to rid the basement of the mold and prevent its growth. This old house has been host to scores of classes of brothers, and unfortunately signs of wear are becoming more frequent and more pronounced. Early this spring, during snowmelt, parts of the basement periodically became inundated with standing water, because portions of the patio were no longer watertight. However, the '11 class diligently stayed on top of their cleanup duties to ensure that the standing water would not facilitate increased mold growth or physical deterioration. To further improve the condition of the basement, we asked Dartmouth's FO&M team to assist us in replacing all of the overhead lights in the basement. With several brand new fluorescent fixtures, the basement looks much more inviting and clean.

For our annual lock-in, the entire brotherhood worked to improve the condition and aesthetics of the house's interior and exterior. The carpet was steam-cleaned, the basement stairs were re-treaded, composites from the '08 class were hung, windows were replaced, etc. With everyone's contributions toward a multitude of different projects, the appearance of the house increased dramatically. Moreover, several brothers volunteered to stay an extra week after spring courses ended to help clean and organize the house for commencement and reunions. We thank these brothers for their hard work and determination to make the house presentable and welcoming for alumni and their families.

During the summer, we continued the repairs and maintenance of our physical plant. The frequent Hanover Summer rain showers caused water to seep down into the basement and create excess moisture

that risked mold growth. We also replaced the broken basement fan with a new one, which ensured heavy airflow through the basement to reduce moisture. The house also acquired a dehumidifier to combat airborne moisture. In addition, we bleach-scrubbed walls and ceilings in both the basement and the bathroom to control the mold, and painted over significant portions of the basement floor and walls with anti-mold product.

Brothers also worked to improve the exterior appearance of the house, by removing stray weeds and bushes in the parking lot, back of the house, and the front yard. In addition, four dying cedar trees were removed from our yard to provide a better view of the house and improve aesthetics.

For the summer lock-in, the brothers of the Tri-Kap Class of 2011 worked hard to leave the house better than they found it. Bruce Williamson '74 helped hire his company Domus to replace the drywall in the boiler room and seal the patio leaks that contributed to basement flooding. Subsequently, we hired a local service to completely sanitize the basement with superheated steamers and anti-microbial solutions. The College was extremely pleased with the work we had done with the basement, and we are taking care of the house to the best of our abilities.

Yours in Kappa,

Islam Fayed '10, Joseph Garagliano '11,
Jack Wang '11, Housemen



Our newest brothers, black labs Sam and Parker

Jock Chairs' Report

This spring, we had a disappointing record in our softball season that clearly did not reflect our overall performance. We were never out of a game going into the final inning but just couldn't manage to pull through. Despite our losses, brothers enjoyed ventures to the gym for basketball and weightlifting, as well as occasional group runs around Occom Pond.

This summer the brothers of Tri-Kap were a force to be reckoned with in intramural sports. After losing out in the semifinals of intramural softball, we did take home the legendary Intramural Champion hats in the IM soccer finals. After a close semifinal game against Sig Ep which went to penalty kicks, Tri-Kap defeated AD in the finals, winning by a score of 3-0.

Yours in Kappa,
Connor Heinrich '10,
Spring Jock Chair
Travis Whitfield '11,
Summer Jock Chair



Tri-Kap's championship-winning team demonstrates their dominance

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



Tri-Kaps enjoy the beautiful summer sun on the Connecticut. See page 2.

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!



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