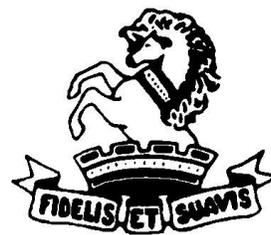


# Alpha Chi Alpha



## 2011 Alumni Newsletter



Unfortunately, only 33 of our 62 members could make the yearbook photo this year. Soil.

# Officer Reports

## *From the Desk of the President*

Eric Sussman '12

Hello from the Cheese Lodge!

Another year has passed at Alpha Chi Alpha and the house continues to thrive as the tightest brotherhood at Dartmouth. The membership currently consists of sixty-two men, whose activities range from varsity sports to a capella singing and everything in between. Though the constituency of the brotherhood continues to change over time, the traditions that make us great remain embroidered in the fabric of Alpha Chi. Meetings are a weekly highlight of the house with great turnouts and tons of involvement keeping a part of the old school alive. The barn may gone, but it is far from forgotten with the '11s class table featuring the structure as well as the "barn sink" rule in lob ensuring that the brothers are constantly reminded of the beloved barn. The new Tube Room continues to be a popular spot in the house, though we often use the large front room area to watch sporting events on a projector. The composites that line the halls of the house continue to link the current brothers with the past and help us maintain our roots as a brotherhood.

With the graduation of the '11s class, the younger brothers have begun to look to the future and we are all excited for what the coming year will bring. There are twenty-four '12s and twenty '13s to keep the

house strong and the '14s rush class is set to be another great year for Alpha Chi. Plans for the coming year include a new annual service event for the Petit Family



The house is ready for the '14s (and now '15s)

Foundation, revamping the Ryerson to improve it as a brothers-only space, and setting up a better foundation to enable alumni connections with the on-campus brothers.

Please enjoy the tidings of the house and I hope to see many of you soon!



The Classic Beach Party Picture

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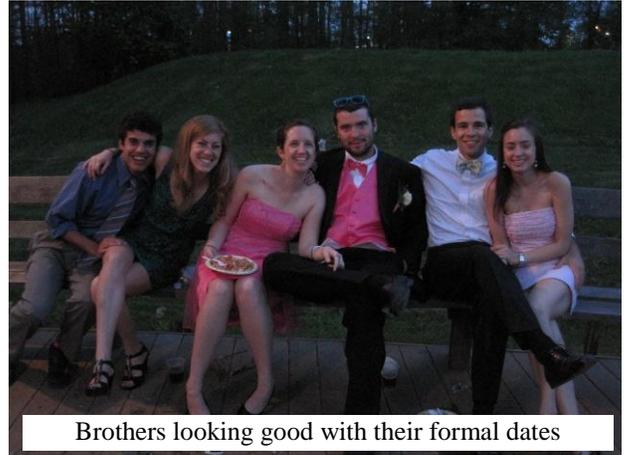
## *Social Chair*

Henry Decker '11

Greetings from Hanover!

We had another great social year at Alpha Chi in 2010-2011. Fall term included a great homecoming weekend, as well as a few other parties. Winter term festivities included our annual Beach Party, featuring New York-area band Mokaad and the traditional tons of sand. Spring term was highlighted by Pigstick, which featured the return of AXA favorite Hypercane, and tons of great food courtesy of Collis' Ray Crosby. We also had an awesome outdoors formal at the Upper Valley Events Center. All through the year we had great 'tails events with sororities, and of course a classic pong scene in the basement (which was made a little more interesting by Joe Celli '11's fantasy pong league.)

As always, it was great to see alumni of all years coming up and visiting the house. We hope to see more of you in the coming year, whether you're coming



Brothers looking good with their formal dates

to celebrate a big weekend or just stopping by to say hi and unite the Chi. Homecoming (October 21-23) would be an especially great time for a visit.

## *House Manager*

Joey Anthony '12

This year, the brotherhood has made some great improvements to the physical plant, with plans for many more to come. Our house day had nearly 100% turnout this fall and was a great time of bonding for 11s, 12s and the recently welcomed 13s. We fixed up the volleyball



The Hammock in Action

court, fixed the picnic table that the '08s made, and rehung the hammock. With all of these out-door improvements along with the washers set that Chris Munoz '12 made, the backyard is a frequently used and fidelic scene during the spring, summer and fall.

We also made an improvement with the basement music this year. We built a table in the side Mung Basement, which holds a new lap-top and the old

CD changer. The basement speaker cords feed into a 3 way selector, which allows anyone to play music from the computer, the CD changer, or from their own iPod. The laptop is enclosed in a wood and Plexiglas box with an external mouse and keyboard. We are in the process of updating the laptop with tons of new music and playlists.

We have quite a few goals for the physical plant over the upcoming year. To get a lot of our short term goals accomplished, we will be having another house day this spring. We hope to build a new table for the front room, fix the cabinets and sawhorses in the basement, get the upstairs speaker system working, as well as clean out the Ryerson and Tube Room. It should be a fun time followed by some grilling and smooth brews after a good day of work. We are also hoping to put keypad locks on the Ryerson and Tube Room to make them truly brothers-only spaces. We'd then like to add a TV, game system, and more furniture to make them busy hang out spots. We are facing some difficulties since we are college-owned; still, the execs have made upgrades to physical plant a priority, so we'll surely make it happen.

There are a lot of projects to take care of each year especially in a sometimes destructive frat environment, but we've done a good job keeping up with a lot of the issues while still finding time to make improvements. The Magic Green Cottage is looking great, and we hope you'll be around to see it soon.

# Officer Reports

## *Treasurer*

Greg Berger '12

Josh Lewin '11

Both the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 treasurers would like to thank the alumni body on behalf of the current brotherhood for your support over recent years. We appreciate your dedication to the Magic Green Cottage and hope for your continued support as we engage in various new projects in the coming months and years.

As with all other aspects of our house, our financial outlook remains strong. Spring term is always the busiest term financially and this year was no exception. As a College owned fraternity, we are always set back by insurance payments in early April, but that did not stop us from throwing some fantastic events. Beyond our spring formal, Pigstick — still our most popular party of the year — continues with great catering from honorary pledge Ray Crosby and a great



What an awesome pig!

band, Hypercane. This spring's formal and senior banquet additionally were fantastic events for the brotherhood. We have also been able to organize a number of successful rush parties 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 2014 rush. In addition to funding these amazing

events, we plan on ending the current academic year with a surplus that we will be contributing to a reserve savings account. Future brothers can use this saved income to fund more expensive, long-term projects for the house and draw from a "rainy day fund" in case of any emergencies.

Looking ahead, we are in the midst of planning several improvement projects that we hope will improve life at Alpha Chi. We hope to establish a brothers-only room in the Ryerson, which currently exists as a public common room on the first floor. We additionally hope to purchase both a code lock for the door and a television with additional electronic equipment for this room. It is our hope that with your financial support we will be able to reestablish the room into the quintessential Alpha Chi hangout room that our brotherhood needs. Finally, we are continuing to raise funds for a reserve savings account, which will ensure both the financial stability and improvement of the house for years to come.

Over the past couple of years, however, we have seen increasing costs for many of our annual expenses that threaten these yearly events and our long-term goals for the house. For example, we have seen an increase in rental costs we owe to the College following the College's renovation of our house a few years ago. In addition, we have seen an increase in the expenses we owe for improvements or repairs that the College conducts on our house. Unfortunately, some of these increased costs have put more of a financial burden on our current members and ability to save collected dues.

We are currently setting up a new website that will improve our communication with alumni. In recent months we have had some complications with the website, which we hope to correct with the launching of our new website [www.alphachialpha.org](http://www.alphachialpha.org). The truth of the matter is that organizing all of 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, and appreciate any contribution you would be able to provide Alpha Chi.

## **The 2012 AXA Executive Board**

Eric Sussman, President  
Martin Kulander, Vice President  
Joey Anthony, Houseman  
Greg Berger, Treasurer

Lukas Ruiz, Social Chair  
Danny Lee, Social Chair  
Ken Greim, Programming Chair  
Hank Nelson, Service Chair

# Brotherhood Report

Adrian Doran '11

Programming this year was a great success, as a number of house-organized events brought brothers from all classes together. Our highest achievements have come in intramural athletics, where the Alpha Chi war eagles have been soaring high. In the past two years we have been competitive in softball, football, basketball, soccer, and hockey. We have appeared in the championship game for the past two years in the hockey league, and last year took home the gold medal. We have also been to numerous events as a

jeers. We also visited New Hampshire's own Strategy Zone for a fun day of paintball and combat. The senior spring break trip of 2011 was also blast, as 9 brothers from the senior class headed southward to camp in the Smokey Mountains of Tennessee and surf on the sunny (but still chilly) beaches of the Outer Banks in North Carolina. Tuesday Night Nacho Party continues strong, as brothers gather every Tuesday at 12:30AM to discuss world affairs, modern trends in science, and feast on nachos (sport jackets



The '11s on spring break

brotherhood. Last spring the cultured and sophisticated men of Alpha Chi were able to procure tickets to the Jerry Springer Show, and had a fun trip to New York for the sights, sounds, and

required). The brotherhood inside the Cheese Lodge is as strong as ever, and the programming events this year only served to tighten an already tightly knit group of brothers and friends.

# Here's to the Seniors

## **Adrian Doran**

Hometown: Hingham, MA  
Major: Earth Sciences modified with Physics  
Other campus activities: DOC (Bait and Bullet, Woodsmen Team), OLE  
Post-grad plans: Field Technician at Institute of Earth Science and Engineering  
Post-grad location: Auckland, NZ

## **Ben Paly**

Hometown: Marblehead, MA  
Major: Environmental Studies  
Other campus activities: Work at Tucker with the international fellowships program, Club Soccer, Outdoor Leadership Experiencing Mentoring, Dartmouth Coalition for Global Health  
Post-grad plans: Undecided, looking for jobs in public health.

## **Bill Gerath**

Hometown: Groton, MA  
Major: Biology  
Other campus activities: DREAM!  
Post-grad plans: Biology Research  
Post-grad location: Boston

## **Brandon Cohen**

Hometown: Cherry Hill, NJ  
Major: Engineering Sciences  
Other campus activities: Ski Patrol, The Big Green Bus, Interfraternity Council  
Post-grad plans: Working as a software engineer, either in Portsmouth, NH or Los Angeles, CA.  
Post-grad location: See above

## **Eric Durell**

Hometown: Plympton, MA  
Major: Government  
Other campus activities: Ski Patrol, Rockefeller Center  
Post-grad plans: Associate Consultant, Bain & Company  
Post-grad location: Boston, MA

## **Gabriel Werner**

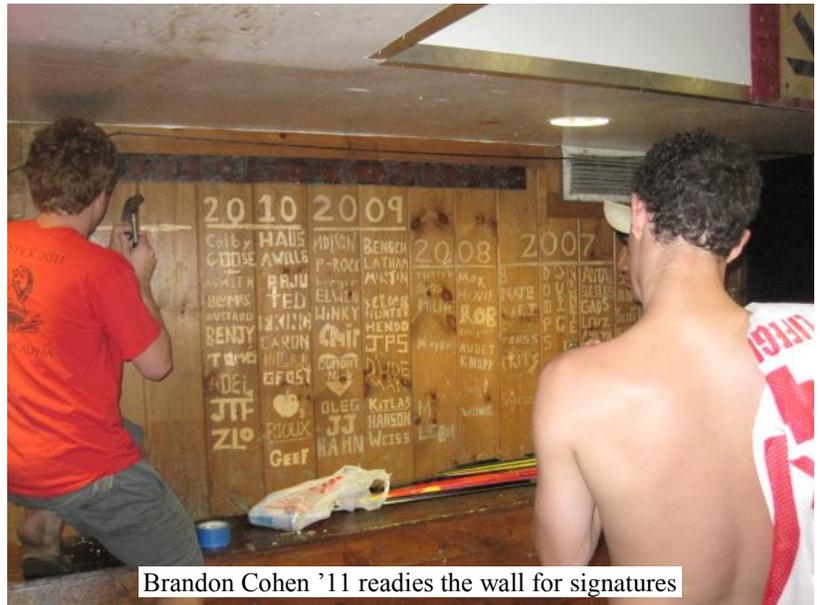
Hometown: Culpeper, VA  
Major: Philosophy  
Other campus activities: Men's Forum, SPCSA  
Post-grad plans: Volunteer teaching in the Marshall Islands  
Post-grad location: Marshall Islands

## **Henry Decker**

Hometown: New York City  
Major: Government  
Other campus activities: Lone Wolf Society  
Post-grad plans: Unemployment  
Post-grad location: On the streets

## **Jake Robbins**

Hometown: Glen Ridge, NJ  
Major: Economics and Math  
Other campus activities: Club Soccer  
Post-grad plans: Economics Research Assistant at Harvard  
Post-grad location: Boston



Brandon Cohen '11 readies the wall for signatures

## **Joe Celli**

Hometown: Millstone Township, NJ  
Major: Economics and Mathematics Double Major  
Other campus activities: President of Men's Club Lacrosse, DREAM mentor, Economics Research Assistant  
Post-grad plans: Working as a Consulting Associate for Cambridge Associates.  
Post-grad location: Boston, MA

## **John Chen**

Hometown: Salt Lake City UT  
Major: Government  
Other campus activities: club lacrosse  
Post-grad plans: Undecided  
Post-grad location: undecided

# Here's to the Seniors

## **Josh Lewin**

Hometown: New York City

Major: Government

Other campus activities: War and Peace Fellow,  
Dickey Center for Int'l Understanding, Chabad at  
Dartmouth

Post-grad plans: Investment Associate at Bridgewater  
Associates

Post-grad location: Fairfield, Connecticut and New  
York City

## **Mario Armira**

Hometown: Los Angeles

Major: Art History

Other campus activities: Atheists, Humanists, and  
Agnostics group member

Post-grad plans: I'm going to be taking classes for  
one more year, after which I will hopefully be  
attending psychology grad school.

Post-grad location: Off-campus at the River Ranch

## **Michael Fields**

Hometown: Atlanta

Major: Economics and Government

Other campus activities: DREAM, busting big, war  
and peace fellow, RWIT

Post-grad plans: Private Equity at Bain Capital

Post-grad location: Boston

## **Patrick Dobens**

Hometown: Goffstown, NH

Major: Biochemistry

Other campus activities: Brovertones, Undergraduate  
Advisor, Dimensions Welcome Team, Biology  
Research

Post-grad plans: Getting the hell out of New England  
— what up West coast?

Post-grad location: California?



Joe Celli '11 salutes the barn on the '11s' pong table

## **Kevin Mallen**

Hometown: Stamford, CT

Major: History

Other campus activities: Men's Club Lacrosse

Post-grad plans: 1L at Columbia Law School

Post-grad location: New York, NY

## **Richie Clark**

Hometown: Cazenovia, NY

Major: Biology

Other campus activities: Rugby, Snow Sculpture,  
Woodsmen's Team

Post-grad plans: Undecided

Post-grad location: Unknown

# Alumni Outreach and Capital Campaign

As the Class of 2011 finishes up its time in the house and joins the ranks of AXA alumni, and the class of 2012 takes the reins, we would like to talk a bit about alumni outreach and involvement at AXA.

As a house, we hope to improve our alumni outreach and keep alums more aware of what's happening with AXA on campus. We see the alumni relationship as a two-way street: current brothers are a resource for alumni who want to stay up on what is happening at AXA and at Dartmouth in general, while alums are a resource for current members as they begin to look towards their futures beyond Dartmouth.

To that end, we have a few projects in the works. With regards to keeping alums informed, we plan to begin making heavy use of the AXA website and the AXA Facebook page. We plan to make weekly updates to the Facebook page, with pictures from house events and updates about the house and its brotherhood. We

would also love for alums to post pictures and stories from their time at AXA to the Facebook page. We strongly encourage all alums to join the AXA Facebook group and bookmark the AXA website; they can be found, respectively, at:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2200014553> and

<http://www.alphachialpha.org/>

We would also like to invite alums to stop by the house during homecoming, the weekend of October 21-23. Of course, alumni are encouraged to stop by any time they are on campus.

Finally, we would like to thank the numerous alums who have donated to AXA in the past year. Your donations enable the house to plan the sorts of events and activities that create our strong brotherhood, and we deeply appreciate your generosity.

Please, feel free to get in touch with either of us if you have thoughts, questions, comments, or just want to chat about the house!

Fidelis et Suavis,

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## The 2011 AXA Capital Campaign

The Ryerson Room on the first floor of the house has always been a center of brotherhood activities, serving as a card room, library, study space, and hang out space. The lack of a keypad lock on the door means the room sees a lot of traffic from non-brothers; this abuse in turn prevents us from improving the room with high quality furniture. The Tube Room, on the other side of the first floor, has the same problem.

The 2011 Capital Campaign is a targeted effort to raise funds specifically for securing these rooms with keypad locks and then furnishing them with couches, tables, a worthy TV, and high quality audio equipment for the first floor. The lack of true brothers-only spaces is one of the greatest shortcomings of AXA, and one we intend to remedy with the 2011 capital campaign. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Donations are always appreciated and can be made by credit card at <http://www.alphachialpha.org/> or by mail to:

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