



# Hanover Zete



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## To Our Alumni Brothers:

The new year of 1979 has arrived, and, with it, quite a bit of news to relate to our alumni. The house has never been in better shape--physically, spiritually, or socially. The most recent news concerns house elections for the upcoming year. The Class of '79 is delighted to hand over the reins to an enthusiastic crew from the Class of '80. The new officers are: Michael Barrett, President; Peter Morse, Vice-President; Mark Fischer, Treasurer; Tom Ryan '81, Secretary; George Morris and George Lester, Co-Social Chairmen; David Bumstead, Rush Chairman; David Anthony, House Manager. We are confident that they will provide fine leadership in the year to come.

## House Manager's Report:

The end of 1978 saw the Psi Epsilon Zete making marked progress toward its recently undertaken short- and long-term goals of repair, maintenance and improvement in the fraternity house. The completion of current programs and those planned by future executive committees will result in a physical plant outstanding both structurally and aesthetically.

No fraternity can successfully launch new projects without a core of concerned brothers dedicated to the maintenance of existing facilities. Fortunately, the brothers living in the chapter have reflected such necessary concern in even greater degrees. Not only have work crews proved more successful, but brothers have taken increasing initiative in undertaking house projects. In light of questions currently being raised by the faculty and student factions regarding the right of the fraternities to exist, this greater concern has come at a propitious moment.

Our greatest satisfaction, however, has resulted from the larger and more long-term improvements recently completed and currently underway. Fall term saw the completion of several Chapter Room renovations, which began with replastering and repainting by the Class of '81 pledges in the Spring of 1978. The program was concluded in September with a large, four color rendering of the Indian symbol taken from a 1943 Dartmouth Aegis yearbook.

The artwork was done by Dave Speer '78, who is presently seeking a graduate degree in Physics. Though he is very engrossed in bombarding etalons with excited fermions (as part of a research thesis conducted under the direction of Dr. Hilbert), Dave has nevertheless found time to contribute tremendously in the area of physical house improvement. Notable among such contributions have been the construction of an indestructible cabinet enclosing the newly purchased beer cooler compressor and a Fort Knox brand billiard equipment cabinet. The Zete took advantage of low Summer Term's enrollments to complete major renovations in the basement, which included replacing the plasterboard ceiling with new plywood material. Various other improvements included adding more base material to the driveway and interior repainting and replastering. Unfortunately, the recently installed escalator to the second floor had to be removed due to the fact that it was impossible to obtain the necessary wood accents and trim in a style of the proper period. Finally, we have only recently completed what amounts to the addition of an extra room by furnishing a low headroom area off the Chapter Room with new flooring material and smoke and fire detection devices.

The future should see completion of even more projects, given the level of enthusiasm now exhibited by the brothers. Since more brothers are preparing and eating meals in the second floor kitchen/dining area, we would like to facilitate its use by adding food storage space, necessary appliances, and making physical improvements (which should keep the area warmer in Winter and make it easier to clean and maintain). The installation of storm windows on the second floor would reduce heating costs during late Fall and Winter. At the same time, however, there is an urgent need for the replacement of some of our living room furniture which has served us well for several years. These projects, unfortunately, require more capital than is available at the present time. Nevertheless, the Chapter is embarking on several improvements, one of which is the replacement of an exterior door and interior doors at the rate of two per term. We have experienced a few minor setbacks in our attempts to purchase a property owned by Beta Theta Pi (there seems to be a little-used building on it) for the construction of the Zete Psi underground parking facility (four levels with tunnel and elevator connection to fraternity house). An invitation is extended to all Zetes to visit the house and see these and other improvements.

Rob Moore '79  
House Manager

#### Treasurer's Report:

As has been tradition for several years now, the Psi Epsilon Zete is once again able to report a solid financial status. This is, in part, due to renewed enthusiasm concerning the \$5-per-year-for-life Alumni Fund pledge, especially by recent graduates. In addition, the Psi Epsilon Association and older alums have been quite helpful. Albert Steinbrecker deserves special thanks for his handsome and timely Christmas gift to the house.

Nonetheless, the Zete has not been content to build up idle excess reserves. Instead, several capital improvement projects have been initiated to better the Pride of Webster Avenue, as indicated in the House Manager's report. Because of the recent faculty resolution to abolish fraternities at Dartmouth, such continued effort toward improvement of the physical plant is crucial. The below-par condition of the houses campus-wide is certain to be discussed when the Trustees vote on the resolution early Winter term.

Several internal measures have been taken to strengthen our financial base

and, thus, enhance our image before the administration. The Supreme Council has voted to raise room rents in two steps, bringing them more in line with rates of comparable college housing. Facilitation of dues and rent collection has resulted from a policy calling for mandatory use of the college billing system for brothers significantly in arrears. In addition, the corporation payment procedure has been revised from a September-June to a June-June basis. This benefits us by bringing payment in line with our year-round operation and helps the corporation build up a larger reserve before taxes come due late Fall term.

We look forward to working closely with our new Elder's Treasurer, Mr. John Cogswell '31, who, as always, is certain to be extremely helpful. The continued support of all alumni, combined with an unquestionably high level of enthusiasm among undergraduate brothers, can only mean a stronger Psi Epsilon Zeta.

Mark Sullivan '79  
Treasurer

#### Social Report:

Under the direction of Peter Morse ('80), the past summer was highlighted by a triad of events. We started by observing America's 202nd birthday with a kaleidoscopic extravaganza, introducing the Hanover scene to many eager transfer students, amid a torrent of red, white, and blue daiquiris. A few weeks later, the house hosted Mr. John Cogswell and his wife to a roast beef barbeque on the back lawn, which was followed by a discussion of issues facing the house and the fraternity system as a whole. The old traditions did not fade, however, and were resurrected in mid-summer with a beer-pong tournament, won by a senior still lingering in the environs of Zeta Psi. The climax of the term came with Summer Carnival, when a band from Washington, D.C. entertained a sizable crowd from the Zeta backporch.

The coming of Fall and football season, with its hooplah, bonfires, and ultimately the Ivy League Championship, provided a final opportunity for the Class of 1979 to preside over the house and we were determined to make the term a memorable one. The first home Yale game in four years was the early rallying point of the term. Many of our past graduates were welcomed back to Hanover with a Friday night punch. Following Saturday's exciting win, we sponsored a rock band, attended with true Dartmouth enthusiasm. Harvard weekend was less than perfect on the playing field, but a party arranged with a dormitory at Wellesley College did much to lessen the disappointment. House parties against Columbia provided both an opportunity for Dartmouth to establish itself as a contender for the Ivy League Title and for the Zeta to come to grips with recent changes in the N.H. liquor laws. Both encounters were successful for Dartmouth and the Zeta. The remainder of the Fall was devoted to travelling to Providence and Princeton to see Dartmouth win its first title since 1973, which provided a special beginning to the senior year for all of us.

Frank Hatheway '79  
Social Chairman

#### From the Phi:

The Summer and Fall at the Psi Epsilon chapter were excellent in terms of enthusiastic brotherhood, an active social program, house improvements, and intramural sports. The Zeta, like all other houses on campus, is now actively involved in the fraternity debate that has grown out of Professor James Epperson's petition

to abolish fraternities. Epperson has accused the fraternity system of fostering racism, sexism, and an anti-intellectual attitude at Dartmouth. In November, the faculty voted 67-16 (only 83 out of 322 faculty members) to support Epperson's petition. So the petition will automatically be placed on the agenda of the February 20th meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The Inter-Fraternity Council has chosen to respond to Epperson's accusations in a moderate and constructive manner. A special action committee has been set up within the IFC to coordinate the activities of the fraternities in this matter. Such projects as publishing an IFC bulletin and publicizing the many beneficial community activities sponsored by the fraternities are being handled by the committee. We are confident that the Trustees will not abolish fraternities at Dartmouth. Nevertheless, any support that alumni voice to administrators or Trustees will be a great help to Zeta Psi and the Dartmouth fraternity system.

Moving to less weighty matters, the highlight of the summer was surely the Psi Epsilon's winning of the Outstanding Chapter Award at the Zeta Psi convention in Hartford last August. Alpha Phi, Rich Pugh '79, Rick Sunshine '78, Dave Speer '78, and myself were on hand for the fun at the Hotel Sonesta, and Rich accepted the award for the most outstanding chapter in the country in 1978. Another highlight of the summer term was the raft race down the Connecticut River during Summer Carnival. The Zete raft, piloted by Bruce Andrea '79, Scott Kelly '80, George Lester '80 and Mike Barrett '80, beat all other 22 rafts to take first place.

Zete athletics, under Jock Chairman Tony Lupino '79, saw a successful season this past Fall. Our football team, rejuvenated by the new brothers of the Class of '81, had its strongest team in memory. After losing only one game in the regular season, we were eliminated by a tough Dartmouth Medical School team in the playoffs. As always, the Zete soccer team was highly competitive. Unfortunately, we were unable to win all the marbles this Fall. As far as our volleyball team is concerned, there is always next year to look forward to.

As usual, the brothers are involved in all sorts of extracurricular activities: varsity soccer, squash, baseball, tennis, class councils, teacher's assistants, The Dartmouth. And the list goes on. We are especially proud of Mark Sullivan '79, who was named Phi Beta Kappa this Fall. Overall, the house is very strong, and the brothers are confident of an excellent future. This confidence in large part rests on our confidence in the moral and financial support of our alumni. Our corporation officers, Mr. John Cogswell '31 and Mr. Jack Coulson '39, as always, deserve our heartfelt thanks for the time and effort that they have always been willing to devote to the house. We were happy to see many alums, both young and old, who stopped over before football games and on weekends.

The House Manager's report makes it clear that our house is in good shape, but I must also emphasize that capital improvements are getting more and more expensive. There are many projects that we would like to do at the Zete, but we do need more funds. I would encourage all alumni to please make a modest contribution to the house in the near future. We are sure that the interest of our alumni will continue as it always has to help provide for Zeta Psi's future excellence at Dartmouth College.

In TKØ,  
David Springer '79, Phi