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## Fall Rush Change: Greeks Rise To the Challenge

Jeremy Presser

This term has been an extremely successful one for interactions between Greek leaders and administrators. This term, both the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) and the Pan-Hellenic Council (Panhell) drafted proposals moving rush eligibility to a student's sophomore fall that were approved by the administration. With changes most likely coming into effect beginning in the academic year 2004-2005, students will no longer have to wait until their sophomore winter to rush Greek houses—rush eligibility will begin in the third week of fall term. The College's new position was reached after term-long negotiations between staff in the Office of Residential Life, Greek student leaders, and Dean of the College James Larimore.

Both sides expressed relief and satisfaction with the outcome of negotiations. In response to the agreement, David Grey '05, the

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## Phi Delta Alpha Reborn After Years of Derecognition

Joe Rago

In the winter of 2003, nineteen upstanding gentlemen began rebuilding a fraternity that had been dead since winter 2000. Now in the spring of 2004, after a rigorous review process, endless interviews, two Rush classes, and several reams of paper-work, the Phi Delta Alpha 'Colonists' have achieved their ultimate goal: to regain recognition and become fully accepted into the Dartmouth fold, with all of the rights and privileges of every other house on campus.

On Tuesday, May 18th, Dean Martin Redman dramatically declared Phi Delt's rerecognition in an impromptu announcement at the Order of Omega reception, an annual achievement awards ceremony for the Greek system. Greek leaders from Phi Delt and nearly every other Greek organization attended the event, as well as many members of the College administration, including President James Wright and Dean of the College James Larimore. Dean Redman was quite magnanimous in his praise and support of Phi Delt. He made the announcement prior to presenting George Faux '84, Phi Delt's Corporation President, the Omega Award for Advisor of the Year.

Needless to say, the brother-



Phi Delta Alpha celebrated its annual Block Party with the Beatles and Led Zepplin

hood is thrilled. Full recognition puts them on an even playing field with the rest of the organizations in the Greek System and restores some of the privileges that were lost with Phi Delt's suspension. Phi Delta Alpha was temporarily derecognized by Dean Redman in March 2000 for a period extending through the fall of 2002, the action stemming from a series of misconduct incidents over several months.

As a group they have worked tirelessly to get the organization to

where it is now and far more quickly than anyone dreamed possible. Both classes, the 2005s and 2006s, have contributed significantly to this outcome. In only eighteen months, Phi Delta Alpha forged a robust brotherhood fifty members strong (comprising only two classes) and predicts continued strength in recruitment.

In addition to building its membership, the Phi Delt physical plant will be completely overhauled

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## Summer President Transitions:

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## "What Matters" To Omega: Dartmouth Student United Way Campaign

Katherine Heyman  
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Since 1973, Dartmouth has participated in the Upper Valley United Way, an organization that provides financial support to 29 nonprofit agencies and 68 programs in the community. These agencies include COVER, Hannah House, WISE, and Listen, Inc., and the programs deal with several significant issues including child care, sexual and domestic violence support, and in home service for the elderly. The Upper Valley United Way ensures that the funds support local projects and that the overhead charges remain low. The organization plays an integral role in the Upper Valley community, where about a third of the residents utilize United Way agencies' services.

This past summer, the Order of Omega decided to take on the Student United Way Campaign as our philanthropy project. Along with our co-chairs, Mary Reynolds '05 and Dave Geenberg '05, we worked hard throughout the fall and winter to raise awareness about the United Way and to encourage students and organizations to raise money for the campaign. We were especially pleased by the

Greek community's support. Several organizations arranged a variety of fundraisers including bake sales, raffles, and barbecues. The Inter-Fraternity Council contributed by matching every fraternity's donations in the winter. The Panhellenic Council organized a United Way week in the spring during which each sorority was assigned a day to plan a fundraiser.

Order of Omega's community service committee involved the entire Dartmouth community, both Greek and non-Greek, in its efforts. Not only did they encourage their own organizations to plan events to raise money, but they also disseminated information by handing out pamphlets and collected additional donations by way of tables set up outside food court in the fall. In the winter, each member of the committee worked closely with a community director to organize a fundraiser within his or her residential cluster. In addition to several raffles and "breakfast for a buck" events that took place in the residential halls, the East Wheelock Service Corps held a successful pasta dinner. The class councils organized a fundraising competition among the

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## dear reader:

Throughout the history of our College, the Greek system has been a defining component of student life and has left an enduring and undeniable legacy not only on its own members but also on the entire Dartmouth community. For the nearly half of the student body that participates in the Greek system, it provides a valuable sense of community and offers a wide range of leadership and character-development opportunities. Furthermore, it serves as a vital link between the current students and alumni. The system continues to provide the social lifeblood of the campus, as more than just house members participate in Greek social events and programming.

In recent years, however, the Greek system has undergone tumultuous changes, and at times its very existence has come into question. In particular, since the advent of the Student Life Initiative in 1999, more and more questions have been raised about the role of Greek life at Dartmouth and its value to both the students involved and the College community at large. Throughout this time, Greek organizations have sought to meet and exceed the challenges posed by this debate. The system as a whole has continually adapted and improved, affirming its value to the campus.

Despite its accomplishments, the system still faces a negative image forged from unfair stereotypes. In an effort to dispel such misconceptions, the *Greek Times*, sponsored and coordinated by the Order of Omega, hopes to shed greater light on many of the activities and achievements of the Greek organizations at Dartmouth. Likewise, the *Greek Times* will strive to be as representative as possible of a wide cross-section of the Dartmouth Greek community. To that end, we encourage all members to submit news or opinion pieces on behalf of themselves or their organizations to the *Greek Times*, which will be published regularly, starting this upcoming fall term. Let us stand proud of what we've done and stay ambitious about where we're going.

the editors

## Sig-Ep Invites Prominent Speakers to House

Morgan Brown

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity recently hosted America's Ambassador to Canada, Paul Cellucci, and John Donovan '77, a correspondent for ABC News. Both events were informal discussions in which the guests were able to talk for a while and then take questions from brothers. Ambassador Cellucci spent much of his time talking about the relationship between the United States and Canada and the effects the War on Terror and the war in Iraq have had on the diplomatic ties between the two countries. Cellucci also talked about his rise through the diplomatic ranks and described how he had come to be named the United States' Ambassador to Canada.

John Donovan's talk followed a similar format and focused on Donovan's recent activities in Iraq. He had stories about what he and his colleagues had done and seen in Iraq from his recent visits to the country, but he also related stories from his tenure as a White House correspondent. He engaged the group in a lively discussion about the recent scandals in the Defense Department over the Abu Graib prisoner abuse and extended that discussion to issues over what is newsworthy and what should and should not be relayed on the news.

Both speakers were extremely

well received and Sig-Ep looks forward to hosting more events of this nature in the future.

Sig Ep Gets New Counselor:

In other news, earlier this term, Sig-Ep asked Carey Heckman to be our new Chapter Counselor. Carey accepted the position and since then has been working closely with Sig-Ep's president, Morgan Brown, as well as other house officers to carve out his role within the house. As Chapter Counselor, Carey will assist with Sig-Ep's alumni relations, sit on the house's alumni board, and serve as a liaison between the Dartmouth Sig-Ep chapter and Sig-Ep's national organization. Carey will also be filling some of the roles more traditionally assigned to a faculty advisor, including acting as a liaison between Sig-Ep and Dartmouth College, and giving lectures at the house, such as the lecture given Thursday, May 27, entitled "Cinematic Reflections of Artificial Life."

Carey is a member of the Class of '76 and is currently an adjunct professor of computer science, teaching classes on technology policy and ethics. Carey was recently elected to the position of President of the Dartmouth Club of the Upper Valley, and he sits on the Alumni Council.

## SAE Finishes Busy Term of Programming Events

*Recent SAE programming activities focus on leadership development and community service*

Mathew Ackerman

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has seen a resurgence of national support this term at Dartmouth. Early in the term, the NH Alpha Chapter of SAE at Dartmouth hosted the annual Province Alpha Leadership School. This weekend event afforded a great opportunity for SAE's at Dartmouth and throughout the Northeast to learn together about issues facing chapters around the nation, while at the same time developing individual leadership skills. The weekend was a success for all involved.

This summer, Scott Middleman '06 and Will Canestaro '06 will have the opportunity to attend the 69th National Leadership School in Illinois.

SAE's at Dartmouth have also started to take advantage of web-based personal goal-setting forms and an online alcohol education program available to all SAE undergraduates.

A few brothers from Dartmouth also drove down to Lowell, MA to participate in river cleanup during the True Gentleman Day of Service, a National event.

Mathew Ackerman '05 was elected to the Risk Manager position in the Province Council, which has afforded closer contact with the Province and National officers.

The SAE brotherhood has taken on a number of service and

philanthropy projects over the course of the term. Over the last several years, we have maintained a strong relationship with David's House, and we continue to serve them by preparing a meal every other week along with Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Another organization with which we have enjoyed a long-term rapport is the Special Olympics Bowling program, and we also continued our service with them this year. In addition to working with these groups, we supported other causes either through service or donations.

We lent our assistance to the '05 Class Council Coat Drive, the Sexual Abuse Awareness program and the Charfassion Orphanage as well as participating in the Random Acts of Kindness and the Students Fighting Hunger Program. Supplementing these group activities has been the individual service work of many of our brothers on a wide range of programs.



## Theta Members Active in International Projects

Kathryn Gilbert

As usual, Thetas found themselves running all over campus this term. Megan Newton '04 organized the successful No Diet Day and Respect Yourself events that promoted self-esteem and healthy living across campus.

Liz Fahrenbach '04 collaborated with Khristina Gonzalez '04 to initiate a community event to create a timeline celebrating the history of coeducation. The poster is currently featured in the Collis Atrium. And that's not all Liz was up to. She also participated in her fifth Spanish theatre production at Dartmouth, *Impresiones ajenas* (Foreign Impressions), an experimental, collective theater piece that focused on the Dirty Wars of Argentina, Chile, and Peru. Kate Gilbert '05 will also be practicing her Spanish soon, this time in rural Virginia working as a public health educator for the many migrant workers living on camps across the Eastern Shore.

Vy Manivannan '05 also plans on travelling soon as a result of a \$2000 Waterhouse Grant she received to immerse herself culturally in Sri Lanka. Vy was not to be slowed by her success, however, and also won the \$500 Grogan-Hardy prize for a prose piece she composed. Vy's most exciting accomplishment this term, however, is the release of her first novel, *Invictus*, which Pearl Street Publishing will be sending to stores this June.

Theta athletes continue to make the Big Green proud. Tricia Shalka '05 and Lydia Gokey '06 count themselves among the members of Dartmouth's own national champion figure skating team, while trackie Tessa Clare '05 has been selected travel to England this summer to compete with an elite team.

Although the rest of us are already mourning about our loss, we're proud to see our senior Thetas move on to bigger and better things. Lovely Lena Golze Desomond '04 just received a grant to head to Vellore, India for four months with Student Partnerships Worldwide (SPW), which is like the English version of the Peacecorps. She'll be working on outreach with local community centers for young women's health education. Cameron Nienaber '04 will also be working in the sciences but in a biology laboratory in Boston.

At the other end of the spectrum, number cruncher Kristin Steinert '04 recently found out that she got her dream job with Goldman Sachs and is headed to the Midwest to start working. Joining her between the coasts is English expert Khristina Gonzalez '04, who was recently accepted to Notre Dame University to pursue a Ph.D. in medieval literature.

Our resident legal scholar Katie Lieberg '04 will also continue in academia, but with a professional spin; she recently accepted her invitation to the Georgetown University Law Center, where she will be headed this fall.

## Scenes from Green Key 2004



### Dean Redman Announces New Assistant Director of CFS Organizations

*Megan Johnson will assume the former role of Cassie Barnhardt dealing with CFS organizations*

Dean Martin Redman

Several staff changes will soon be occurring in the Coed, Fraternity and Sorority area of the Office of Residential Life.

Cassie Barnhardt is currently an Assistant Dean of ORL and an integral member of the CFS community. As of recently, Cassie and her husband Terry are the proud parents of Brady. Since January, Cassie has been working for the office half-time to better manage her professional responsibilities and those of parenthood. The Center for Education Outcomes on campus entered into a contractual agreement to develop a web based assessment program for the CFS system incorporating the Action Plan process. Effective, July 1, Cassie will be employed by the Center as their liaison to us for this project. In this half-time position, Cassie will continue to develop the

assessment project for us, as well as, continue to work with the action plan program. Cassie will also be training those of us with responsibilities in the CFS area on the web based assessment/action plan design so that we can take over the operation of the system at the end of June 2005. Cassie's Office will remain in Gerry but will move across the hall.

As a result of Cassie's departure from her position in the CFS area, we have completed a national search for a new colleague. I am pleased to announce that Megan Johnson will be joining the staff as the Assistant Director of Coed, Fraternity and Sorority Organizations in July. Megan is from Omaha, Nebraska and has recently completed her masters degree in College Student Personnel from Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois. Megan is a 2001 Bachelor of Science graduate in Speech/Organiza-

tional Communication from Northwest Missouri State University. Megan has served as a House Director for the Delta Zeta Chapter while in her graduate program. A member of Alpha Sigma Alpha National Sorority, Megan served as a leadership consultant for the National organization upon completing her undergraduate degree. During this period, she traveled throughout the country providing services in such areas as leadership development, financial management, officer training and new member recruitment/education. In addition, she was instrumental in the creation of a new Alpha Sigma Alpha chapter at Roanoke College. In addition to her sorority leadership, Megan has experience in academic affairs, student activities, athletic advising and housing.

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classes and the Student Assembly made a generous donation.

By the end of the campaign, we succeeded in raising close to \$8,000. This coming year, we plan to increase our financial goal and involve a greater percentage of the student body in our efforts. In early October, the green thermometer outside the Collis Center will mark the official public beginning of the campaign, which will run through February 14. We plan to start raising money much earlier though. This summer we will be working through the Panhellenic Council and the Inter-Fraternity Council to hold a couple of events, including a band and barbecue at Gamma Delta Chi at the beginning of the summer term to raise awareness and money before the kick-off in the fall. We look forward to our early start and believe that it will lead to even greater success than Omega's first campaign to support the Upper Valley United Way.

### Tri Delt's "Delta Dialogues" Reach Out to Campus

*The Sorority's Bi-Weekly Dinner-Discussions Popular Among Greek and Non-Greek Students Alike*

Pam Wendel  
Meredith Liu

Bi-weekly the sisters of Tri Delta can be found at their house cooking dinner for a small group of sisters and fraternity brothers, first-year students, or various other guests. These Delta Dialogues are designed to increase inclusivity in Tridelt by opening our house to other groups and promoting communication with them. The comfortable setting of a casual dinner has facilitated great conversations about some pertinent issues about our house, the Greek system, and the campus at large.

We had eight Delta Dialogues sessions in the past two terms. For example, last term, we had a group of first-year women from the Choates dorm speak with us about how to bridge the gap between upperclass women and first years. The senior class dean, Lisa Thum, also attended. For another session, we invited Pam Misener (Office of Pluralism and Leadership) and Wade Meyer (Center for Women and Gender) as well as

brothers from Psi Upsilon and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternities. At this dinner we had some candid discussions about gender stereotyping and group mentalities in the Greek system. Most recently we hosted the brothers of Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc. for a stimulating conversation on issues of race and self-segregation at Dartmouth. Other groups that have attended Dialogues include non-Greek students, and the fraternities Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

We have also had two internal house dinners. These have been very honest and profound talks about what our house stands for as well as the image our house projects to the community. These have been great opportunities to ask some tough questions about what our house is doing right and what it needs to improve.

This was the inaugural year for the Delta Dialogues program but after it's overwhelming success it is definitely here to stay.

## Tabard Balances Academic and Social Endeavors

The Tabard, one of Dartmouth's three co-ed houses on campus, had an incredibly successful term, marked by numerous programming events. These events covered a wide variety of interests and were well attended by both house members and the community at large.

Graduate advisor Michael Layon made Tabardites proud this spring by completing his doctoral dissertation in molecular biology. Dr. Layon has been the advisor and a dedicated Tabardite for many many years.

"This has been a great spring for the house," said Dr. Layon. "We have hosted several successful events, and balanced well between academic and social endeavors."

One of their most successful academic events was a professor dinner. The Tabard held a dinner with English professor Josna Rege, a specialist in post-colonial literature

"The dinner discussion itself was very laid back," said event organizer Matt Fay '05. "Not only did Tabards learn the answers to questions about post-colonial theory, but also about concerts she went to when she was young. She told us she arrived in the U.S. in 1970, so she had "just missed" Woodstock, but she made it to Bob Marley concerts, and Disco was anathema," said Fay.

Fay said that Professor Rege and the students enjoyed the dinner. They shared with her some house lore, and "she found our choice of the name Tabard from Chaucer as well as our creation myth wonderful," he said.

"She emailed me to say 'I am glad that there is a congenial house like the Tabard on campus, and have already related your founding story and creation legend to several people!'" Fay said.

The Tabard also staged a Green Key version of the ever-popular Disco Inferno party, a dry event raising money for local charities. The dancing was deejayed by Mark Root '05 and drew several hundred partygoers from across campus.

Last weekend the house brought four student bands at Dartmouth to compete in a Battle of the Bands at the Tabard. Participating in the contest were Rightly Guided Thieves, Oh No Dinosaur, Fashion Fashion! and The Wonders. The event was co-sponsored by the 2 other coed houses, Alpha Theta and Phi Tau.

Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, the event was moved inside to the Tabard meetings room, but from there was a resounding success. A panel of four judges (two from Alpha Theta and two from The Tabard) presided over the competition, awarding the \$150 first prize to Fashion Fashion! And the \$50 second prize to Oh No Dinosaur.

"It was very successful," said Tabard president Lindsey Davis '05. "We may run it with more frequency in the future."

## Panhellenic Council Ends a Busy Year

Krista Sande-Kerback  
Kristen Wong

This year's Panhellenic Council has been diligent and productive, and we've accomplished a lot in the last few months! In addition to providing a weekly forum for representatives from each sorority and taking on the impressive task of directing recruitment for hundreds of women, we have developed numerous successful projects:

- Raised over \$1000 for the United Way Campaign
- Provided a pizza study break in Novack Café
- Held a dinner/discussion with feminist "Visionaries in Residence" Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards
- Created a "weekly sorority programming" blitz to reach all sorority women
- Co-sponsored numerous campus events with organizations such as the Women in Business and SAFE.

A big focus for us in the upcoming months will be our outreach efforts to the class of 2007. We are committed to improving relationships with first-year students, particularly women, in the coming year. We have created an outreach chair and are devising programming to give first-year women exposure to the Greek system in a new way. Lastly, along the way we have increased the dialogue across sorority house lines, in addition to becoming good friends within the council.

Even off-campus, we are working



Kappa and Sigma Delt collide in Panhell Football Tourney

to improve our leadership skills. During the winter term, Krista Sande-Kerback, Meredith Wilsen, and Kristen Wong traveled to Philadelphia with advisors Deborah Carney and Cassie Barnhardt to the Northeast Greek Leadership Association (NGLA) conference. In addition to meeting Greek leaders from around the northeast and attending numerous educational sessions, our council won three awards for Council Management, Recruitment, and Leadership and Development.

The highlight of this spring term has been the Panhellenic Council's Sorority Flag Football tournament. In spite of chilly, gray weather on May 26, 2004, the event proved a tremendous success, raising over \$2,000 in conjunction with the International Humanitarian Founda-

tion (IHF). The tournament saw fierce, but friendly competition among the women of Sigma Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Delta Epsilon, Epsilon Kappa Theta, Delta Delta Delta, and Alpha Xi Delta, most of whom wore costumes during the game and devised their strategies for success with coaches from Gamma Delta Chi fraternity. Additionally, Stinson's in Hanover provided a barbecue open to the campus to enjoy along with the exciting athletic action. All proceeds will go towards building a school for the Chirripo, an indigenous tribe in Costa Rica.

The Panhellenic Council has made tremendous strides and hopes for continued progress in the next academic year. We strive to hold true to our objective of serving sorority women and the Dartmouth community at large.

## Re-Recognition Brings New Challenges for Phi Delt

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during the next year, as plans are finalized for a major renovation and addition. Starting in the late summer, 5 Webster Avenue will add a second means of egress off of the back of the house; moving the kitchen to new space on the first floor; building handicapped-accessible bathrooms on the first floor and in the basement; refurbishing the upstairs bathrooms; renovating the current kitchen space into additional living quarters; adding a wheelchair ramp up the side of the house; and replacing all of the carpets and drapes on the first floor. This initiative will address the remaining safety and Americans with Disabilities Act issues outlined in the Fuller Audit, and put the house nearly ten years ahead of schedule for the required refurbishments.

The Rig, in little more than a year and half, became a solid and upstanding organization and strong contributor to the Greek community at Dartmouth. Brothers can be proud of resurrecting this institution when no one thought it could be done.

## Greek Leaders and Administration Negotiate Fall Rush Change

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president of the IFC, remarked: "We're excited...I think that throughout the whole process, ORL and the Dean's office were really helpful. We worked with them and cooperated, and both sides are happy."

The new proposals not only moved rush but also promised major changes to Greek life. A major accompaniment to the fall rush change is the promise to begin investigating and implementing Continuous Membership Development (CMD) plans. CMD is a concept already adopted by many national fraternities and sororities that attempts to further strengthen house ties and friendships. It approaches common problems in Greek organizations, such as house disconnect and senior apathy, and attempts to eliminate them by consistently strengthening a student's tie to his or her organization throughout their membership experience. Traditionally, many houses have focused on the concept of new member education, which occurs only in an individual's initial term in the house. While the plans do not eliminate existing new member development plans, they do stress the importance of members learning from and contributing back to their organization beyond this initial education phase.

Furthermore, the two councils plan to expand their outreach to the

campus, particularly focusing on improving relationships with first-year students. In their recruitment proposal, Panhell noted that they are "not only dedicated to supporting the current first-year experience, but also to enhancing it." Panhell and IFC will jointly undertake an initiative to facilitate initial first-year integration into the college as well as improve their experience over the course of the year. This will involve building partnerships with first-year dorms via the UGA staff and designing programming activities geared towards first-years. Planning for this project has been underway all spring with implementation slated for this coming Fall.

This term's developments in the Greek system this term serve as the first steps in a long-term commitment to change. Greeks are no longer content to accept the status quo but seek to improve their own organizations as well as the community around them. In a recent op-ed, Dean Larimore commended these efforts: "[o]ver the past four years, Dartmouth's Greek organizations have made many positive changes through a recommitment to the founding ideals of scholarship, accountability, inclusivity, brotherhood and sisterhood, leadership, and service. My colleagues and I are proud to support the efforts of students to ensure a bright future for Greek life at Dartmouth."