

Kappa Kappa Kappa Society Annual Meeting



**Kappa Kappa Kappa Society
(of Dartmouth College)
1 Webster Avenue
Hanover, NH 03755**

Annual Meeting --May 15, 2004

Vice-President James McKim opened the meeting at 11:22.

I. Introductions

James McKim acted as meeting chairman, and asked each voting member to introduce himself. Members attending were:

James McKim '83	Jason Lee '05
Bruce Westcott '72	Jeff Lin '02
Bruce Williamson '74	Christian Wylonis '06
Sunil S. Bhagavath '03	David C.L. Phillibert '05
Kevin Flemming '93	Jeffrey Iacovio '05
Joel Hwang '06	Cameron Hahn '06
Derrick Chu '04	Angad Banga '06
Wonjoong Kim '06	Christopher Vale '06
Nannan Hu '06	Eisho Porter '06
Peter Hughes ,06	Aaron Zwintscher ,05
Eddie Dunn ,06	Harry Youm ,06
Daniel Choi ,05	Will Trepp ,02
Brain Crane '06	Alexander Taylor ,04
Eric Chen '06	Mark Perez ,02
David Cao '06	Joshua Stabiner ,03
Paul Rosania '05	Mark Decker ,06
Matthew Potts '05	

II. Review of Minutes

Bruce Westcott reviewed the minutes of the annual meeting of May 17, 2003. A copy was passed around for review by the brothers assembled. A motion was made and passed (Williamson/Westcott) unanimously to accept the minutes.

III. Reports

James explained that the meeting will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Orders, and the contents of the agenda.

A. *President – Ham Chase '47*

Ham was unable to attend due to his wife's illness, but conveyed some remarks through Vice-President James McKim. Ham's remarks conveyed his satisfaction

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with the membership and the social culture of the House. James conveyed his own sentiments, including the concern that Tri-Kap ranks relatively low in academic achievement, relevant to other houses.

B. Secretary – Bruce Westcott '72

Bruce thanked James for his remarks, and highlighted his desire to encourage undergraduates to stay informed and knowledgeable about the affairs of the corporation.

C. Treasurer - Terry Lowd '66

Terry was unable to attend, but reported as follows: The attached financial statements show the alumni association to be in a good position financially. We held our own in dues contributions (302 donors this year vs. 309 last year) even with a dues increase. We lost some ground in the Work and Rush contributions with the income there decreasing about \$3,000.00, the most significant decrease being in the Rush category (down 200 donors and \$6,500), but the Work fund donors increased slightly (35) and the dollars grew by \$3,200. Our dues and contributions increased by nearly \$3,000.00 from 2003

Our overall expenses were up by \$1,000.00 from 2003, most of that can be attributed to the work that the fund raising committee is doing and the transition to CMA . Overall we were able to contribute \$2,100.00 more to our positive cash flow (\$10,765.00 vs. 8,665.00) than we did last year which is a good trend particularly in light of the proposed projects that are currently under consideration.

The Treasurer's complete financial report is attached to these minutes.

D. House Advisor – Tom Woon

Tom Woon introduced himself, as a relatively new House advisor who was invited by the undergraduate brothers to be their advisor last year. He explained that he has been on campus for just 20 months, but that he has heard very little sentiment for "getting rid" of the Greek system. He said he believes The College is very interested in helping the Greek houses in four ways:

1. Assistance with funding to support physical plant upgrades,
2. Assistance with leadership development,
3. Development of better and more diverse programming, and
4. Improvements in safety and security matters.

Tom said that he has heard regular reports of satisfaction with Tri-Kap's leadership on campus, and has enjoyed regular Tuesday luncheons with several of the brothers.

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E. Undergraduate President Jeff Iacono '05

Jeff made some remarks about whether the College supports or does not support fraternities. He said that Tri-Kap was “caught” with some extra kegs, that he met with the Dean to discuss relationships, and that he felt that the College is sympathetic to and willing to work with houses. He believes the College likes the diversity of Tri-Kap and the programs and social life we support. They do have concerns about our academic standing, and there was some discussion of what might be done about that. **Ed Lee '04** (retiring President) added comments about progress on Tri-Kap’s “Action Plan” over the past year. He explained that only 18 months ago we may have been one of the top few houses (academically), but feels that academic performance is something that varies, and we need to work on. Another focus of our action plan is Rush and our desire to attract campus leaders.

Bruce Williamson asked what Ed considers to be our single biggest problem. Ed responded that the continuous rise in insurance and tax expenses is very taxing; our solution is recruitment of more brothers to help spread the expense. The greatest operational challenge is keeping the house well-ordered and clean.

Sunil Bhagavath asked undergraduate opinion about change of rush back to Fall Term, and Jeff reviewed the discussions between the Greek Council and the College Undergraduate Vice-President. Tentatively, the solution will be to move Greek rush back to fall term, sophomore year.

F. Undergraduate Treasurer David Cao '06

Dave said that our annual report (undergraduate operating fund) was submitted to the College at the end of March. College review results came back in April; all was satisfactory. Dave summarized operating costs, which left us with an operating surplus of about \$23,000 for the year. The three major expense groups were property taxes, insurance (paid through the College), and social programming. A balance of about \$35,000 remains in the House operating account, with about \$39,000 in the House reserve (maintenance and repair) account.

G. Undergraduate Rush Chair Angad Banga '06

In recent weeks Tri-Kap has been unable to work on rush (due to probationary status with the College). Prior to that, we were working to get around to meet more potential brothers, and we have a list of over 35 potential members. The class of '06 has twenty members, which compares favorably with many other houses. Our diversity is excellent, by comparison, with members of diverse ethnicity, sports affiliation, and other activities. In response to a question from James, Angad described current makeup of the house as having a few rugby and track team members, and a positive outlook about attracting new members from other sports groups.

H. Undergraduate Social Chairs Ned Hu '6 & Christian Wylonis '06

Ned explained that Tri-Kap was put on probation because of having more than the allowed number of beer kegs at a party early in the term. As a result the College disallowed any registered social functions for two weeks (i.e., no alcohol allowed and a risk aversion talk provided for all the brothers.) Although this meant that other potential members did not attend House functions for this period. Ned feels frustrated in dealing with the Administration, and that they are unwilling to meet reasonable requests for use of alcohol at parties. Sunil explained that the College has ruled that just 24 kegs can be on campus at one time, so that when multiple parties are scheduled, everyone is short-changed. There was extensive discussion of the challenges of managing alcohol on campus successfully. Sunil congratulated the undergraduates on working with The College to find a way to re-open our bar, which has been boarded up because of distributing alcohol at parties.

Christian said that he believes the College expects us to run a party safely and appreciates the fact that last night's party was successful and safe. Ned said that we are "pretty booked" for social events for the rest of the year, and that we get positive feedback from potential rushees. Social chairs and Rush chair work closely to make certain that we host events that will be attractive to next year's rushees: 2007s.

I. Program Chair Harry Youm '06

Harry discussed a recent party which was non-alcoholic, and which was very successful. We received positive feedback from the Admissions Office, because they are aware that College applicants have a good time when they come to our (alcohol-free) programs and parties. The "risk aversion" discussion which resulted from the probationary status was useful and well-received by the brothers. Harry mentioned some of the upcoming social, musical, and discussion events. He expects we'll have to continue coming up with unique programs that people feel are fun, informative, high-quality, and well-received. Past president Ed Lee mentioned that we worked with the College program on sexual assault to host a program, which was well-received.

J. House Managers David Phillibert '05 & Peter Hughes '06

David discussed current house projects for cleaning and fixing: repair of bricks on the front walk, cleaning of the house face with a power washer, replacement of carpeting on the stairs to the second and third floors, and of carpets on the second floor. Peter said that they have compiled a list of members who will be present during the end of spring term, and during the graduation and reunions period. The House will work with a few members to make sure the house is kept clean during this period. Finally, Peter is negotiating with an alumnus who has provided high-quality shutters to other houses, and Tri-Kap may acquire replacements. Dave said that the effort to move trash cans out of public second-floor space has worked well. He said that brothers have worked on the cellar bathroom, fixing the floor, tile grout, and other issues.

IV. Old Business

A. *Physical Plant (Bruce Williamson)*

Bruce presented a full report on the status of proposed physical plant modifications; it is attached to these minutes.

Discussion: "What prevents brothers from choosing to live in the House, and what features would make residence more attractive?" Sunil has initiated an effort to poll other recent graduates around questions about the desirability of adding new residential space. Some concern was expressed that additional bed capacity would lead the College to assign more non-members to reside here. Undergraduates asked when work might begin on the House; Bruce replied that fall '04 would be the earliest possible, but that he really does not know.

B. *Financial Task Force (Bruce Westcott)*

Bruce reported that last November the Board sought volunteers for a "Financial Task Force" to address the following questions in light of physical plant life/safety upgrades required by the College:

1. Can we raise the amount of money we need to make the enhancements to the house? If not, how much can we reasonably expect to raise?
2. Through what sources? Using what is the recommended approach(es)?
3. What information does Tri-Kap need to be able to determine the feasibility.
4. What are alumni reasons for giving?
5. What should our legal/organizational strategy for fund-raising be?

The group has met via conference calls several times, and has reviewed overall strategy, history of Tri-Kap alumni donations, and physical plant modifications required by the College. Currently the Committee is expecting to hear refined cost estimates from the house Architect and project manager (Bruce Williamson). They are also considering issues of organizational tax exemption and a long-term strategy for seeking financial support from active and alumni brothers.

C. *Alumni Communications*

There was general discussion of the best means for communicating with Alumni and involving them in house events. James McKim mentioned that a few years ago we did a "Career Day" that brought alumni back to the House to discuss job-finding and performance skills. There was discussion of using "The Pillar," and possibly email to promote such activities.

V. New Business

James McKim asked if there was other business; none was suggested. He thanked everyone for their attendance and interest in the affairs of the House.

VI. Adjourn For Initiation

A motion to adjourn was passed unanimously (Flemming/Williamson) at 1:54 PM.

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Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report (Details)

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INCOME STATEMENT (Unaudited)
MAY 1, 2003-APRIL 30, 2004

Income

Annual Dues (302 donors)	7,525.00
House Fund contributions (147)	7,818.00
Rush Fund (62)	1,462.00
Set up cash draw, ½ annual fee	3,000.00
Misc. Income	<u>600.00</u>
Total Income	<u>20,405.00</u>

Expense

Office Expense	
Telephone, Fax	208.06
Printing	
Stationery stock	24.75
Printing other	539.70
Duplicating	260.17
Postage/shipping	2,103.28
Supplies	<u>238.58</u>
Total office expense	3,383.50
Administration	
CMA Mgmt Fee	4,000.00
Special Projects	<u>1,425.00</u>
Total Administration	5,425.00
Directory	799.38
Miscellaneous	<u>31.66</u>
Total Expense	9,639.52
Net Income from CMA	<u>10,765.48</u>

Fleet Bank Balance 29,690.57

Less expenses paid from Fleet Account

Norwich Inn dinner	200.00
Stewart Howe, misc billings	759.26
Tri-Kap, piano moving	150.00
Johnson & Dix, burner service contract	340.00
Stewart Howe, data run	600.00
Tri-Kap, reunion/cleaning	<u>320.00</u>
Total expense	2,369.26

Attachment 2: Status of the Physical Plant Modifications

The biggest building-code-compliance challenge facing Tri-Kap is associated with means-of-escape from all of the living and sleeping spaces, especially from the third floor. Our stairways have shortcomings that make it very difficult to comply with the building code through “minor” renovation. Earlier this spring, we met with Sue Reed and John Vansant of Smith & Vansant Architect, and looked at an option to add a stairway on the east end of the building that would run from the basement all the way up to the GOTE room. At that time we asked Smith & Vansant to look at an addition to the west. On May 10th, we reviewed some preliminary drawings for such an addition. While the drawings and the prospect are very exciting, there are four issues to tackle before they are developed much further.

1. The first issue is to get a boundary survey done to determine our lot lines and where the house sits on the lot. (This is in motion, and we expect the survey to be done within the next couple of weeks.)
2. The second is to ensure there are no problems with respect to the zoning ordinance. Issues include: lot coverage, lot setbacks, and parking. (Smith & Vansant are pursuing these issues for us.)
3. The third issue is to look at the financial impact of such an addition. Though the additional beds will bring in more revenue, there will be property tax, maintenance, and operating cost implications.
4. The fourth issue is to look at the proposed plans themselves. We asked the undergrads, before they leave campus this term to comment on the plans as currently drawn with respect to these issues:
 - a. If we increase the number of beds from 18 to 32, can we fill the beds with Tri-Kaps?
 - b. What would make the house a more “attractive” place to live? (more singles, quieter bedrooms, more bathroom “capacity”, etc.)
 - c. What comments might be offered with respect to the preliminary plans? (Location of the Library, traffic flow, new kitchen, number and location of bathroom fixtures, etc.)