

Greek Life and the Student Assembly: Meet the Candidates



Max Yoeli

What should be the relationship between SA and the Greek system? What do you think needs to be changed about the Greek system?

I view the relationship between SA and the Greek system as mutually beneficial. SA has no control over Greek affairs, but I believe I can leverage SA to address some of the challenges that face Greeks. I want to use SA to reach out to various constituencies that should be involved in discussing issues that impact the Greek community. I enjoy Dartmouth's vibrant and open Greek system. However, I think together SA and the Greek groups can make strides to address alcohol and sexual assault issues. Furthermore, I will express the importance of gender-space equality to the administration. I would love to see more local sororities join campus in the future, though not at the detriment of existing Greek organizations.

What's your view on the new alcohol policy?

The new alcohol policy both improves and detracts from previous SEMP policy. On one hand, the new policy allows for a second keg tap and more efficient on-the-fly registration. Unfortunately, these are trivial improvements. Meanwhile, the new policy also adds a burdensome walkthrough to tier two events. Additional walkthroughs and registrations are intrusive and force social chairs to prioritize administrative minutia over student safety. The changes to SEMP highlight that the administration alone is unable to produce effective policy to keep students safe. Furthermore, this emphasizes that dealing with alcohol at Dartmouth requires student-based solutions. I believe that Green Team, an organization I co-founded, can fill this role and help keep students safe through bystander intervention. I aim to increase the role of Green Team with the hope that one day party planning and safety can be predominantly student-run. However, for now, working closely with administrative and town officials on current policies is a reality. I have developed meaningful working relationships with Dean Spears, Chief Giaccone, and others that will allow me to effectively navigate structures surrounding Dartmouth alcohol policy to protect student rights and prioritize safety.

Discuss your involvement in Greek life on campus and how it will impact your outlook on SA policy.

I was Social Chair of Tri-Kap and am currently Vice President. I understand the challenges that face the Greek community from alcohol risk management to physical plant maintenance. My experience as a Greek leader and comprehensive understanding of the Greek system will allow me to work toward effective policies that prioritize student well-being in the areas of alcohol and sexual assault that impact us all, but are especially important to the Greek community.



Aaron Limonthas (Write-In)

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Student Assembly and the Greek system both want to enhance the Dartmouth experience, SA through policy and the Greek system by social means. I would like to initiate candid discussions between these organizations to identify problems that need to be addressed, rank them, and then develop creative solutions to address the areas of concern with the input from Student Assembly, Greeks, and the administration. SA and the Greek system must work together, bounce ideas off of one another, and push toward an all-inclusive Dartmouth culture that embodies the essence of equality.

What's your view on the new alcohol policy?

The new policy may require a lot of work from Greek organizations that are hosting events but it demands much more awareness and preparation, which increases student safety. Nonetheless, the permission to utilize kegs is a great way to manage and control the consumption of alcohol. Along with the newly installed Green Team, I think the alcohol policy is a positive improvement. If the Green Team proves successful in keeping Dartmouth students safe and preventing interference from S&S and Hanover Police, I feel the extra work of the new alcohol policy offers a beneficial trade off.

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Greek life has defined my Dartmouth experience and has helped develop me into the leader I am today. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. continually aids me in all facets of my Dartmouth career and has enhanced my way of thinking tremendously. The relationship between my fraternity brothers and me is so intimate; there is rarely a clear majority on any issue. Compromise is usually needed for every decision we make. I look to carry this same attitude in my outlook with SA. Every decision made should be a compromise that benefits all involved parties. Thus, I plan to be in constant communication with other campus leaders to produce policies that do not take away from the college experience, but only enhance it for all students.



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