Our undergraduate chapter remains strong, focused

Dear Bones Gate and Delta Tau Delta Alumni:

The new term has brought with it excellent tidings for Bones Gate Fraternity. The brotherhood is stronger than any in recent memory, with 22 members of the 2009 class pledging this fall. The new members of Bones Gate have shown great interest in the house, and in response, we have elected a sophomore as our new alumni relations chair.

Bones Gate has managed to avoid the recent trend of probation exhibited by many fraternities on campus, and as a result, the social scene has been vibrant. The “In Da Country Club” party was successful, and Homecoming’s Tea Party filled the basement (as always). Recent cocktail parties with sororities have also proved to be exciting events.

Over Homecoming, the alumni barbecue was an excellent occasion for interaction between past and present BGs. This coming winter carnival, a similar event will be held, and all alumni are strongly encouraged to attend.

The physical plant continues to be improved, with the third-floor bathroom as the most recent renovation. The new furniture on the first floor and in the chapter room has turned these locales into popular hangout locations for the brotherhood. Academic discourse is prevalent in the chapter room, evidenced by the nightly reading sessions and following discussions.

I hope to see many of you around the house in the coming year, my last year at this fine institution. I will be sad to leave, but I know that both the college and Bones Gate are in strong hands for the years to come. I have refreshed and enjoyed and soon must travel on. Always remember, this Gate hangs high and hinders none.

Scott Andrews ’07
Chapter President

Chapter adviser reports on state of life at the Gate

Fellow Alumni:

The Gate hangs high. The house has clearly experienced a renaissance during the last two years, with renewed attention from a wide group of alumni, the addition of two healthy classes of pledges (heaped on top of a strong group of ’07s), and the reconstruction of various parts of the house. The involvement of alumni has breathed life back into the Gate and proven that “if you build it, they will come.”

But, it ain’t over: One lesson the last two years have taught us is that we need to be active and vigilant in supporting the brothers and officers of the house. The board has started bimonthly phone calls with the executive committee to help them feel the support of the house.

We are working on enhancements to the website—spearheaded by Zeke Greenwald ’93—that will enhance communication opportunities online with all brothers, perhaps challenging the Virtual Basement ultimately as a resource for discourse. Frank Fesnak ’80 and Rob Ruocco ’80 are working on a phone tree to re-engage many alumni in helping the networking and financial support of the Gate. The brothers are clearly moving in the right direction, but they need our support. Please help when someone calls.

The recurring economic picture of the house is healthy, but we need to find a way to build on our recent success and let the current brothers know that there is a universe of help out here. If you are in Hanover, please don’t hesitate to stop by the house and introduce yourself. It may not be as immaculate as it was when you were an undergrad, but it is filled with guys that care about one another and you.

Refresh, enjoy, and travel on,
Luell T. Bags ’79
Adviser

A formerly named party: Bones Gate celebrates 2006 Green Key weekend with wild costumes.
A message from the chapter vice president

The Bones Gate we all know and love is continuously growing stronger and tighter. Freshmen girls affectionately refer to it as the “Beeg,” the house is mentioned at least every week in The Dartmouth (despite our policy of never commenting), and we’ve consistently been getting rush classes more than double the size of those even a couple years ago.

Last weekend, the brotherhood took a trip up to Montreal. We piled in several cars and drove three hours up to the exciting French-Canadian city. Brothers took full advantage of a night on the town, enjoying all of the pleasures of the nightlife had to offer. Other events on the horizon include a formal dinner with dancing at the lovely Dowd’s Country Inn and a spring break skiing trip out west.

Although the social scene is as strong as it has been at any point in recent memory, we have not become isolated from the larger world that we live in. Recent and current brotherhood service projects include participation in a soccer tournament benefiting AIDS relief in Africa, building for Habitat for Humanity, and activities with Dream and Big Brother Big Sister, among others. Additionally, brothers have individually done service work around the country and in places as far reaching as Tanzania, Belarus, and Thailand.

Bones Gate is currently making an impact on campus, in the Upper Valley Region, across the nation, and around the world. We are all eager to continue to carry the house along the path of success.

Eli Nofzinger ’07
Vice President

Bones Gate/DTD online forum established

 Keeping in touch with brothers past and present has never been so easy! Thanks to the work of Zeke Greenwald ’93, Bones Gate has its own online forum. Visit http://bonesgate.myfreeforum.org to keep up to date on the state of the house, reconnect with old friends, and help current brothers find career opportunities.

Interested in becoming a moderator? Contact: chris.greenwald@comcast.net or zeke@dartmouth.edu.

Zeke Turner ’09
Alumni Relations Chair

Renovations, repair help keep house in shape

Even though the major parts of the renovation of the physical plant—such as the expansion of the basement and the addition of an enclosed fire escape, two new bedrooms, and a new kitchenette—are complete, the physical plant continues to undergo renovations.

The most significant project that the house is currently undergoing is the renovation of the third-floor bathroom. The major point of this renovation was to repair a leak that rendered the showers on the third floor unusable and was slowly causing severe damage to the physical plant. So, this renovation will provide the brotherhood with two new showers and should thereby alleviate several of the current problems associated with having a 10-to-one brother-to-shower ratio in the house. Once this project is completed, all of the bathrooms in Bones Gate will have been successfully renovated.

There are also several other minor projects to improve the physical plant that have either already been completed or are currently in progress. One such project was the construction of permanent shelving in the storage room to take advantage of its high ceiling. Another important minor project in progress is the re-keying of all of the locks in the physical plant. This project became necessary after the initial renovation of the house, when several new locks were installed which cannot be placed on the same master key as the old locks. The reason that all of the locks are being re-keyed is that the re-keying will be done through the college, which will free the house from its ties to a local, unreliable locksmith and allow future problems to be solved faster and cheaper. This project will ensure that all of the brothers who live in the house will have personal keys to their rooms and that all of the locks in the house will be on a single master key.

In addition to the planned improvements, unexpected problems continually surface and necessitate further renovations. One such unexpected renovation that the physical plant recently required was the installation of more support poles under the first floor. During a dance party this term, there were so many people on the first floor that a section of it began to dip. Those in the basement during the party could see the ceiling oscillating. Luckily, the new supports do not obstruct anything in the basement, and the floor was repaired before the physical plant suffered any significant damage. As long as the house remains filled with brothers, Bones Gate should be able to afford the renovations necessary to maintain the health of the physical plant.

Ian Evans ’08
Bones Gate House Manager

Locked Out: Austin Lasley ’07 belays across the roof to help a stranded brother get back into his room.

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Brothers net 24 new members in successful rush

Three years ago, Bones Gate was a challenged house. With a single-digit class of '06s and a numerically small but strong class of '07s, the Gate faced a difficult future.

However, 10 Webster Ave. now boasts a brotherhood of over 50, doubling the size of a once-fledgling group.

After the amazing addition of 22 new members of the class of 2008 last fall, confidence and expectations were high for the class of 2009. From winter all through the beginning of fall, the entire fraternity worked together to ensure both the quality and quantity of this year's rush. The house held numerous social events to cultivate interest among the '09s, including barbecues, sports viewings, and the regular all-campus parties.

During the World Cup, Bones Gate held barbecues for every weekend game. Over 100 prospective rushees attended the barbecue for the France vs. Italy final match, the luckiest of whom got to lounge on the brand-new leather couches in the stadium-seated Tube Room.

This fall, the house relied on its open-campus parties, its already solid reputation from the spring, and the large class of juniors to further endear the house to the '09s and introduce itself to the class of 2010.

Our methods proved successful, as we welcomed 24 new members, two of whom were '08s.

This year's pledge class is marked by unprecedented diversity, far more than the classes above. The new members represent all aspects of campus life and include: football players; cross-country runners; trombonists; columnists; and singers. However, diversity doesn't stop with extra-curricular activities.

Our newest members represent Egypt, Palestine, India, South Korea, Puerto Rico, and beyond. Each member has something to add in his own way to the betterment of Bones Gate. Expect the majority of these new guys to occupy positions of responsibility in the near future.

All are eager and excited to be a part of the house and to contribute to its future.

With two classes of over 20 members, the rush chairs and all the brothers of Bones Gate look to next fall to accomplish the same thing. Two successes is no reason to let the next one go; BG will be competing just as heavily for members of the class of 2010.

Trak Lord '08
Leonardo Ospina '08
Rush Chairs

New members add to chapter's strength

This term, we have 22 new members of the class of '09 in the house, making for a very solid pledge class.

As the new member educator, I have the ongoing privilege of integrating these new men into the brotherhood while providing them with knowledge of house traditions and a sense of pride in the rich history of Bones Gate. In particular, we hold new member meetings every week before normal meetings. We do a lot during these meetings, and we always try to keep it fun and interesting, but some common/recent events include discussing Bones Gate history, learning house toasts, doing projects on the physical plant, and generally getting to know each other.

A couple of weekends ago, we took our new guys up to Montreal for a night out on the town. We try to give the new members a variety of opportunities to bond amongst themselves and with the rest of the brotherhood. However, the activities we have for our new members are not limited to social events.

New members are also given responsibilities concerning the maintenance the house, such as biweekly cleanings. Of course, the most important aspect of all these for our new members is letting them enjoy their time here, while making them feel like this is their house. Instilling a sense of ownership in the house is essential, we believe, especially in light of the recent renovations to the physical plant.

All in all, we are very excited about the new additions to our brotherhood, and these guys are sure to contribute much to the house in the future.

Bennet Meyers '08
New Member Educator

The Gate dominates social life at Dartmouth

Thanks to great parties and awesome company, the brothers of Bones Gate have continued to host an outstanding social scene.

The term started with a dance party that seemed to have the whole campus at 10 Webster Ave. Partygoers remarked that they had never seen a more crowded dance floor. The house used its great popularity to build a solid class of '09s at rush the following weekend. Later in the fall, we will look to host a party with a live band.

The social scene at Bones Gate thrives, in part, because Bones Gate remains a place to have a great—and safe—time. Additionally, the basement provides one of the best facilities on campus for hanging out since its renovation a year ago.

Our parties have been consistently well managed, leading to only two weeks of social probation in the past two-and-a-half years—close to the best of any house on campus. This has allowed us to consistently provide a good party scene while giving more students exposure to Bones Gate, and it has kept us in a better relationship with the administration.

Chris Fiore '07
Social Chair

Members of the class of 1946 pose for a photo at their 60th reunion. From left: Bob Jones; Bob Stevenson; Bob Morrison; Jack Ulrich; Doug Leigh; and Ralph "Smitty" Smith. (For more information, read Smitty's alumni news item, page four.)
Ralph "Smitty" Smith Jr. '48 writes, "The 60th reunion of the class of 1946 (all of whom went off to war in 1943, returned in 1946 and graduated in 1948-49) was great—largest attendance for a 60th, ever. The photo (see page three) is of six Delts all of '46, on the back porch of 10 Webster (aggregate age 480-plus years). My son, Russell Smith, is now chief of the Yonkers (fourth largest city in New York State) Division of the Office of District Attorney, Westchester County." Keep in touch with Smitty at P.O. Box 150, Locust Valley, NY 11560. E-mail him at twalters@sbklaw.com.

Charles D. Pinkerton '59 reports a new address of: P.O. Box 2447, New London, NH 03257. E-mail him at charpink@wildblue.net.

"Living in Charlotte and am a practicing urologist," writes Todd D. Cohen '85. "Life is good with wife, Maureen, and one daughter, Rachel (9)." Write to Todd at 5100 S. Parview Dr., Charlotte, NC 28226. E-mail him at tdcohen@bellsof.net.

"Reunion was awesome," writes Sungjun "John" Hwang '87. "I enjoyed meeting the current crop of brothers and have to give kudos to the social chair for being a great host. The house is in good hands! Hopefully, Greg Jones '87, Greg Nerland '86, Tony Stearns '86, James E. Kreitman '85, and I planted the seed to get Slam back in the basement." Send John greetings at 621 Yale Ct., Victor, NY 14564. Send him e-mail at sungjunh@eyecarectr.com.

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We regret to announce the deaths of the following alumni:

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April 2, 2003

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January 9, 2006

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