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Fall Kappa Kalendar

- Kappa Corp Annual Meeting September 30th 11:00am at 123 Packard Avenue. Contact Corp Pres. Ken Nimblett '69 @ knimblett@earthlink.net with any questions
- Parents Weekend on October 20—22nd

Charge Highlights

- Spring GPA 2nd highest among Tufts Fraternities
- Kappa initiated ten excellent men in April
- Bro. Nimblett '69, named Alumnus of the Year at the TDX International

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KAPPA CELEBRATES 150 YEARS AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY!

On May 20th, brothers young and old, along with family and friends, gathered to celebrate the sesquicentennial of the Kappa Charge. The celebration began at the Charge house at 123 Packard Avenue, where a faithful crowd of Thetes met to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and libations before filtering onto the patio to hear a rousing welcome from Brother Kenneth Nimblett '69, President of the Kappa Corporation. Following Brother Nimblett's address, Brother David Lincoln '52 recounted highlights from Kappa 150 years on the hill, awing the audience with the Charge's stellar legacy at Tufts. Fittingly, Brother Lincoln was followed at the podium by a Kappa man with quite the legacy, Brigadier General Rudolph Peksens, Ret. USAF, '66. With many undergraduate brothers listening closely, Brother Peksens, spoke about the importance of leadership,

vision and values in the success of the Charge into the future. On such an important occasion, the audience was also addressed by a representative of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Adam McCready, Chi Deuteron (GW) '02. Bro. McCready noted Kappa contributions to the fraternity at-large throughout its tenure as Theta Delta Chi longest continuously active Charge, and his hope that Kappa continues its role as an active supporter of the fraternity on an international level. Arriving in the nick of time from other Commencement affairs, former Charge President, Bro. Tim Rotolo '06, addressed the audience on behalf of the sesquicentennial class. Bro. Rotolo thanked the attending alumni for



Bro. Nimblett '69 presents Bro. Carley '32 with the Guy C. Pierce 1896 Service Award

their support, and addressed the dedication and commitment of the graduating seniors. Following Bro. Rotolo, the crowd was addressed by Bro. Nimblett, who presented a surprised

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150th Dinner Address from the Charge President: Rich Matulewicz, Kappa 2007

When I first arrived at Tufts as a freshman, I walked past the house with a sort of intrigue and uncertainty; I knew little to nothing about the place other than the widespread stereotypes that accompanied each fraternity on campus. It was the hockey house to nearly

everyone, plain and simple. My knowledge of the house quickly grew however, when one day in passing someone hanging out of a third floor window informed me that there was a lot more than chalk talks and game tape being watched within 123 Packard. This person, if I may quote,

wanted the other person, now standing next to me in an obvious rush, "to get them more beers, jerk." That moment, I said to myself, self, hockey and more beers? This is my Mecca.

All kidding aside however,

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A Letter from the Kappa Corp President

Dear Brothers of Kappa Charge,

I write you at a time of great celebration in the life of our beloved Kappa as we honor 150 years of continuous, uninterrupted Brotherhood on the Hill. On May 20th of this year we gathered on the Legacy Terrace in front of the Charge House to remember our past, express gratitude for our presence still on the Tufts campus, and lay the foundation for what will be celebrated in 50 years at the bicentennial of Kappa. It was a truly inspiring event which I only wish you could all have been able to attend. I hope you will take a few moments to read about the event elsewhere in the newsletter and check out the photos that captured some of the energy and enthusiasm. Of particular interest and inspiration, please read the article about Warren Carley, K'32, and the honor accorded him by our assemblage that day.

I also want you to know that Kappa is poised to become the pre-eminent fraternity on the Tufts campus and has made a tremendous comeback from what just three years ago could have led to our complete demise when a significant number of undesirable brothers left the Charge. Thanks at that time to the leadership of the Graduate Corporation headed by Dave Lincoln, K'52 and the steady attention and guidance offered by the Central Fraternity Office in the person of Charge Consultant Adam McCready, Chi Deut '02, our Charge rebounded in a major way and is currently in its best condition in many years. Better than I could ever state what this essentially means, please make a point to read the address made by the current undergraduate President of the Charge, Rich Matulewicz, K'07, who personifies why we are at this point and why our future is so bright. This fall the Charge is 35

Brothers strong who are energetic, enthusiastic, and ready to set a course for the bicentennial celebration which I'm truly sorry I'll miss but which is sure to come to pass given the foundation that we've laid.

It's impossible for me to close this letter without drawing your attention to another huge enterprise that has required our full attention all summer. On Mother's Day, May 14th, after a week of torrential rain, the sewer lines of Somerville could not continue to do their job and the entire basement of the Charge House was flooded. As the article about this describes, extensive damage was sustained and the work to fully restore the old kitchen, dining room and Brothers' room and replace the boiler and hot water heater has been ongoing ever since.

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Celebrating Kappa's 150 years on the Hill

Bro. Carley '32 with the inaugural Guy C. Pierce Distinguished Alumnus Service Award (see article below). After Bro. Carley's remarks, Bro. Rick Walsh '76 addressed the crowd. Bro. Walsh commented on the significance of this Charge milestone, reviewing historical events in world and American history that have occurred since the Charge's founding in 1856. After a spirited rendition of the "Doxology", brothers and guests found their way back

into the Charge house to continue the celebration.

The festivities were by no means over, as the brothers found their way, some easier than others, to Marino's, an Italian Restaurant in Cambridge. After an excellent dinner, the ceremonies continued, as the Kappa Corp honored its 150th graduating seniors for their dedication to the Charge as undergraduates. Following the presentation of gifts to the senior men, Charge President Richard Matulewicz '07 spoke on behalf of

the undergraduates (see pg. 3 article). The Corp then thanked two surprised Bros. Lincoln '52 and McCready, Chi Deut '02, and for their untiring support to the Charge in recent years. Marc McDonald, a contractor who's has invested many selfless hours into 123 Packard, was also honored on this occasion for his support of Kappa. After the "Toast to the Omega" and the singing of the "Doxology", the brothers parted, but all look forward to the homecoming celebration.

Bro. Carley, K '32, Receives 1st Guy C. Pierce Service Award

The highlight of the Sesquicentennial Celebration held on May 20th was the presentation of the first Guy C. Pierce Distinguished Alumnus Service Award to Warren E. Carley, K'32. This award, commissioned by the Kappa Corporation, has been established to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of Kappa alumni to the college, fraternity, and community.

Named in honor of Guy C. Pierce, K'1896, who himself was a driving force in the building of the new Kappa house in 1930 and

served as 31st President of the Grand Lodge from 1937-39, it will be given whenever an alumnus has been deemed worthy by the Corporation but not more often than annually.

Brother Carley, at the youthful age of 95, was present to accept the award. Throughout his life he has been a stalwart member of the fraternity, having served as undergradu-



Bros. Carley, Nimblett, and Peksens at the 150th

ate president in 1931-32 and having been involved in the Kappa Corporation and serving as its president for many years. He was first elected as an Alumni Trustee of the University in 1964 and continued his service until 1981 when he was named Trustee Emeritus. He has held director positions on hospital and community boards and for many years was a partner in the Boston law firm of Ropes and Gray.

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when I came on campus in September of 2003, I was very unaware of the changes that had occurred and were still occurring within the Kappa Charge and how it grew to be what it was. People were being de-brothered for their apathy and lack of devotion to the ideals that unite us as Thetes, and there was a no longer much fraternity in the brotherhood; the turmoil left the house nearly destroyed structurally and also decimated membership numbers. The house was on the brink, a major cross-roads which could have led to the demise of the charge, leaving all of us in very different places tonight. However, we are all here tonight, and for very good reason. Tonight's dinner honoring the graduating class of 2006 is very appropriately being held on the same day as our 150th anniversary at Tufts, because without the men sitting in front of me the likelihood of this afternoon's events would be slim to none.

This graduating class began something that will hopefully last beyond all of our years. They forged the new identity of Theta Delta Chi at Tufts and surely paved the way for what the house will look like for years to come. The house was no longer a brick stereotype; there were hockey players still, but also athletes who choose not to play their sport with a puck. They were student leaders, scholars, and genuinely good men who lived up to what it meant to be a Thete, and had a damn good time while they were doing it all. During their 3 years as brothers they have helped the house grow with regards to membership

and grow as the premier fraternity on campus. Unfortunately, despite our great strides, there is no certainty that this house will still be the Thete house twenty, ten, or even five years from now, and as I began my journey here with such intrigue and insecurity, they will most likely leave with some.

I can assure them and everyone here tonight, that Kappa, is currently in great hands. We have an outstanding and devoted Graduate Corporation's with improving alumni support, great undergraduate leadership if I do say so myself, and 36 undergraduates that are ready to assume vacant roles, continue the course laid out for us, and have an unrelenting quest to be better than the year before. What is now becoming important is not being satisfied with what we have done. We cannot pat ourselves on our collective backs and congratulate each other just yet. The future of our fraternity is what we will to make it. Currently, Kappa has been the number one Greek house on campus philanthropically having raised more than ten thousand dollars in two years in the Relay for Life, and has won the International Theta Delta Chi philanthropy award two years running. Just a few weeks ago, we were narrowly edged for Greek House of the year, and were runners up out of the fourteen houses on campus. Our brothers are active in the classroom, achieving a housewide GPA well above the campus average, active on the fields, par-

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ticipating in a plethora of varsity and intramural sports, and have become a force within the InterGreek council, a house many others look to as a model of excellence. We initiated ten good men this past semester and continue to become a diverse house with a personality like none other.

The structure and aesthetics of the house are improving as well, and with each new floor put down or wall painted, we look to maintain and improve on the house rather than take from it and destroy. Our finances are sound and have allowed us to maximize what we can make of our dues. Brothers trips are always exciting, Super Bowl is a day unto itself, and our parties are borderline legendary. None of these claims could be made without the character of the men in the house backing them. We are a fun loving group who can buckle down and take care of business when necessary. We all have different personalities and each bring something a little different to the table, which wouldn't be the same minus any one of us. Our similarities are what unity us as brothers, but our differences are what makes the house what it is and what it will be. Kappa's future is bright and it shines so because of what it has been in the past, what it currently is, and what it will be due to sound foundations already laid. Congratulations to the graduating seniors and congratulations to everyone who made the 150 years of Theta Delta Chi what it is. May God grant that our beloved Fraternity be perpetuated through all future generations.

Mother Nature Visits Theta Delta Chi for Mother's Day

The storm that ravished New England over Mother's Day weekend swept through Medford with a vengeance, leaving flooded streams, sewers and rivers behind. The flooding was so high that the roof drains and sewer drains at 123 Packard backed up. Several feet of water pooled on the roof before cracking the chimney and flowing down the chimney

into the boiler room. At the same time the sewer line ruptured, filling the boiler room with overflow from the city sewer. The water filled the boiler room, flowing under the boiler room door into the brothers' room, kitchen and dining room. Water lapped at the bottom of the electrical panel, 5 feet above the floor. Without electricity generators

were set up to power four fire hose pumps. Thirty-eight hours later the basement was dry and emergency crews descended on the house to clean it up for graduation and sesquicentennial celebration.

Damage was so extensive the entire base-

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Kappa Celebrates its 150th!



Brothers, Family and Friends sing the Invocation at the start of the 150th Celebration.



Top Left: Bros. Matulewicz '07 & Lombardi '52
Top Right: Bros Madigan '87, and O'Laughlin '87 flanked by two unidentified brothers.
Middle: Bros. Kerber, Donatelli, Hansberry, Harty, Harburg, Cleary and Rotolo (all '06)
Above: Bro. Lincoln '52 notes the history of Kappa



Kappa undergraduates gather for a photo op.



Bros. Win Duke '53, Dwight Miller '52, and Rudy Badum '52 mingle in 123 Packard.

Kappa Corp President Letter Continued

Without the devotion, commitment, and hard work by our Property Manager Peter Colarusso, K'69 and our contractor Mark MacDonald we would never have been able to reach the point we're at now in providing a fully restored base-ment to the longterm stability of the House and the enjoyment of the undergraduates of Kappa. Add to this the renovation of the library with the major assistance of a library grant from the

Educational Foundation of the National Fraternity and we're definitely making great progress.

So, Brothers, Kappa is on the MOVE; and we're not just surviving, we're THRIVING. Stay tuned for more developments this year, and please make a point to join us on September 30 for the Annual Meeting, Homecoming football game, and after game reception at the

House. It's a great honor to be serving as President of the Corporation in this ses- quicentennial year, and I look forward to continuing our progress in the months ahead.

In the Bonds,

Ken Nimblett, K'69

Brotherhood Updates

Brother David Lincoln, K '52, writes, "Bro Taft 52, Lundberg 53, Duke 53 and I just came back from our 4th annual TDC FISHAREE, this time to East Grand Lake on the Maine/New Brunswick border. The fishing was the 2nd best ever. Taft stopped whining after he caught the second smallmouth and the biggest. Duke never stopped talking... but then none of us hear well ... and Lundberg was his usual professional influence. PS Taft had just returned from 3 weeks in China, and we expected to have an Asian fish finder ..but no such luck !!"

Len Lombardi, K '52 notes, "I have been active for several years, with a great bunch of dedicated brothers in reclaiming the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity. It has been a very satisfying endeavor and I hope that other graduates will join the team in recapturing a pleasant part of the past. Dana and I have spent a wonderful summer at the beach in Westbrook, Ct and will be traveling to Greece this October."

Brother Brian Driscoll, K '89, now has three children, Greg, who is 7, Tim, who is 6, and Josie, who is 3.

Brother Branden Yee, K '04 is in his third year at Tufts Medical School and is enjoying his first rotations.

Missing Thete! Help Reunite our Brothers with Kappa!

If you have any information on these missing Thetes, please contact kappa.kourier@gmail.com.

Carlton Godfrey '30, Eugen Tobey '30, Walter Bugden '31, Raymond Killion '31, Edwin Graham '32, John Piccolo '32, Joseph Baker '33, Thomas Holden '34, Charles Moors, Jr. '34, Curtis Perry '34, Franklin Davis '35, Raymond Maclean '35, Harrison Morse, Jr. '35, Richard Johnson '36, Ralph Smith, Jr. '36, Edward Burrage '38, Lawrence Pigeon '38, Donald Davis '39, Charles Lee '39, Daniel McLean '40, Lloyd Gross '41, Washington West, Jr. '41, Donald Bedell '42, John Manley '42, Harry Spalding '42, John Carrig '43, Dr. John Gibbons '43, Benjamin Pitcher '43, William McMorro'44, Edward Shea '44, Dr. Robert Nardone '44, Richard Yardley '44, Dr. Donald Collings '45, Raymond Crotty '45, J. Morrill King '45, Gordon Goodwin '46, Richard Kinnard '46, Dr. Edward Linehan '46, C. Newell Moore '46, Austin Peterson, Jr. '46, Laurent V. Stonge '46, Edward Sears, Jr. '46, Robert Boyer '47, M. William Goodwin '47, Frederick Weiss, Jr. '47, Winfred Means '49, Edward Miley '49, William Curby '50, Edward Clark '51, William Register '51, Richard Godzinski '55, Thomas Cahill '57, John Williams, Jr. '59, Ronald Shannon '60, James Connell '63, Roy Dickover '66, Jonathon Adelson '67, Henry Muncherian '68, Chester Welch '68, James Bourgeois '69, Robert Schwebel '73, Richard Rose '76, Robert Harrington '78, Michael Verville '78, John McDonald '79, Jose Elverdin '88, James O'Connor '94, Philip Wang '94, Brian Johnson '95, Matthew Ryan '95, Anthony Correnti '99, Swede Farling '99, Lee Litvin '99, Ian Malbin '99, Ari Santiago '99, Peter Shapiro '99, Dan Reinhard '03, Thomas Trilla '04,

Todd Walters '04,, Pavol Fabian '05, Mark Chernausek '05, David Donatelli '06, Ben Harburg '06

Kappa Men Who Have Entered the Omega Charge

Paul K. Perry '33
John Pollard '69

Do you have any personal updates, or updates regarding other Theta Delts that you would like to share in the Kappa Kourier? Please send these updates to kappa.kourier@gmail.com.



Bro. Peter Colarusso '69 and his beautiful wife Betty take a break from their house management duties for a photo at the 150th Celebration.

New England Spring Floods Damage Charge House

ment had to be gutted. All organic material – walls, paneling, flooring, benches, chairs, rugs, ceiling tiles, etc – was removed. The entire area was sealed and treated for mold and mildew. Restoration has begun. The brothers' room will be completely renovated; new walls, flooring and ceiling. The old dining room will have a new floor and Cypress fir, tongue in groove paneling. During demolition we discovered that the beau-

tiful old, fireplace had been covered with paneling. Plans are not to panel over the brickwork but to restore it. The kitchen area will have new flooring and some new walls. A built in counter will span the back wall with café seating around the entrance.

Restorations projects, not related to the flood, were underway and will be completed by Homecoming. These include

construction of a Ladies Lounge on the first floor, installation of hard wood flooring in all halls, renovation of the library, and replacing all electrical wiring throughout the house while adding internet access in every suite.

We hope the renovations will be complete by the last weekend in September, just in time for 150th Celebration at Homecoming.

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Join the Brothers on the 2056 Time Capsule Scroll

The following brothers have contributed at least \$100.00 to the Kappa Corp in celebration of Kappa's 150th anniversary. Their names appear on a scroll (see picture) that will be entered into the Charge time capsule, which will be opened in 2056. There is still time for other Brothers to join the list below. If you are interested in having your name emblazoned on scroll, please contact Kappa Corp President Ken Nimblett at knimblett@earthlink.net or 46 Greenville St, Somerville, MA 02143.

Warren E. Carley K'32
George E. Marsh K'40
Donald Marvin K'43
John P. O'Neil K'43
Hugh Crawford K'45
Laurance W. Lord K'46
George Schweitzer K'49
C. V. Hill K'50
David D. Dube K'51
Bob Hughes K'51
Rudy Badum K'52
David Lincoln K'52
Len Lombardi K'52
Dwight F. Miller K'52

Robert Taft K'52
Winslow H. Duke K'53
Richard E. Lundberg K'53
Jefferson G. Cicia K'54
Bryant Crocker K'54
Gerald Lewis K'54
Wallace Moore K'54
Ben Sands K'54
Parker Small K'54
Fred Morris K'56
Warren Kean K'57
Pete Davenport K'59
Robert Hempstead K'61
Horstas Uzperis K'61
Steve Brayton K'62
Ned A. Fine K'62
Bill Gere K'62
J. Theodore Morine K'63
Robert A. Cain K'64
Charles F. Miller K'66
Brig. Gen. Rudolph Peksens K'66
John Halloran K'67
John E. Kane K'67
Robert McNamara K'67
Richard L. Spielvogel K'67
William Ramus K'68
Charles W. Torrielli K'68
Gordon Wells K'68

Neil F. Cassidy K'69
Peter Colarusso K'69
J. Kenneth Nimblett K'69
Capt. Tom Breitingner, USN(ret.) K'71
Robert Mosco K'71
Dallas L. Pulliam K'71
Carl Tommaso K'71
Paul F. Walsh K'71
Carl Hedlund K'75
Rick Walsh K'76
Dan McCartney K'81
Edward O'Laughlin K'87
Brian Driscoll K'89
Dr. Christopher Parker K'90
Dylan Z. Wolin K'98
Andrew Fritz K'03
Seth Hamblin K'04
Branden Yee K'04
Kenneth John Cleary II K'06
David Donatelli K'06
Shawn Hansberry K'06
Timothy James Rotolo K'06
Brendan Butler K'07
Richard Matulewicz K'07
Sean Cleary K'08
Daniel T. Stein K'08

