Dear Alumni:

All across America, fraternities and sororities are facing new challenges, from the soft economy to changing attitudes toward Greeks from their host colleges and universities. While recruitment, rush, and pledging are difficult in this environment, alumni support of fraternities remains strong. We’re in this together.

While the challenges are daunting, the opportunities for each of us to have a positive impact are great. Alumni who support our chapter make a difference in the fraternity’s ability to carry out important programs and to influence the personal development of the undergraduates. They help provide important leadership and networking resources. They offer guidance to the undergraduates in upholding the standards of ethics and excellence—and improving our public image.

In fact, your support, by sending in alumni news, attending events, and contributing financially, allows the chapter to redirect its focus toward important areas of operation like rush, alumni relations, social programming, and more.

We offer profound thanks to those alumni who have financially supported the fraternity through dues and gifts. If your name isn’t listed on the enclosed honor roll, we invite you to join this renewal of enthusiasm and generosity among fraternity alumni. Stand up! Be counted! This is more than our theme ... it’s an attitude!

You do make a difference. Your gift will have an impact on the future of Bones Gate. Use the enclosed envelope to mail your check. Show your loyalty and pride by contributing today.

Fraternally,

Philip J. Ferneau ’84
Alumni President

Bones Gate/Delta Tau Delta Fraternity
10 Webster Avenue Corporation
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

January 2004

Since returning to Hanover in 1999, I have provided some limited “adult supervision” at 10 Webster Avenue. As N. Lee White told me during rush in the ’70s, “The names change, but the faces remain the same.” While even nicknames don’t seem to be reused often, the faces clearly are the same. The Gate continues to be an eclectic collection of Dartmouth students with a wide variety of interests. One thing they all continue to have in common with their ancestors is a desire for fun times and agitation of the status quo.

Physically, the brothers continue to dedicate precious resources to refurbish and partially upgrade the house. Recently,

- Carpets on the second and third floors as well as the tube room have been stripped. The hardwood floors underneath have been sanded and finished.
- Every private room door in the house has been replaced with a newly stained and finished fire-rated door with new deadbolt. In all of the private room doorways, steel door frames have been installed.
- All broken windows have been replaced with new windows or window systems that will be easier to replace if they are broken in the future. (Shifty, why didn’t we think of this?)
- The damaged back walkway (stray bocce tosses, I understand) has been removed, and a new brick walkway has been laid down.
- All of the interior walls, with the exception of the basement (it would ruin the atmosphere), have recently been repainted and repatched.
- Emergency fire egress lighting has been installed.

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Brothers Work To Improve The House

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We do, however, need to start making some more substantive improvements to the house. The improvements are all mandated by the college’s minimum standards audit process, which is largely fair and conducted interactively with the best of intentions. This includes fixing a leaking roof, re-bricking the back patio, installing a ventilation system in the basement (and no, Norty, we tried the broken window solution, and that doesn’t pass), and replacement of the front stairs. As I’m sure each of you can imagine, many of these repairs are overdue, and each impacts the way potential pledges view the Gate.

So while this is not an official capital campaign, I would ask that each of you make a contribution of at least $100 this year, and for those of you who have given generously in the past, I would ask you to consider doubling your contribution. The funds raised are handled by tightwad Corporation Treasurer Ben “Pulling Down the Sprinkler System at Cutters” Murtha ’84, and when the board approves a contribution to the house fund, it is because the undergraduates are matching a percentage of it for a specific project.

If you ever find yourself in Hanover, I encourage you to pay the Gate or me a visit. Bray and I are listed in the book, and 10 Webster Avenue continues to have a Gate that hangs high and hinders none. refresh, enjoy and travel on….

E-mail me at william.h.mitchell.79@alum.dartmouth.org.

Bill Mitchell ’79

Sweeping Changes Make House More Inviting

Bones Gate looks completely different than it did six months ago. While I was summer house manager, we made some sweeping changes to the house. First, we had our meeting room floor completely refinished and had an emergency egress lighting system installed throughout the house as was mandated by the college. I also investigated some estimates on some future large-scale improvements, such as an improved ventilation system in the basement and repairs to the ceilings, which have sustained water damage. We certainly still have a long way to go.

During the month between summer and fall terms I, as interim houseman, along with the associate interim houseman, Zach Harrison ’04, decided to spend our days working on the house. To start, we painted all the walls on the second and third floors. Then we pulled up every bit of carpeting in the house. It was an extremely laborious task (the carpets were glued down in the tube room), but it has improved the looks of the house in an amazing way, which I wish every Bones Gate alumnus could see. Not only that, but we had all of the hardwood floors refinished throughout the house. Another large-scale project we finally completed was the installation of new hardwood doors and steel door frames. Zach and I stained and finished the doors, and they look classy; they make the place look like a four-star hotel. They are also fire-rated and cannot be kicked down by angry brothers. Over the interim, we also replaced the back walkway, which was crumbling apart, and did some basic landscaping. The house definitely needed the facelift after so much heavy use.

Brian Ross ’04 and I are now co-house managers, and things are starting to look even better. Before winter set in we got all the broken windows replaced, which cost quite a bit but was urgently needed. We completed a lot during BG Day, including patching up holes in the wall, cleaning out and arranging the chapter room, and painting the front porch. Still, there are some much-needed improvements on the horizon. In the upcoming year, in response to college requirements, we are planning to repair the fireplace and chimney, replace the concrete steps on the front porch, install an adequate ventilation system in the basement, and close off the tube room on the first floor and make it a brothers-only room.

I am very excited about all the improvements we are getting done on the house. It makes the house more inviting to our guests (especially the ladies), and it is also more comfortable for the brothers living here now. Bones Gate is definitely on its way to becoming a first-rate establishment.

Austin Brey ’05
“Bones Gate Is A Vibrant Place To Be Right Now”

Dear Friends and Alumni,

I hope this communication finds you well. The past several months have made for an enjoyable and productive time back at old BG. Despite the graduation of a large and devoted ’03 class, our most recent class of ’05s has proven to be as enthusiastic and passionate about the house as any in recent history. With a solid group of ’04s holding down the fort, Bones Gate is excited not just about the present, but also about future endeavors to be undertaken.

In terms of our relationship with the college administration, there are several points to bring up. With much pride, Bones Gate took home two honors at last spring’s annual CFS awards banquet. Our two treasurers for the 2002-’03 year, Kevin Moran ’03 and Sergey Polissar ’04, deserve much praise for their commitment to financial solvency as we garnered the award for most financially responsible organization. Additionally, we received the award for most improved GPA, ascending the fraternity grade point average rankings at an astronomically swift pace, brushing all would-be contenders to the side and ceaselessly questioning the conventional answer. Indeed, not an evening passes when you can fail to find a bit of stimulating discourse here.

On a more upbeat note, current brothers of the house have been pursuing a broad range of academic interests at Dartmouth. Among us we have future engineers, philosophers, politicians, doctors, investment bankers, musicians, and lawyers, just to mention a few. For instance, Jakub Węgrzyn ’03 has stayed on another term to pursue an advanced degree in chemistry and has been actively working in a lab devoted to polymer synthesis. Recent graduates Daniel Tadesse ’03 and Keith Dennis ’03 have both begun studies in the prestigious Master of Engineering Management program at the Thayer School of Engineering. Andy Edwards ’04 recently completed a term abroad studying political theory at the esteemed Keble College of Oxford University in London. Mal Paine ’05 has put his prodigious computer programming skills to work and created an innovative new application to improve file download efficiency. As you can see, Bones Gate continues to produce fine young gentlemen with impressive abilities and goals.

We recently held elections for our new class of officers, and we’re looking forward to what this motivated and ambitious new assembly has in store for the house. Our future president, Austin Brey ’05, has already shown an enduring commitment to Bones Gate, highlighted by his admirable motivation and determination as summer house manager. I have no doubt that Austin and the rest of our incoming officers will serve the Gate proudly and honorably. I look forward to seeing what they can accomplish for Bones Gate.

Bones Gate is a vibrant place to be right now. Brothers are involved in a wide range of rewarding and challenging activities, both in and out of the classroom. By investing our time, resources, and creativity in the Dartmouth community, we help make this a great place to spend four amazing years.

As always, please feel free to contact me at bacchus@dartmouth.edu.

Cheers,
Alex Lankowski ’04
President

Programming, Philanthropy, Community Service Keep Brothers Busy

There are various exciting programming, philanthropy, and community service events and projects being taken on by Bones Gate brothers this year. We are expecting General Wesley Clark to attend a reception at Bones Gate following a speech at the Hopkins Center. While the house does not endorse a particular candidate, we feel that providing a comfortable venue for students to meet and speak with the accomplished four-star general over drinks and appetizers will be a great way to make use of our social space.

We have been taking advantage of our big screen by showing films once a week as well as watching plenty of football, baseball, and soccer games together as a house. We recently sponsored the showing of the extreme skiing film High Life, featuring various professional athletes including Charlotte Moats ’03, and we ensured that a large audience would attend by handing out free promotional gear from The North Face, Volkl, Tecnica, and TGR.

Bones Gate recently helped to raise funds to bring Sa Bon Nim James O. Bostic to campus to teach classes and facilitate a dinner and discussion about Tang Soo Do history, and martial arts in general. We also continued our long-standing relationship with the Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth by having over 10 brothers attend and donate money to a ChaD Benefit Concert to help sick children in the Upper Valley area.

In the near future, Chapter President Alex Lankowski ’04 and I and a few other brothers will be cooking a meal for homeless people in the Lebanon area at the LISTEN center. We have also continued our long-term relationship with COVER by sending brothers to work on houses in the Upper Valley area that need insulation and roofing.

Maxwell Brunner ’04
Vice President
“Living in the Boro on Stonington Harbor,” writes DONALD J. CHARBONNIER ’55. “Still working at professional planning group, Portfolio Strategist.” Don’s address is 29 Front St., Stonington, CT 06378; donc55@yahoo.com.

JOHN S. PARKE ’56 resides at 215 Ambassador Dr., Rochester, NY 14610, and can be reached by e-mail at jsparke@rochester.rr.com.

In July, Laurie and HENRY E. EBERHARDT III ’61 moved nine miles down the road, from South Hadley to Belchertown, Massachusetts. Henry recently retired, after eight years in the U.S. Navy and 34 years of fundraising. He writes, “I plan to do part-time annual giving consulting.” Drop him a line at 79 Mountain View Dr., Belchertown, MA 01007.

The chairman of Two River Community Bank in Tinton Falls, New Jersey, CHARLES T. PARTON ’63 can be reached by e-mail at cparton@tworiverbank.com, and by “snail mail” at 8 Heathcliff Rd., Rumson, NJ 07760. “I enjoyed the newsletter,” writes Charlie. “Keep up the progress.”

N. LEE WHITE ’77 reports a new address of 1867 W. Wesley Rd., Atlanta, GA 30327.

STANLEY L. WEIL III ’79 recently moved 15 minutes north and east to Waccabuc, New York (104 Chapel Rd., 10597). “Loving the new home, but sad to have lost my weekday roommate of the past year, ‘BAGS’ MITCHELL ’79. Work is good. Trying to build a licensing division at Rodale Inc. (largest independent publishing company in the U.S.) for the past two years. Just starting to reach the tipping point where things begin to develop a momentum of their own.” Send e-mail to “Stano” at stanley.weil@rodale.com.

DOUGLAS A. WHITE ’81 works for Anderson News Company in Ontario, California, and lives at 583 31st St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. His e-mail address is djkc13@aol.com.

“It was good to see a bunch of brothers at the reunion,” writes GUY A. RASCO ’83 (6450 SW 116th St., Miami, FL 33156; grasco@devinegoodman.com). “I am now at the litigation and transactional boutique of Devine Goodman Pallot & Wells specializing in business litigation, criminal law, and asset forfeitures. I still fish and dive often. My latest passion is adult league ice hockey and coaching my seven-year-old son.”

ALEXANDER L. MUROMCEW ’86 and his wife, Joohee, are happy to announce the birth of triplet girls, Mary, Nikola, and Natalia, who join big brother Alexei (3). The Muromcew family lives at 2 Perine Place, San Francisco, CA 94115.

After practicing FDA law at Covington & Burling in Washington, DC, JOHN F. C. LUEDKE ’90 decided to go in-house with General Mills. “If anyone finds themselves in the Twin Cities (or short on cereal), give me a call.” John can be reached at john.luedke@genmills.com or at 200 Hawthorne Rd., Hopkins, MN 55343.

THIES O. KOLLN ’92 has moved from Chicago to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to work for a venture capital/private equity firm there. His new address is 3900 Cottage Grove Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 (thieskolln@yahoo.com). His other big news is that he and his wife welcomed their second daughter, Elizabeth, in March.

MATTHEW H. WILSON ’92 also welcomed a second daughter this year—Kendall Brooke, who was born on March 31. Photos of his kids can be seen at http://homepage.mac.com/ourwilsonfamily. Matt would love to hear from old friends at luau92@yahoo.com or at 80 Long Meadow Rd., Riverside, CT 06878.

Stay in touch with ANDREW SINGER ’00 at andrew.singer@nbc.com or at 1265 N. Harper Ave., #16, West Hollywood, CA 90046.

DECEASED

We regret to report the death of CHARLES L. WILKES ’50.