An important message from the undergraduate president

Fellow Brothers,

Welcome to 2007. Bones Gate starts the new year in impressive condition.

The core of the house has been replenished. Both the physical plant of the house and—more importantly—the brotherhood had great boosts in 2006. The brotherhood sank over 20 new '09s and now has close to 60 members.

The size of the house is rivaled only by the quality of guys. They reflect the generations that preceded them. No single word or phrase describes them—they laugh, they watch each other's back, and they refresh, enjoy, and travel on. When you come to Hanover, stop in and let them introduce themselves. You will be proud to call them your brothers.

The house continues to be in improved shape. Last year, we finished phase one of our reconstruction project. We have the best basement on campus, a new private pool room, a substantially upgraded tube room, and a classy chapter room. Our new bedrooms are filled. The bathrooms on the third and second floor are well used. A janitor visits weekly to ensure that the house is cleaner than it has been in years. Most importantly, the brothers have taken a renewed pride in the house and have regular BG days where it is scrubbed or new additions are put into it, like the new shelving in the storage room.

Your alumni brethren metamorphosed last year as well. We culminated phase one of the reconstruction with a great dinner in New York. This was followed by a convergence of brothers at the chapter house to share with the undergrads career opportunities. Many laughs and good friends reconnected and were made.

We just launched phase two of the reconstruction project. In phase two—our final phase—we will raise $300,000 to finish the beautification of the ground floor, replace the stairs, and refinish all flooring. We will also permanently endow a maintenance fund for the house to ensure that we can keep the facility in top-notch condition for the next generation.

We have identified over 25 brothers from four decades of classes who are going to help with the fundraising process. When they call, please find a way to be very generous. Your contribution will help ensure that a healthy slug of Dartmouth undergrads get an experience that will help them become great leaders in the future.

Your contribution may also provide you an opportunity to join us for another dinner in New York, scheduled for May 4, 2007. You should also put on your schedule Saturday, May 19, when we will hold our second networking day at the chapter house in Hanover.

Luell T. Bags '79
Adult Supervision
Brothers look to secure strong fall rush

Our brotherhood looks as strong as ever. Freshmen, sophomores, and upperclassmen alike come to the house on a daily basis to refresh and enjoy, and many look like they may be joining the house for the longer run.

The brothers create a welcoming environment, and prospective rushers all seem extremely interested in the house. We plan on getting up to 25 new pledges the longer run.

The house now attracts crowds that rival those of AD and TDX—bringing in a new generation of both girls and guys. The prospects are attracted by the newfound popularity of the house, but the ones who seem bent on pledging only come because of the ideals that Bones Gate has been established on.

The future seems bright, and time will prove that Bones Gate is once again a strong force both on and off campus.

Dan Kagan '09

President

(continued from page one)

known as "Chef," Christian had been on leave for several years, working in Washington, D.C., on Capital Hill, when he decided he wanted to come back and finish his degree. This fall, Chef appeared on the Jeopardy! program and won over $100,000 as a four-day champion. Chef's assimilation back into Bones Gate culture has proven to us that many of our house ideals are constant. We hope that many of you in the coming months will return to the Gate that hangs high and hinders none.

We wish to thank you for your continued support in helping us make Bones Gate a better place for all. In the coming months and years we hope to establish a strong undergraduate-alumni connection to maintain continuity in our fraternity. The class of 2010 is already showing great interest in our house, and we look forward to a strong rush period this coming fall.

Refresh, enjoy, and travel on,
Emmett Knox '08
Chapter President

Brothers enjoy a full social life at the Gate

Though winters both at Dartmouth and Bones Gate are generally slower and more relaxed, we've managed this term to be more diverse and ambitious in our social events.

In the first two weeks, we hosted a very successful live band party—more successful than those of the past due to a few different factors. Having moved the band to the basement after removing all the pong tables, we received a much larger crowd, and people were given the option of congregating near the bar or rocking out to the band.

As of this writing, to close out the term, we plan to host BG's first "Euro Party," with music provided by Jan Gromadzki (Dartmouth '10), a Swiss native and professional international disc jockey. His own mix of both domestic and international house music will be a new and fresh experience for not only the brothers of the house, but the entire campus as well. Unlike the houses that host the same hip-hop dance parties with similar top-40 playlists, BG will be providing an alternative arena for music and culture.

In order to better familiarize ourselves with the people that frequent our house, BG commonly hosts closed social events where we invite a certain number of people for a special occasion. Most people reading this newsletter are familiar with our most famous of these, BG Tea—which instead of only being a big weekend occurrence has now been incorporated into our social calendar on a bi-monthly basis and is always met with a very large and enthusiastic attendance.

By far our most successful event this term has been the Fugcutters party, a longstanding BG tradition for every big weekend, and this past winter carnival was no different. Most exciting about this party is the participation of the guests, as they continue to find new and different ways to compete with the absurdity of the brothers' costumes. Although on a Friday this term instead of the traditional Thursday, Fugcutters still came off as the event that most brings together the brothers of Bones Gate.

We have certainly developed a regular scene here at the house. The class of '10 especially seems to enjoy our basement and the brothers therein. This should prove very fruitful for rush in the fall, as we already have a strong contingent of Dartmouth men that are regularly at the house, getting to know the brothers more with each passing day. As a former rush chair, I am pleased at the success with this group in our day-to-day social events, as I believe it gives us a definite advantage over other fraternities.

Recently, we came to the conclusion as a house that, with the rising number of members and responsibility, a second social chair is now necessary. Alex Robertson '08 will be joining me as co-social chair for the rest of the term, as we put this policy into practice. Alex and I look forward to the rest of the term and the continued strong presence that Bones Gate exerts on Dartmouth's social scene.

Refresh, Enjoy, and Travel On,
Trak Lord '08
Social Chair

officers list

Emmet Knox '08
President

George Lord '08
Social Chair

Tammer Raouf '09
Vice President

Josh Curcio '09
House Manager

Ian Evans '08
Treasurer

Dan Kagan '09
Rush Chair

Zeke Turner '09
Alumni Relations

page two
A look at brothers’ involvement outside of the Gate

(Editors' Note: This article doesn't represent every brother—or just a handful of brothers with serious involvement outside of Bones Gate.)

Christian Haines ’01 has returned to Hanover after an extended break from academic life. During his time off campus, Christian worked as a copy editor at The Daily Press in his hometown of Newport News, Virginia, and he just finished two years in the office of U.S. Congressman Robert C. “Bobby” Scott (D-VA). You may have also seen Christian on the TV quiz show Jeopardy! in December. He was a four-time champion, winning $107,000.

Erik Marquez ’06 TH ’07 is currently finishing his bachelor’s of engineering degree at Thayer School. He plans on getting a master’s of engineering management degree in 2008. In addition to taking a full engineering course load, he is also a Spanish drill instructor, and his engineering senior project includes designing an affordable and durable attachable writing tablet for plastic chairs in third-world classrooms.

Billy Accomando ’07 is a pre-med biology major pursuing a career in biomedical research. He plays the bass in Rightly Guided Thieves, a guitar combo group on campus, and in a progressive rock band called Atlas. He also plays the guitar in a Dartmouth bluegrass band called Shantytown.

Emmett Knox ’08 is the current president of Bones Gate. Emmett is a music major who plays the double bass for Dartmouth’s Barbary Coast Jazz Ensemble. He spends much of his free time playing jazz, jazz-funk, rock, and bluegrass gigs in the Upper Valley area. He will be traveling this spring to London on the Music Foreign Study Program to study classical music with a master musician. Emmett is also the head coach of Hanover Recreation League basketball team, along with Bones Gate brothers Scott Muir ’08 and Ben Chapman ’09. Emmett is currently researching in preparation for his honors thesis in music and hopes to pursue his higher education in the study of musicology.

Jared Westheim ’08 writes and edits for several campus publications, most currently for Aporia: Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy and for The Dartmouth Independent. As a presidential scholar, he is currently assisting in the editorial completion of a book on Foucault, Habermas, and autonomy. He is also applying for a grant to travel to China to film archival materials that may culminate in a senior thesis or fellowship. Additionally, he works as a tutor in the writing center and recently completed an internship at The New Republic, for which he edited.

Matt Siegfried ’08 is currently spending his off term in Hanover researching what probably will become his culminating experience, Mineral Transformations under Sulfide Induced Iron Oxide Reduction: Complex Data Processing for Synchrotron Radiation Experiments. After receiving a grant from Richter Memorial Fund, he spent a week in the mid-January in Stanford at their particle accelerator with a PhD candidate from the Earth science department.

Ian Murphy ’09 is currently seeking his bachelor’s of science in engineering and plans on attending a sixth year at Dartmouth to pursue his master’s in engineering management. Ian is also a student employee on the Baker-Berry Library Information Desk staff. Freshman year, he played rugby for the Dartmouth rugby football club, and he plans to continue his rugby career over the upcoming summer. In the beginning of this winter term, Ian was elected to the position of risk management chair at Bones Gate Fraternity. He will be off campus this spring, interning at the Southbury, Connecticut, branch of IBM.

Andrew Zabel ’09 is a leading member of the Big Green Bus, a recently founded student organization that promotes alternative energy through annual summer roadtrips aboard their veggie-oil powered school bus. He recently began working as the Events Intern for ECO-Dartmouth. Zabel is currently undertaking an independent study in public policy on the impact of local climate change mitigation efforts in Vermont and New Hampshire through the Rockefeller Center’s Policy Research Shop.

Josh Curcio ’09 is a member of the Dartmouth football team. Last season, due to injury, he served as assistant video coordinator for the team. This past winter, he began his tenure as house manager and coordinated one of the most successful BG days in recent memory.

Zeke Turner ’09 works as an assistant opinion editor and staff columnist for The Dartmouth and as the arts editor of Stoneence Review. Since the fall, he has been an undergraduate adviser in Topliff Hall. During freshman year, he completed training to become a sexual abuse peer adviser. This spring, Zeke is working for National Public Radio in New York City. Zeke is the alumni relations chair.

Chapter remains fiscally responsible

The house is currently doing quite well financially. The number of brothers has become large enough that all of the rooms in the house can be filled each term. As long as the house remains full, there should be enough revenue generated each term to continue making loan payments on schedule.

In fact, over the last few terms, the house has been able to create a reserve fund that meets the requirements set by the college. Now that the reserve fund meets these regulations, the house will use some of its extra revenue to make improvements to the physical plant, which should allow money to be saved in the future. Such improvements will include repairing all of the radiators in the house and replacing the old windows that are scattered throughout the house. These improvements should help reduce our enormous heating bills to a reasonable level.

Ian Evans ’08
Treasurer

This newsletter depends, in part, on alumni updates. Please be sure to send us your completed newsform.

Additional news and photos are always welcome and should be sent to: Bones Gate at Dartmouth College, Alumni Services, P.O. Box 5159, Hanover, NH 03755.
William C. Mercer '40 writes, "I was impressed by the progress you have made over the past couple of years. I enjoyed Delta Tau Delta and hope you can make more progress." Keep in touch with Bill at Foxhill Village, 10 Longwood Dr., Apt. 509, Westwood, MA 02090. Send him e-mail at momogramp@webtv.net.

Bert T. Whittemore '56 writes, "Ten old Delts of the class of 1956 gathered at their 50th reunion to pretend that they remembered the good old days." (See picture, below.) Send Bert greetings at 4 Park St., Concord, NH 03301. E-mail him at bertw75544@aol.com.

"Great picture on page one of the fall 2006 newsletter," writes Lawrence K. Brown '68. "Reminds me of the good old days." Write to Larry at 105 Clearview Ln., New Canaan, CT 06840. Send him e-mail at larbrown@optonline.net.

Eric "Crawdad" Rovick '89 writes, "My family and I made it back to New Hampshire over the Christmas holiday. Inclement weather meant little skiing, but I managed to hook up with Chris Greenwald '93. No brothers at the Gate answered our incessant knocking, of course, so we went to Norwich for some good pints of ale. This January, I have ended a year-long sabbatical to join Fidelity International in London as a director of Research. When in London, give me a call." Keep in touch with Eric by e-mail at eric.rovick@googlemail.com.

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Calvin Fisher '32
Francis X. Reilly Jr. '38
William R. Carter '39
October 15, 2006
Allyn B. Ley '39
September 29, 2006
George L. Miller Jr. '39
October 7, 2006
Robert L. Allcott '50
September 19, 2006
Joseph G. Burbeck '53
February 13, 2006
Christopher D. Daniels '79
March 12, 2006

Members of the class of '56 gather for a photo during their 50th reunion. From left: Dick Karslake, Bert Whittemore, Bob Slater, Dave Kerr, Johnny Parke, Peter Lauterbach, Gordi Lenci, Tom Healey, Brew Blackall, and Howie Clinch.