



# *Fidelis et Suavis*

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## *State of the House Report*

by Rob Shames '08

The transition of Alpha Chi Alpha from a smaller, off the beaten path, fraternity, to a veritable campus hot spot has been a truly incredible sight to see. With sixty-seven members, whose interests range from sports teams to community service and everything in between, you might say AXA is undergoing something of a renaissance. Typical rage nights see a throng of guests playing pong or dice in the basement, our parties fill the Cheese Lodge to the brim with excited guests, and soon campus will be ablaze with the sirens of the class of 2010.

It is essential that as our visibility grows, we keep the spirit of Alpha Chi alive and well. Sadly, with the departure of the graduating '07 class, no brothers will have witnessed the Barn or the old house in all of their splendor and glory. But as they say, the old school will never die. We are working twice as hard to ensure that the bonds between the teds of yesterday and the teds of tomorrow continue. We continue to line the walls of the house with composites and pictures, and we hope to upload picture albums from the Ryerson onto an improved web site. Other plans include finalizing arrangements for an annual Alumni Council to discuss current house issues, furnishing our new temporary Tube Room, setting up an AXA listserve to enable alumni connections, and in honor of our fallen temple, throwing a Barn Party.

The '08 Sophomore Summer was, as expected, a blast. Though Tubestock met an untimely demise, we found ways to make do. Mud wrestling in the backyard, co-hosted by the sorority Sigma Delta, was the highlight of the summer, though it resulted in the dislocated knee of Glenn "Exceedingly Positive" Bridgman '08. Trips



to the copper mines, ledges and river were particularly common, especially when Scott "K.Y. Jelly" Wong '08 felt the urge to jump from the highest cliff he could possibly find. Of course, meetings under the paddle of Bart "Yeah Tone" McGuire '08 were two hours of pure debauchery and chaos.

Fall term saw the induction of nineteen new pledges to the ways of Ingemar. Highlights of the term included the Cheeseball, as DJed by Eric "DJ Irec" Bushlow '09, and pledge adventures to Montreal, Boston and other northeast locales. Despite the cold weather, winter term heated up with the addition of three new pledges and Winter Carnival's 33rd Annual Beach Party. Featuring the band

Welbilt, this year's Beach Party was the best in recent memory, according to seniors and recent alums. Calling it one of the best gigs they've ever played, Welbilt returned for Pigstick to another rocking crowd. In addition to the always well attended Pigstick, Spring term featured a formal on a cruise boat on Lake Sunapee and the raising of \$4435 for Relay for Life.

Many projects are in the works for this year. With the help of advisor Sheldon Prentice '72, we placed our money in a higher yielding account. Though we are in the black, our programming and social events are still limited by financial constraints. We hope to expand our website, [alphachialpha.org](http://alphachialpha.org), by adding pictures, stories and updated messages. We're also in the process of cataloguing the photo albums, bequests, and yearbooks in the Ryerson.

On the programming side of things, we recently had Professor John Rassias over for a very successful Sunday night "Uncle Ted's" dinner. We hope to continue to invite professors over to socialize with the brothers in a less formal atmosphere. Furthermore, our service program is expanding to include new events in addition to past favorites like the Blood Drive.

I'd like to thank those of you who have visited, written or donated to the house in the past year. Your support is critical for the continued growth of AXA. If your travels bring you to Hanover, please stop by. I can assure you sixty-seven guys will be ecstatic to see your faces, hear your stories and show you how we are carrying the spirit of Alpha Chi Alpha into the future.

# Heeeeeeere's to the '09s

*With another great year in the brotherhood comes a strong new class of Alpha Chi's. Through the tireless efforts of our rush chairs, we were able to recruit another large, yet tightly knit class of 19 in the fall and 3 in the winter. Among them are students from all areas of campus life and they have proven a welcome addition to the house. Under the watchful eye of our pledge trainers and the rest of the brotherhood, these new AXAs have learned basement skills, the ways of Ingemar, and the history of the house and its members. They are eager and ready to carry on the Alpha Chi tradition.*

## *And the new Cheese Lodgers are:*

Jonathan E. Merten <i>Warwick, RI</i>	Derek L. Weiss <i>St. Louis, MO</i>
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# Alumni Giving Program and Treasurer's Report

by *Jamie Hill '08*

Once again, the current brotherhood at the Magic Green Cottage would like to thank the tremendous support we've received from alumni over the past year. As with all other aspects of the house, our financial outlook has improved considerably and we are nearing the point where we will have the funds to make some serious improvements to the physical plant of the house, such as a full revival of the tube room. This past spring term we organized a fantastic formal on a boat on Lake Sunapee that was enjoyed by our brotherhood and the dates that we somehow convinced to come along with us. Between our growing numbers and increased alumni donations over the past years, we saved enough money to open a higher yield CD account, but Alpha Chi still needs your support to maintain and expand upon the progress made in recent years.

As those of you who have visited the renovated house have noticed, the changes to the interior layout erased the tube room from existence. As a temporary solution,



*Members of the class of 2009 serenade Sigma Delta members during the Fall 2006 Cheeseball.*

we have converted the first floor single into a tube room for the next calendar year.

Unfortunately, the College will not provide the tube room with any of the necessary electronic equipment or furnishings. It is our hope that with your support, we will convert the room into the quintessential Alpha Chi hang-out place, with plenty of history lining the walls. And no, Seth Bouvier '97, the tube room is still not your home.

Spring term is always the busiest term financially and this year was no exception. We are always set back approximately \$10,000 in insurance payments in early April, but that was not able to stop us from throwing some fantastic events. Beyond our spring formal, Pigstick was a fantastic success with great catering from honorary pledge Ray Crosby and a great band, Welbilt. Welbilt had played at an absolutely packed Beach Party in the winter and they had such a great time that they were willing to drive all night from a night gig in Washington, DC to play the next afternoon at Pigstick. We have also been able to organize a number of successful rush events, that, in conjunction with the fabulous efforts of our current rush chairs, have placed Alpha Chi in a very strong position for the Class of 2010 rush.

The truth of the matter is that organizing all these events would not be possible without the generous support of our alumni. We cannot thank you enough for the interest and initiative you have shown in giving back to the house.

With all the alumni I met over reunion week this spring in mind, I can say that AXA has

remained a strong and vibrant place and the future is looking even brighter. As '07 trea-



*Members of the '07 class pose for a pic during the extremely well attended 33rd Annual Beach Party.*

asurer Greg Kreischer wrote in last year's newsletter, we have added a PayPal link on our website ([www.alphachialpha.org](http://www.alphachialpha.org)), which is a secure online method that may be of more convenience if you wish to contribute.

Finally, I would like to mention that in addition to my duties as treasurer I am also the '08 alumni coordinator, a position we have decided to establish for every class going forward. Harshil Shah '09 is also performing the same duties, and by next winter we will also have a '10 contact. Feel free to get in touch with any of us – we always love to hear from alumni and we'd be happy to show you around the renovated house if you want to see for yourself what Alpha Chi is like these days.

We are in the process of setting up an Alpha Chi listserve, which will allow us to use the college email database and ensure that we can reach as many alumni as possible. We hope the listserve will also be used by you to get in contact with old brothers. Furthermore, if enough interest is espoused, we'd like to set up mini-reunions in Boston and/or New York City. Meeting alumni really puts into perspective what a great tradition our house has established, so we look forward to seeing you down at 13 Webster.

*The brothers of Alpha Chi would once again like to extend our thanks to our many generous and thoughtful alumni for their continued financial support. Over the past year, contributors included:*

Jack N. Hodgson '60  
 Bruce Hulbert '60  
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*Thank you again for your generosity. Special thanks to the Classes of '80, and '84, with four or more contributors!*

## Programming and Service Notes

*by Mike Audet '08*

**D**uring the past year, the brothers of Alpha Chi Alpha have once again exhibited the selfless spirit of Dartmouth by volunteering their time to service projects for the school and community.

The 2006 summer term saw the '08s of Alpha Chi organizing a few major events, including a large meal and discussion for the high school students participating in the SEAD (Summer Enrichment at Dartmouth) program. The house supplied the foodstuffs and almost all of the brothers helped to prepare the dinner – which fed over 40 teenagers – and shared college experiences with underprivileged students. Also during sophomore summer, the house participated in Consent Day, an event to raise awareness of sexual assault on campus.

On a term to term basis, the brothers continued the trend of volunteering for the Red Cross Blood Drive. AXA has also made

a presence in the Upper Valley Special Olympics. Several brothers act as mentors to the athletes during the weekly bowling program, and a handful of them also volunteered at the Winter Games.

As a final service note, this past spring, the Alpha Chi Relay for Life team collectively raised over four thousand dollars to help fight cancer. We are proud to say our team came in sixth overall and raised more money than every other fraternity combined.

In terms of programming, Alpha Chi Alpha has continued its weekly Uncle Ted's dinners, during which brothers take turns preparing food for each other. To some of these home-cooked feasts, the house invites professors to discuss their fields of study and life experiences in general. John Rassias enlightened the brothers with stories of Dartmouth's history, and was pleased to interact with the new generation of students. He vividly recalled

stories about old AXA students as he looked at familiar faces on the first floor composites.

The house tailored some programming events for pledges as well. The so-called "pledge adventures" sent pledge-and-brother teams all over New England and even into Canada. Some of the travelers crashed parties at schools such as UNH and UVM; others explored Montreal's bars and nightlife. These events provided a great way for existing brothers to bond with the new class.

Other programming events in the past year have included an afternoon excursion at the house advisor Sheldon Prentice's Trout Club, an overnight spent on Ledyard Island, and a paint-balling trip this spring. As the brotherhood of Alpha Chi Alpha grows in number, the house prepares for even more programming events and an even stronger dedication to service in the coming school year.

# House Manager's Report

by *Scott Wong '08*

In the upcoming year, many exciting improvements will be made to the physical plant of the Big Green Magic Cottage, including the addition of a new tube room, outdoor brick grill, and the refurbishment of many classic Alpha Chi staples.

Since the renovation of the house in 2004, we have lived without one of the most loved rooms of the old house, the Tube Room. After many meetings with the College, and through tireless hours of work from Dan "Houseman for Life" Schneider '07 and Quig "Queen Mary of Alpha Chi" Bruning '07, we have come to a temporary solution. The new-school Room 101 (where the Old Tube Room was) will be used as a Tube Room for the '07/'08 academic year. We are confident that our enthusiasm for the concept will convince the college to work with us to find a permanent solution. With our recently purchased projector and plans to set up the room with surround sound and new couches, the new Tube Room will quickly rival its hallowed predecessor.

With the unusually warm fall weather, brothers grill out behind the Cheese Lodge almost every day. To add to the new handmade picnic table, we plan to build a permanent brick grill large enough to satiate the ever-increasing hunger of the brotherhood. The multileveled grill will make the backyard a culinary wonderland of sausages and burgers for all to enjoy.

The "AXA" letters on the fishbowl have endured three full years of the elements, nobly mastheading the front of the house. Over the course of time, the letters have aged, and they are being retired. To replace them, Derek "I clean the basement for fun" Weiss '09 and Dan Schneider made three new letters, and we anxiously await mounting them.

Last summer we started refinishing the wooden benches in the basement, but did not get very far because of the



*The pre-Pigstick pong scene featuring the 08 (left) and 07 Class Tables.*

amount of labor required. We hope to attempt this project again this summer. The benches will need to be thoroughly washed, sanded, stained, and sealed, and all without interrupting the ferocious



*Brian Lenz '07, Andrew Kintner '05, Chet Ramamurthy '07 and Tim Bakke '07 enjoy Pigstick 2007.*

nightly rage scene. We hope to buy a power sander and several other tools to speed the process and add to the recently cleaned House Manager's closet.

With these tools, we plan to make a number of other improvements to the basement. The cabinets behind the bar are broken and don't have any doors. Rebuilding and remounting the doors will provide us with a secure place in the basement where we can keep basement and meetings apparel. (Heeeeere's to the Scientist!!) The sawhorses that are currently in the basement also need to be tightened up so they're not as wobbly and can support the abuse of a well-fought pong game. The last basement project is to finish the Beer Wall. Only part of the Beer Wall was saved when it was moved from the Barn to the basement. We can easily add thirty square feet of beer to the wall behind the bar to give

the bar area an older, more barn-like feel. It'll be hard work, but I'm sure we'll be able to find a few good men to help empty thirty square feet of beer.

Upstairs, we'll be sprucing up the rest of the house as well. The doorframes on the second and third floor have been painted green to match the outside of the house. Along with the doorframes, the doors themselves will be getting a new look. Iron numbers will label the rooms to give them a distinctive feel. Through the hallways, we're still in the process of hanging composites. With the 2006 composite ready to be hung, and a few more composites waiting to be refurbished, only 6 of our 48 composites are not yet on the walls.

There are a lot of projects to take care of this year, but we're all excited to tackle as many as possible to improve the house. The Big Green Magic Cottage is in great shape and continually getting better. With any luck, you'll be able to make it to Hanover to see the house soon.

# Basement Journal

by Arjun Chandrasekaran '08 and B.R. King '08

Over the past year, AXA has continued to build its reputation as the best place to hang out on campus. Our new '09 brothers have brought fresh energy and ideas to our social scene, and the basement has been livelier than ever before, filled both with our expanded brotherhood and more guests than ever.

Spring '06 was marked as usual by Pigstick. The hit band Lazyeeye, who had rocked Beach Party in the winter, returned to play in the sun for Pigstick. The weather cooperated despite forecasts for rain. Highlights included a party stopping rendition of "I Touch Myself" by the lead singer's girlfriend. We said farewell to the '06 class during a marathon Senior Week, which included an all night Senior Meetings, a rambunctious Chi Open and Senior Banquet.

Mid June saw the classes of '01, '86, '81 and many others back for their reunions. Though many alums were struck by our recent renovation, they quickly discovered that the spirit of AXA had remained unchanged through the years. Highlights of

placement dubbed "Fieldstock", aptly renamed "Lamestock" by the brotherhood. Despite the loss of Tubestock we had social events with all of the sororities, ranging from the now traditional Cheeseball with Sigma Delta to afternoon BBQ with Kappa. In addition, we began what we hope will become a new summer tradition, the First Annual AXA Mud Wrestling Championship co hosted by Sigma Delta Sorority. The event had the ironic good luck of feeding off the crowd from Consensual Sex Day, a campus-wide block party hosted on Webster Avenue intended to promote consensual sex. With over four hundred pounds of mud and a throng of scantily clad girls, the day was one we are certain to never forget. The highlight, of course, was the four-on-four Sigma Delta versus Tri Delta sorority showdown.



*Ethan Mefford '08 and B.R. King '08 prepare to duel in the first annual AXA Mud Wrestling Championship co-hosted by Sigma Delta Sorority.*

Winter Carnival was marked by the continued growth of Beach Party. "Welbilt" lit up the scene with fantastic covers and room-rocking originals on a beach constructed by our very own Dan Schneider '07. The beach included a raised sand covered platform in the back for dancing, as well as the ever-present lifeguard chair. By far the biggest Beach Party in recent years, the Safety and Security headcount placed over 450 people in the house at the height of the party. Of course, the party didn't really get started until Tim Bakke '07 and Mike Gadsden '07 tested their surfing skills on the sea of people in the front room. Although they only had a two and a half hour set, Welbilt jammed for more than four hours, replaying songs at the behest of the hundreds of people in the crowd.

Over the coming year we plan to continue the great work done by Tom Runcie '07 and Luke Antal '07, as well as to create some new AXA signature parties. We started off the spring by hosting a joint dance party with Alpha Phi Alpha, and plans are in the works to develop a party honoring our fallen barn.

Furthermore, we're happy to note that cano, slam and speed have all made a resurgence in the basement this spring, though lob is still the game of choice.

If you can, please come by and see the house, and perhaps even play a game of pong outside in the beautiful fall weather. But whether you visit or not, we are proud to say that AXA is, and always will be, the Magic Green Cottage.



*The band Welbilt kept the front room packed during the 33rd Beach Party.*

the week included a lobster dinner in the front room, graciously supplied by some of the alums, and general raging until the wee hours of the morning.

Over sophomore summer the majority of the class lived in the house. Sadly, Tubestock well and truly died this summer, despite our efforts to save it. The '08 class council attempted to create a sad re-

night by taking ownership of the house's parties, bringing new flavor to meetings, and obediently fetching a brother or two a snack from food court when called upon. Their ragey spirit helped draw so many guests to our fall parties that it took brothers over ten minutes to simply traverse from their room to the almost uncomfortably packed bar.

F a l l term saw the arrival of nineteen new members (with three to follow in the winter), who each brought their own brand of zeal to the house. The '09s proved that they had made the most of their initiation at sink-

# Intramural Roundup

by Brian Bensch '09, Gus Lubin '08,  
and Max Bryer '08

In the past year, Alpha Chi Alpha has experienced great success on the athletic fields, with an excellent showing in intramural softball, soccer and hockey.

The '06 summer term saw Alpha Chi once again fielding its traditional softball team in the fraternity league. Although the team was ultimately defeated in the semi-finals by AD, it had a good run giving up only one other game all season long to the seasoned Navigators. A number of brothers acquitted themselves splendidly on the ball field among them; Ethan Mefford '08, whose golden glove was a veritable black hole for any ball hit into center field; Jamie Hill '08, whose stinging swing drove in its fair share of runs; and Max Bryer '08 with his astute base running and nimble play at shortstop. The team's inaugural game of the summer against Psi

U ended with a humorous episode in which a member of the opposing team, upon realizing that he had grounded into the final out, ran out of the base path and proceeded to engage in several members of the infield

in a desperate, yet good-natured chase before conceding defeat. All in all, it was a tremendous season, enjoyed by all who participated.

Bolstered by their several club soccer stars, as well as strong pledge participation, the AXA War Eagles stormed through the regular season of fall IM soccer. In one heroic game, a diminished



*Tamer Shabaneh '07 (far right) with '09 pledges Pete Kittas, Rick Berger, Jon Merten, Chip Shaffer and Eric Bushlow (l-r).*

AXA squad of seven held off eleven Trikaps and their long string of subs for a draw. On this rainy day, The Eagles took a 1-0 lead over Trikap with a powerful long shot from Ethan Mefford, but in the end the numinous

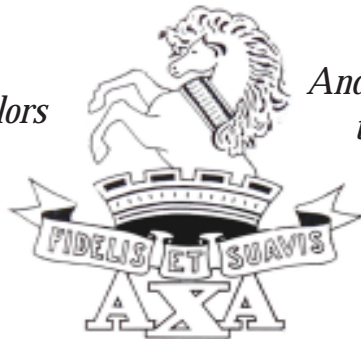
hoard was able to equalize. After defeating Chi Heorot and Bones Gate in the playoffs, Alpha Chi lost a tough game in the finals to a team from Tuck.

In the winter, Alpha Chi fielded two successful hockey teams. The Pikey's, composed of Alpha Chi members of the classes of 2007 and 2008, as well as other ringers, played in the higher division, and won the round robin regular season with the best record in the league. Unfortunately, the team was defeated by Tri-Kap in the semifinal round of the playoffs. The Alpha Chi Alpha War Eagles, the house's "homegrown" team, played in the lower division, and blew the competition away. Alpha Chi simply dominated the league.

On both squads, the seniors always had a strong presence with captain Brian Lenz '07, Greg "Him?" Kreisler '07, Fritz "Vene Duder" Sweeting '07, Wei "Wei-EEE" Tan '07, Greg "Vedder" Sirois '07, and Paul "Acapella Ted" DuPuy '07. The 08s and 09s, while less represented, were generally the stronger group of skaters including resident Canadian Mike Milne '08, Max "IDF" Bryer '08, Brian "Bro-tastic" Bensch '09 and Rick "Gabe 2.0" Berger '09. With plenty of practice hours put in on Occom Pond honing their skills in scrimmages, both Alpha Chi teams were well-prepared to represent the house on the ice, and in the event of a game, member always had a good excuse to procrastinate on weekday nights.

*Know the origins of pissoir sayings?*

*Why were our colors  
ever purple and  
orange?*



*And of course, who was  
the original Ted?  
(We've heard  
conflicting  
reports.)*

*We want to know!*

*If you've got a great story, we'd like to print it in  
next year's newsletter.*

*Blitz us at [alpha.chi.alpha@dartmouth.edu](mailto:alpha.chi.alpha@dartmouth.edu)*

We'd like to express our sincerest sympathies to William Petit '78, who tragically lost his wife and daughters this summer. We hope that in difficult times such as these the bonds of brotherhood show their strength, and we are proud to report that his Alpha Chi contemporaries have raised an admirable sum to be donated to the Petit Family Foundation. While we know no words can make any sense of this terrible tragedy, we hope that you keep the Petit family in your hearts

# ALUMNI NEWS

**Kent Hutchinson '62** informs us he is, "Currently living in Hilton Head and sees **Kent Graham** and **Phil Cantelau** often" as well as "**Day Mount, Neil Drobny** every now and then."

**Neil Drobny '62** tells us he "Marked my 65<sup>th</sup> year by moving to the non-profit world as Executive Director of a local environmental organization affiliated with Keep America Beautiful. The organization needs a financial turnaround and a programmatic makeover."

**Dick Wenzel '71** writes, "Construction projects at the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) are beginning to pick up again as we just broke ground for a new station on the border of the cities of Dublin and Pleasanton at the intersection of I580 and I680. Two years and \$80 million from now we will have revenue service begin at this new mid-line station."

**Al Markman '75** says he "Stopped by last fall during the Corey Ford Rugby Club House dedication weekend. As a former "barn" inhabitant, it was a bit sad, but not nearly so disappointing as the code locks on all the frat doors – oh the price of progress. Keep vigilant – 'lest the old traditions fail'. Best wishes."

**John Chohnoky '80** "had a great 25<sup>th</sup> reunion last June. Great to see '80s **Rick Zogby, Jeff Lamont, Sam Walker, John Ulrich** and so many others. Hope all is great in Hanover!"

**Doug Burke '84**, let us know that he "Had a great time at **Jim "The Fiend" Newman's** wedding in Chicago with **Russ and Bob Mitchell, "Yuk" Silvia, Barry Bass, Tom MacDonald, Chris Mulligan, John McManus, Derek Chow, Tom Durker** and others. Derek is still an ugly drunk."

**Michael Polukhine '86** writes, "Thanks to those brothers that stuck around at reunions. Meeting you, raging and talking about the house made going back to the house like coming home. Still

not sure I could play your version of pong in public, but I enjoyed learning with you all. Now CHUG!" -- We're already on it.

**Mike McTernan '86** tells us, "We had a great time at reunions this past summer. While I was somewhat disoriented with the basement layout at first, it quickly became very familiar. Nice job with the composites."

**Gene Buttrill '91** simply writes, "You are clearly a bunch of useless teds, but I'll do anything to keep the house going. XOXO Dancing Machine."

We are proud to share that the College has decided to endow the **Justin Firestone '92 Memorial Fund** in classical archaeology. During the presentation of the award, Jerry Rutter, Professor of Classics, stated, "Justin had a wonderful talent for visualizing art in three dimensions and a real gift for talking about it in an engaging way."

**Kyle Huebner '92** says, "Keep raging hard and have a good 06/07. I will be out there for my reunion [this] June. Looking forward to seeing the house. P.S. You need to get more people from Southern Cal in the house." -- Brian "Doesn't Get It" Bensch '09 is from Santa Clara. Is that close enough?

**Chris "Happy Guy" Nelson '95** informs us, "The '95s are truly bicoastal... half are out here in California and the other half in Boston. We're hanging out here in San Francisco with fellow '95s **Todd Miller, Joey Muller, Sean "Sigma" Macnew** and **Nat "Rah Rah" Schindler**, not to mention their 4.5 kids." Chris also wanted to make sure we spent his contribution on "ill-advised activities." -- No problemo Happy Guy.

**Andrew "Stiffy" Resnick '95** writes, "Glad to hear the house is strong. I've given up beer pong (resurrected during business school) and will finish my surgery residency this year, at long last. I snuck into the house to see what was going on last fall and met a few of you. Thankfully, my wife didn't see the

traditional raging as it was still early... hang in there and stay strong." -- Hey Stiffy, how's the goat?

In Mid July, **Chris Cho, Joe Parlavecchio, Chip Sanchez, Jon Hodgson, Barry Shea, Barney Olson, Mike "Gordo" Gordon** and **Mike Jakola**, all '96s, spent a weekend in Hanover reliving their college days in true AXA fashion. Between kicking the non-brothers out of the basement for an impromptu alumni meetings, destroying the basement and well, other things we're not allowed to mention, the brothers are sure it's a weekend they will never forget.

A week earlier, a group of '98s including Jonathan Zimmerman, Stephen O'Connor, Jeremy Resnick, Jared Abbey and Tom Haven, visited the house for the weekend and were hounded by younger brothers to tell them stories and teach them songs. Sorry for chafing guys!

**Ben Oren '00** pleads, "Dear Teds, Please take the videos of you guys off of YouTube!" -- What videos?

**Ryan Viets '02** tells us, "I graduated from Medical School a few months ago and currently doing my residency in East LA. **Andrew Bailey '03** and I get drinks in Pasadena every so often. Bailey, myself, **Victor Rodriguez '03** and **Sebastian "Chester" Miller '02** all got together at my apartment for the first U.S.C. football game. Unfortunately we couldn't find anything we could use as a pong table..."

**Viraj Patel '05** wants to be sure that his contributions "are to be applied only to the Indian members of the house. I will make an exception for Bangladeshis. Thanks for understanding." -- Arjun '08 and Harsh '09 thank you for your support.

**Andrew Kintner '05** responds, "Glad to hear things are well with the house. I'm sure everyone put their mark on it this summer. Best of luck with rush and I'm looking forward to see/meeting everyone at Homecoming."