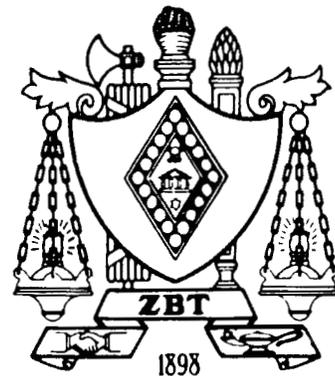


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KAPPA IS BACK ON TRACK AND RISING FAST

Dear Fellow Alumni,

I am proud to say that our undergraduate brothers have exceeded all expectations and have succeeded in reviving a strong brotherhood at 1 Edgecliff Place. The house is the strongest it has been in years. Our chapter is actively involved in campus activities, the house is filled with young leaders, and the property is being well maintained. The most significant achievement is the completion of a successful rush of 25 new brothers, despite declining Greek participation across campus. Kappa is once again the place to be at Cornell. Rather than elaborating on the achievements of the brotherhood, I encourage you to read this newsletter to hear from the undergraduates directly.

The National Supreme Council of ZBT is rewarding our hard work by granting the house its charter. This means that the house has won back

the support of the rest of the fraternity. We will be congratulating the undergrads with a re-chartering ceremony this summer in New York City (more to come on that).

Now that the undergraduates have done their part, it is the alumni's turn to do ours. Our house has not had a major capital infusion in years. With KFI's help, the brothers are doing their best to keep the house together. Over the past few years, we have started a capital improvement program. We have renovated the third-floor bathroom, patched the driveway, replaced a section of leaky roof, upgraded the fire suppression system, replaced the banisters, and refurbished the entryway. All of these improvements have been funded out of current cash flow. Over the coming summer, we plan to refurbish the two remaining bathrooms and purchase new furniture to accommodate the increased occupancy next year. Adequate funds

are available for these projects.

To complete our vision of a fully restored Edgecliff, we will need help from our strong alumni base. Other Cornell houses have successfully raised multi-million-dollar endowment funds. Clearly, our near-term goals are more modest. Over the coming months, KFI will begin the initial phases of a capital campaign to raise funds for chapter improvements. More details will follow as these plans get fleshed out. We will be discussing these plans in depth at the re-chartering ceremony this summer and at the coming reunion in June. In the interim, I encourage anyone in the Ithaca area to stop by the house and see the progress.

Cordially, fraternally, and
sincerely,

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The brotherhood poses for a picture with chef Steve Jones for the yearbook.

NEW PHILANTHROPY OUTREACH OFFERED BY KAPPA CHAPTER TO CORNELLIANS — “WIN EZRA’S MONEY”

Since our last newsletter, the Kappa Chapter of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity has made a lot of progress in brotherhood philanthropy events. For the first time in several years, the chapter is sponsoring a campus-wide event. With the support of Willard Straight Hall, the brothers organized an event called “Win Ezra’s Money.” This event was open to the Cornell community on the night of February 28, 2003, and consisted of recreations of famous game shows in which students were given the opportunity to win prizes. Some of the game shows were *The Price is Right*, *Jeopardy*, and *Let’s Make a Deal*. One of our brothers, Dave Corwin, portrayed host Bob Barker. The

house, as a representative of the fraternity system, tries to set an example for the Cornell community by showing how easy it is to have fun at night without serving alcohol.

On an individual note, many brothers are still very active in a variety of leadership and philanthropy organizations. Andrew Knauer works at a local soup kitchen once every two weeks while another brother, Michael Grodinsky, has been helping an Ithaca High student with his math and science. With all the snow Ithaca received over the past winter, Russell Gorkin contributed over 15 hours by helping to shovel snow on the streets of Ithaca. Scott Sable, with the intent of helping out

local area youth, has worked over 20 hours at the YMCA. He truly loves kids and thinks this is a great way for him to demonstrate his passion.

After this semester, we hope that our philanthropic activities will set a new standard for future brothers of the house. Philanthropy is something that our new executive board has emphasized in the past six months, and it makes our fraternity stand out in the public. In the next newsletter, we hope to talk about the huge success we had at “Win Ezra’s Money,” and about other events we plan on sponsoring.

Harris Ziskroit '05
Philanthropy Chair/Steward

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The brothers of Kappa Chapter at Winter Formal 2002.

ZETA BETA TAU KAPPAS BUILD BONDS OF BROTHERHOOD – SOCIALLY AND ACADEMICALLY

After a successful week of rush, the Kappa Chapter of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity has become 25 brothers stronger. Together, the new and old brothers are bonding through various brotherhood events. The brotherhood committee has made a schedule of events based around each brother's academic schedule, to ensure that excellence in the classroom continues.

Our chapter strives for success in the classroom, and our brothers in the house will not accept anything less. For the past several years, our house has ranked among the top houses in GPA, and we

expect no less for the future.

One thing that is stressed in our fraternity is that it is not a social club where, once a person joins, he isn't required to do more work. There is always work to be done around the house and for the house; therefore participation in fraternity events is mandatory for all.

To learn more about each other, all members in the fraternity keep a brother book. In these brother books, brothers take down each other's information through an interview. After getting to know both new and old brothers, the new brothers get assigned a big brother. This

big brother not only acts as a friend, but also as a mentor both inside and outside the fraternity.

All events so far this year have been successful. Early in the first semester we had a couple of barbecues with the brotherhood, and thanks to the hard work of our first-year cook, Steve Jones, they were a success. Later on this semester, we plan to have a paintball excursion, a golf outing, and many other events that will bring us closer together.

I have no doubt that this semester will go well and that Kappa Chapter of Zeta Beta Tau will be closer than ever.

WITH CONTINUOUS HOME RENOVATIONS, THE STATE OF THE HOUSE KEEPS IMPROVING

After one semester, the house is in great shape. In the past, the condition of the

house has been sub-par. This year has been quite the opposite. The house has been extremely clean, and the amount of maintenance needed has been less than usual. This new state of affairs has evolved out of the brothers' genuine affection

for the house. Live-ins love the place they call home and care about the condition their living quarters are in.

Overall, the house is in better shape.

There is a lot to look for-

the basement. Part of the plan is to repaint the walls and to refinish the wood on the walls.

Other minor projects are in the works. These will open the way for some capital improvements over the summer. Next year, the house will be in the best condition anyone has seen for a long time. And because of that, there is something extra to look for-

ward to at Edgecliff next year.



Historic Edgecliff House

ward to this semester. The house, with the new members, has chosen to take on a project of redoing the big room in

Andrew Bluestein '05
House Manager

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KAPPA CHAPTER SET FOR RE-CHARTERING CEREMONY

Second semester is off to a great start. Following a strong recruitment period, we are proud to say that we have 25 new members dedicated to the ideals and morals of our fraternity. Rush can be a long and tedious process, but the brothers of Zeta Beta Tau came together to recruit one of the largest classes on campus. The new class is already discussing plans for a house improvement project in which all brothers can participate.

After a strong first semester, the brothers are looking forward to the future. The house manager is working closely with KFI on beautifying the house, and house officers are becoming active participants on the Inter-Fraternity Council. This feeling of strong brother-

hood and high morale, which was new to some of us last semester, is now part of our everyday lives here.

On the weekend of February 8-9, 2003, members of KFI and National visited Ithaca for the A.D. White Leadership Conference and the KFI annual meeting. The weekend proved to be quite constructive, ending with brunch at the house cooked by our amazing chef, Steve Jones. During the meeting, we discussed renovation plans as well as plans for a re-chartering ceremony in New York City. Re-chartering has been a top priority for all brothers, and it has finally become a reality. We all are looking forward to the ceremony. It is scheduled for June 21.

As the executive board and I reviewed the goals we had set at the beginning of the first semester, we realized that we have already achieved so many. Our relationship with the university is still improving, the house is in terrific shape, and we have a strong brotherhood program set in place for the members of the house. Now that we have accomplished so much, we can set the bar even higher. Our first and foremost task is strengthening communications with our alumni, for without the alumni, we would not be where we are today.

Andrew Taffet '05
President

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A NEW KAPPA BROTHER SHARES HIS STORY

It was in the spring of 2002 when I took my second trip to Cornell University with my family. After a busy day of looking at dorms, sitting in on lectures, and touring the campus, I drove down with my family to Edgecliff Place for the first time. I was quickly impressed by how the brothers made me feel completely at home and immediately began noticing similarities between my friends from home and the members of Kappa.

Fast-forward to orientation week of this past fall—the boys of Edgecliff were at it again, doing everything within their reach to make my friends and me feel comfortable at college. Movies

and television tend to portray the Greek system in a one-dimensional caricature. They show irresponsible and crazed youngsters who come to college in search of a wild time. It took just a few

days for ZBT to disprove such notions. Rather than untamed and reckless thrill seekers, I found considerate and helpful friends who know how to have a great time.

After being in ZBT for just three weeks, I appreciate how great it is to be in this fraternity. I am proud to be part of a program moving in such a positive direction and look forward to sharing three and a half years with a truly great bunch of guys.

Bradley Diener '06



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MORALE AT KAPPA CHAPTER REACHES THE ZENITH

In our last newsletter I reported that "morale has never been higher" here in Kappa Zeta Beta Tau. Well, now that we have gained 25 new brothers during the rush process, I am here to report that the recent trend is continuing, and that the morale of the brotherhood is now higher than ever. It is known throughout campus that our new member class is one of the best, if not *the* best on campus. Our newly inducted members are all individuals of high quality, who each exemplify the principles of a Zeta Beta Tau brother.

Besides participating in an extremely successful recruitment effort, brothers have been involved in philanthro-

py events. At a recent Inter-Fraternity Council meeting, a special thank you was given to our fraternity for almost single-handedly running a blood drive. Additionally, we scheduled an event this spring called "Win Ezra's Money," which aimed at decreasing binge drinking throughout the campus by engaging students in non-alcoholic entertainment.

While alumni returning to the house in previous years could say, "this house has seen better days," they are now returning to exclaim, "the house looks the best it has in years." There is a newfound genuine respect for the house. Part of this can be attributed to our new cook,

Steve Jones, who takes the cleanliness of the entire house very seriously. The biggest reason for this change has been an improvement in the attitude of the brotherhood. The brothers appreciate the house for its rich history. On this note, some renovations are scheduled to begin during the summer.

As you can see, Kappa Zeta Beta Tau has made many improvements over the last year. I welcome and encourage all alumni in the Ithaca area to please stop by 1 Edgecliff. This will always be your house.

Andrew Rosenberg '05

NEW MEMBERS ARE DEDICATED TO IDEALS OF ZBT

Rush 2003 could not have gone any better. As in years past, we recruited the best young men that Cornell had to offer. Starting with the very first week, the brothers of ZBT developed friendships with incoming freshmen and became closer with our sophomore friends. We maintained these friendships throughout the semester and into rush week, and after it all, we can gladly call an elite group of 25 students (including three sophomores and 22 freshmen) ZBT brothers.

Throughout rush week our activities made the rushees feel comfortable around the brothers, and the brothers became closer to each other as well. Bowling, skiing, and a dinner at The Chariot were some of the events in which rushees got a taste of what ZBT brotherhood is all about. We are all looking forward to spending the rest of our time here at Cornell with our old brothers, and even more, in creating bonds with our new brothers.

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Some of the Kappa Chapter freshmen take a time-out for a picture inside the house—after a full-tilt game of snow football.

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Kappa welcomes all alumni, their families, and guests back to Edgecliff! A social reception and open house, showcasing the recent improvements to Edgecliff, will be held on Saturday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. We hope to see you all at the event. Feel free to stop by Edgecliff any time during the weekend to see the changes.

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THEODORE B. HANKOFF '43 has moved to 1470 NE 123rd St., #916, North Miami, FL 33161. Ted is the president of Worldwide Discount Travel Club, Inc. He writes, "My wife, Rita, and I sold our home of 32 years and moved into our new ninth-floor condo—with a magnificent view, no lawn to be mowed, and nothing to repair. We are still nearby to our children and grandchildren. My best to my ZBT brothers." Send Ted e-mail at wrldclb@bellsouth.net.

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