



## ALUMNI NEWS

Brother Robert Buffum, Sr., PK '52 is in the process of turning over his business, the Manasota Beach Club, to the next generation. Robert says all Phi Kappa brothers are welcome to visit the club in FL ([www.manasotabeachclub.com](http://www.manasotabeachclub.com)). Robert Buffum, Jr., PK '77, is also involved in the family business.

Brother George Graham, PK '59 reports that he and twenty Phi Kappa brothers and spouses got together from October 28 through the 30<sup>th</sup> in Vero Beach, FL. In attendance were brethren from the classes of 1959, 1960, 1961, and 1962. The rendezvous included a large dinner at the Quail Valley River Club. A good time was had by all.

Xaipe,

James Foley, PK '07  
Alumni Secretary

Alexander White, PK '07  
Alumni Treasurer

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## UNDERGRADUATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To say the least, writing my final house report as Undergraduate President is a bittersweet moment, as I cannot help but be a little sad about completing my term as President of the Phi Kappa Chapter of the Alpha Delta Phi. However, as I look back at all the undergraduates who have accomplished over the past twelve months, I feel an overwhelming sense of pride. I am proud to report that the house is as strong as it has ever been. In the fall, we initiated fourteen new Brothers, all of whom are eager to contribute around the house and continue to build upon our strong reputation on campus.

Over the past year, AD has been prevalent in all aspects of campus life. Last spring, AD was the only organization, Greek or otherwise, to rank in the top three of both total donations and participation rate in the annual campus wide Relay for Life event. This past fall we also reestablished the academic mission of the Phi Kappa chapter by holding the first annual Alpha Delta Phi Essay Contest on campus, which was spearheaded by our incoming Undergraduate President, Graham Fadden. In fact, our efforts were recognized by Alpha Delta Phi International President, John Vick ('64 Hamilton Chapter), in an email to all AD chapters, urging them to follow our lead.

On the athletic fields, the members of the house did the Phi Kappa Chapter proud by representing us on six varsity athletic teams. Members of the house lettered in Football, Soccer, Squash, Wrestling, Lacrosse, and Tennis. Special congratulations are in order for three members of the Phi Kappa Chapter, Andrew McDowell '09, Kyle Williams '10, and Bobby Jackson '10, who helped the football team to its first undefeated season in three years, and an outright NESCAC Championship.

However, despite all of our successes over the past year, there is still one area we need to work on – alumni participation. Over the past five years, alumni participation, both in donations and house presence, has deteriorated. The good news, Brothers, is that we still have time to turn this problem around, which I know we will.

Serving as Undergraduate President over the past year has been an unbelievable honor, which I will never forget, and I truly believe that our best days are still in front of us under the new leadership of the house.

Xaipe,

John S. Fornaciari



## UNDERGRADUATE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I write to you all with a sense of tremendous appreciation and gratitude, this past semester has been one that I will remember forever. It is my pleasure to hand down my responsibilities as the Vice President to a group of qualified and energetic newly elected officers. I can say with full assurance that our house stands strong. Over the course of the last semester, there were a number of house improvements made. At the start of the year we had the drainage system in the kitchen cleaned out and repaired along with the dishwasher. The heating system throughout the semester has been an issue. We recently had to replace several pipes throughout the house as a result of them bursting. There was limited water damage done to the house, with the exception of the carpets in Olympus, which have been replaced. I have replaced a number of the locks on the doors around the house after some were broken and worn out. I had a cleaning crew come to AD before Christmas break to do a thorough cleaning of entire house. I am in the process of assigning a janitorial company to come to the house and try and restore some of the floors and walls particularly in the dining area.

Aside from internal house projects, AD remains a vital contributor to the Trinity College community and the greater Hartford area. As you may have heard, the house sponsored a writing contest, which was promoted throughout the school newspaper. Thanks to the tireless efforts from our newly elected President, James Graham Fadden, the contest was a huge success. Not only did the Trinity community enjoy the contest but, The Alpha Delta Phi International used our house as an example to other chapters in hopes of promoting the literary tradition of AD. The house continues to be an active participant in a number of community service events, like Do – It – Day, Halloween on Vernon, and Relay for Life to name a few.

Something that I am particularly proud of is our ability to remain a place on Trinity's campus where all types of Trinity students feel welcome. We continue to encourage all students to come to AD. In the next few weeks we will be hosting a student organized concert called New Years Revolution which will encompass a number of interesting student performers.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Vice President and I look forward to watching the growth of AD continue to prosper. I encourage all of you to come back and visit anytime.

Xaipe,

John Harrison Lyden

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## UNDERGRADUATE BROTHERS

### Class of 2009

Ben Brasfield  
Sean Delaney  
James Fadden  
John Fornaciari  
Montague Hackett III  
William Hoffberger  
Gray Lincoln  
Jack Lyden  
Robert Marschalk  
Robert Mountain  
John Reynolds  
Casey Savage  
Peter Smith  
Edward Smith  
Corbin Vreeland  
Matthew Wolock  
Avery Woods  
Stuart Longley  
Andrew McDowell

### Class of 2010

Christopher Birkhofer  
Harper Cullen  
Derek de Svastich  
Christopher Doran  
Christopher Grosse  
Nicholas Isbrandtsen  
Robert Jackson III

Alexandria, VA  
Darien, CT  
New Canann, CT  
Bethesda, MD  
New York, NY  
Baltimore, MD  
Wilton, CT  
New York, NY  
New Canaan, CT  
New Canaan, CT  
New Britain, CT  
Bronxville, NY  
Oyster Bay, NY  
Mt. Vernon, NY  
Owings Mills, MD  
Baltimore, MD  
Rye, NY  
Atlanta, GA  
Bethesda, MD

Hopewell, NJ  
Rehoboth Beach, DE  
Hartford, CT  
Wayland, MA  
South Deerfield, MA  
Greenwich, CT  
Atlanta, GA

Peter Jenkins  
Robert Key Jr.  
Jason Kulik  
Colin Leroy  
Justin Levitas  
Ian Malakoff  
James Martin  
Sanford Nunes  
Charles Sigular  
Jason Tedeschi  
Kyle Williams

### Class of 2011

Gardiner Ashforth  
Theodore Bascom  
Kirk Fauser  
Luis Fernandez  
Samuel George  
Garrett Hess  
Brooks Hauf  
David Ianella  
William Kast  
Ryan Moriarty  
Michael Ritter  
Patrick Kain  
Trevor Stern  
Jason Orloff

Alexandria, VA  
Denver, CO  
Norwell, MA  
Hartford, CT  
Baltimore, MD  
Great Falls, VA  
Ridgewood, NJ  
New York, NY  
Winchester, MA  
Norwell, MA  
Bethesda, MA

Ridgefield, CT  
Sudbury, MA  
North Salem, NY  
Palm Beach, FL  
Lincoln, MA  
Gates Mills, OH  
Baltimore, MD  
Boston, MA  
Greenwich, CT  
Dover, MA  
Winnetka, IL  
McLean, VA  
Easton, CT  
Goshen, NY



Several alumni got together for dinner at Peter Luger Steakhouse.

## UNDERGRADUATE TREASURER'S REPORT

I hope that while you are reading this, my second treasurer's report, you are able to momentarily ignore the ubiquitous stress coinciding with the current, catastrophic, economic downturn and instead, take refuge reading about the place which has provided so many fond memories to us all. When I wrote to you last, our undergraduate financial situation was in a fragile state as a result of Sysco Food Corp.'s decision to raise their prices and the expensive gas/heating bills we were receiving from CNG due to inflated oil prices. In order to insure financial solvency this fall, I created an extremely detailed budget at the end of the summer and have been tracking every penny of our spending to date. Our spending is currently in-line with the budgeting that we (the officers) projected at the beginning of the semester.

I now want to update you on some of the purchases we have made throughout the fall. In order to maintain our eating club we had to renew our class four food permit at the beginning of the semester. Unfortunately, we have been seeing our friend at GEM plumbing far too frequently this fall as many of the pipes have been leaking throughout the house. We also just had our archaic dishwasher refurbished and the dishware is now sparkling once again. Another very important purchase was buying a new regulator for the kegerator behind the bar. This coming weekend we are hosting the first ever 'Sno Pants or No Pants' theme party where the entire house will be transformed into a winter wonderland.

If you are willing and able to make a donation to the undergraduate operating budget you can make an on-line donation at <http://caribou.cc.trincoll.edu/adp/donations.htm> or contact me personally: [john.reynolds@trincoll.edu](mailto:john.reynolds@trincoll.edu). We greatly appreciate all of your support!

Xaipe,

John G. Reynolds

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## ALUMNI FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	6/30/08*	6/30/07	6/30/06	6/30/05	6/30/04	6/30/03
<b>Revenue</b>						
Alumni giving	\$14,500	\$11,400	\$13,500	\$51,800	\$67,200	\$24,600
<b>Expenses</b>						
Property taxes	\$13,900**	\$13,900	\$11,900	\$11,000	\$10,300	\$9,400
Property and liability insurance	\$8,900^	\$8,700^	\$12,700	\$12,100	\$13,100	\$12,500
Total major expenses	\$22,800	\$22,600	\$24,600	\$23,100	\$23,400	\$21,900
Other expenses	\$3,700	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$10,700	\$40,300	\$8,400
Total expenses	\$26,500	\$24,100	\$28,600	\$33,800	\$63,700	\$30,300
Net income/(loss)	(\$12,000)	(\$12,700)	(\$15,100)	\$18,000	\$3,500	(\$5,700)

\* As of 4/30/2008

\*\* We are in arrears \$13,900 in property taxes. We have not paid this, but we do owe it.

^ The insurance figure does not include liability insurance, which we could not pay due to lack of funds.

Xaipe,

Gregory C. Johnson, CPA, CLU, CPCU

Alumni Treasurer, Alpha Delta Phi

Treasurer, Phi Kappa Educational Foundation, Inc.

## AN ABROAD EXPERIENCE: BARCELONA



Our abroad experience in Barcelona was an unforgettable experience full of amazing trips to well-known places like Rome, Amsterdam, Madrid, and Seville and to smaller towns like Girona, Figueres, and Montserrat. Our program consisted of 17 Trinity students, and we took classes at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona and had a 24-hour computer lab/hangout area available to us close by. Living with host families who speak no English and taking no English classes, we were forced to put our Spanish skills to work. At first, it was very frustrating because we were constantly looking in dictionaries for words due to our limited vocabularies, but after two months of practice, we became more confident with our conversational skills and now our Spanish is better than ever. What most people don't know is that Spanish is actually not the main language spoken in Barcelona and the surrounding region named Catalonia. Catalan, a mix between Spanish and French, is the language taught in high schools, spoken on the news, and commonly heard on the street in Catalonia. It represents the strive of Catalans, the people from this region, for an independent culture from the Spanish culture. Thus, unlike Madrid, you will never see the Spanish flag in the streets, and you will never come across any Spanish pride. Another example is the Barcelona soccer team's motto: "Mes que un club." This Catalan phrase represents how the Barcelona soccer team symbolizes "more than a club," for it's a symbol of Catalonia and its drive for independence.

There are many other interesting things about Barcelona. For example, it is completely legal to walk around nude on the streets. Unfortunately, we have seen a couple of these nudists: all men. Also, you get fined 300 Euros if you are caught spitting in the street, but only a 200 Euro fine if you are caught trying to rob someone's wallet. The metro system is extensive and useful to get anywhere in the city and it stays open all night on Saturdays. The food there is meat and fish oriented, and of course the Tapas are unbelievable. Our favorite meal was probably la tortilla espanola en un bocadillo, which is a potato and egg omelet with two pieces of tomato covered bread. One weekend, Harper Cullen PK'10, Christopher Grosse PK'10, Christopher Birkhofer PK'10, and other friends from Rome visited us in Barcelona after we went to visit them the weekend before in Rome. On Saturday night, we all ended up at a well-known, five story nightclub named Razzmatazz famous for its techno and house music. When we finally left the club with ringing ears, the sun was already high in the sky. In our final weeks, we visited Lisbon, Valencia, and Prague to conclude our very expensive but unforgettable experience.

Ian Malakoff PK'10 and Robert Key Jr. PK'10

# COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Alpha Delta Phi has been very active this semester on Trinity's campus in various forms. Every year, the Community Service Office organizes "Do It Day" for the student body to perform community service in the city of Hartford. This year, AD Brothers worked together to clean and paint the Hartford Conservatory music school. The day provided a great opportunity for the Brothers to come together to help our community.

Later in the semester, we hosted Halloween on Vernon with the Ivy Society. AD Brother's organized Halloween games and puzzles for local Hartford families. Many of the student's leading the Hartford groups around Vernon mentioned to our Brothers that the kids enjoyed our house's activities the most. We all were rewarded for our efforts with big smiles and happy faces from the Hartford children arriving at our House.

This semester, the Alpha Delta Phi sponsored an Essay Contest on the Presidential Election. The contest provided student's with the opportunity to voice their opinion on current issues in America. We collaborated with Professors from the History, Political Science, Economics, and Religion Departments to successfully construct this opportunity for the student body. The Essay Contest was advertised in the *Tripod* Newspaper and we worked closely with them to promote this effort. In the end, we received 20 student submissions and were very happy with the results. After reviewing the essays, we gave our strongest submissions to the Political Science Department to evaluate and determine our winner. The Alpha Delta Phi Educational Foundation supported the contest, and allowed us to give iPod and iTunes gifts as prizes.

Xaipe,

J. Graham Fadden



The undergraduate brothers enjoying this year's Super Bowl.