



Hanover Zete



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GREETINGS FROM DARTMOUTH! Another year has passed on the Hanover Plain, and the Psi Epsilon chapter continues to epitomize excellence. Physically, this senior has never seen the house looking better. The brotherhood is strong, having taken in twenty-five outstanding '83s last spring. And most importantly, the spirit of Zeta Psi permeates throughout the House, from the third floor chapter room, to the basement tap system. We continue to believe in the viability of the fraternity system at Dartmouth, and most particularly, in the Zeta Psi experience as an outstanding opportunity for a young man to grow in character, to cultivate permanent friendships, and to take part in the most exciting good times of his life.

After meeting the many alumni who visited the House over the past few years, the current brothers understand why Zete is an outstanding place. Thus, we thank all the "alums" who have shared their hilarious stories of the good ol' days, offered advice on the "real world" after Dartmouth, or simply bought a keg of beer. Your visits in Hanover are most welcome. We hope that the present brotherhood met with your expectations.

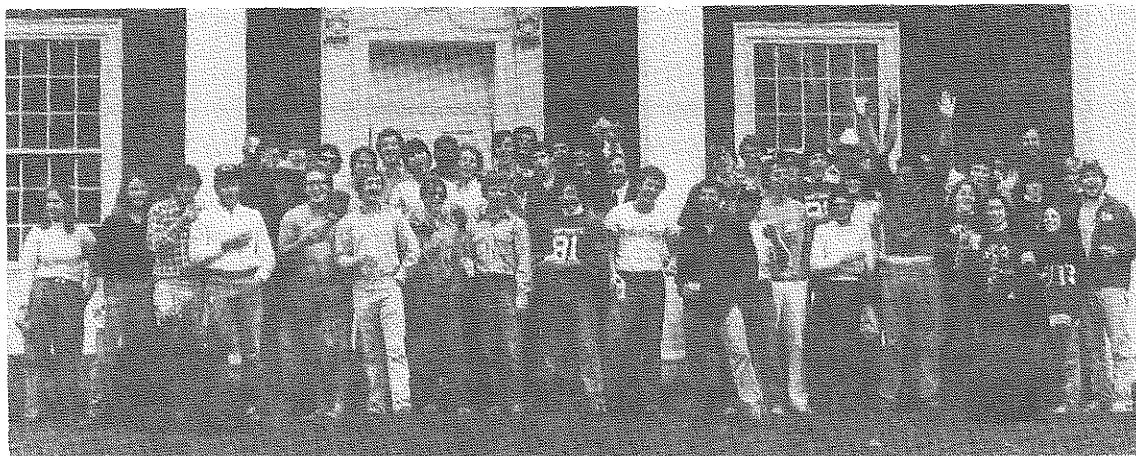
Inter-Fraternity Council Report: By Scott Fleming '82

Since I have been Zete's representative to the Inter-Fraternity Council, the College has exerted all kinds of pressure on individual fraternities and the system as a whole. Many times these pressures have been unwarranted. The IFC has done its best to respond to the charges and to some of the oppressive policies of the College. Through the IFC, the fraternities have been able to join together and respond as a more powerful body to all the charges. In addition, the IFC has successfully legislated some of the changes which have been the result of coeducation and the new New Hampshire liquor policies which define a 20-year-old age of majority.

The Freshman Exclusion Policy has been another major change forced upon the fraternities. Instituted principally in response to the New Hampshire drinking age, the policy also serves to make freshmen explore alternative social outlets at the College. It is interesting to note, however, that despite expectations to the contrary, rush was significantly up last year among virtually all the houses.

Another policy which affects the fraternity system is the new "Party Registration Requirement," under which all fraternity parties must be registered with the Campus Police. Although this measure was not designed to harm fraternities specifically, the policy's intent was called into question last summer when officers of the Campus Police reportedly threatened to close parties and deny requests for registration. The question has been clarified by administrators, and fraternities have been insured that the policy is not to be used against them.

On a more positive note, Zeta Psi has been judged as being one of the "top five" houses on campus for this year, in a report by the Fraternity Board of Overseers. Criteria for this citation are membership, academics, conduct, physical plant, and financial status. In this same report, the FBO abolished two fraternities and placed another five on probation.



The 1980-81 model of Zete: what an intellectual crowd!

Social Report: By Frank Merrill '81

The basement, filled with the sweet aroma of barley malt, is the official residence of such denizens as Walter "Mr. Basement" Ellis, Tom "Snakehips" Ryan, and Gordie "I'm lunchmeat but I like to drink" Davenport. Old favorites such as beer pong, bar dice and friends-and-enemies are still hotly contested there over much too many beers almost every evening. It is the same site of our "unofficial house meeting" which goes on until much later than our officially-scheduled one.

Weekly parties include Zete 'Tails on Thursday nights when brothers can relax with a cocktail after a hard week of studying various pre-medical texts and Law Board handbooks. Weekend activities include punches at any hour of the day, cocktail parties, and roadtrips to Smith and Skidmore. We recently had a reunion with our Zete alumni after the Great Harvard Victory. The evening was completed with a barbeque and a singing presentation by the Dartmouth Aires and the Wellesley Widows. The Zete still has the traditional favorites of Camelot, Monte Carlo Night, and Fort Sumter. The House has taken upon itself the task of relieving the shortage of good bands on campus by booking a promising counrty/rock band for Houseparties Weekend. And who can forget the sight of John Anderson sitting on the Zete bar during the New Hampshire Primary season? The candidate was making a last-minute appeal to the politically-potent Zete Executive Committee.

Our last social audit showed that the Zete knew where to place its priorities. The amount spent on beer was four times greater than that spent in any other category.

House Report: By Ben Knox '81

The late 60's and early 70's saw the deterioration of many fraternity facilities on campus, including Zeta Psi. This had three basic causes: (a) the relatively anarchic mood prevalent among students, (b) the failure of the College to enforce the freshmen exclusion policy, which resulted in a great amount of wear and tear on the houses, and (c) the failure of the College to perform fire and general building inspections and issue warnings to houses with serious physical problems.

Fortunately, all three of these causes have been eliminated, and for the past several years there has been a steady flow of improvements made on the Psi Epsilon chapter. To list a few: overhauling the second-floor bathroom, installing storm windows and insulation throughout the entire house, laying down a vinyl floor in the front hallway, replastering and repainting of the entire interior of the house, and the purchase of several new pieces of furniture for the living room. Many more minor repair jobs are performed by the brothers on a weekly basis as it is our policy to use our own manpower whenever time, cost and ease of the job allow it.

There are still several improvements which we would like to take care of. These repairs are of the type which can be ignored for a time, but the day will come when they will have to be done, both at greater cost and on very short notice. These repairs, with cost estimates are as follows:

Shoring up and relaying the sagging living room floor...	\$8000
Partial re-shingling of roof.....	\$3000
Repair of east chimney which is crumbling & tilting.....	\$2500
Interior and exterior carpentry.....	\$2500
Kitchen.....	\$1500
Basement floor--replacing tiles and levelling.....	\$1000

We recently received a \$5000 loan from the College to aid in the financing of the small projects we mentioned. But this is not sufficient to cover our long-term repair bill.

So far the house has held up well -- since the re-establishment of fire inspections two years ago, we have had no major violations (most houses on campus average four or five violations per inspection). Maintaining this record is essential to the strength of the Zete, as the Fraternity Board of Overseers has indicated in its report that the physical condition of a house is one of the key factors used in deciding which houses to place on probation. With alumni support we can stay ahead of the game by getting the above improvements completed, thereby securing our future as Zeta Psi at Dartmouth.

From the Phi:

I am proud to report that the Psi Epsilon Chapter continues to be one of the best houses on campus. This year we were voted the "Outstanding Chapter of the Year" by the National Organization in recognition of our strong brotherhood. We boast 72 active brothers who are heavily involved in a variety of campus activities. Our main strength continues to be our diversity, an attribute we hope will keep us strong in the future.

As always, we are maintaining close relations with the Psi Epsilon Corporation which is now headed by president Jack Coulson '39. We welcome aboard Mark Germano '78 as treasurer of the corporation and feel that we will all benefit from having a recent alumnus serving in this capacity. Mark is well-aware of the current campus issues which are plaguing fraternities and has a good understanding of the physical renovations, of which the house is in desperate need. Also, as I am sure most of you have heard, Mr. John Cogswell '31 passed away last year, after many years as both president and treasurer of the Zeta Psi Corporation. We all fondly remember John Cogswell as a man dedicated to Dartmouth and Zeta Psi and feel especially lucky to have known such a wonderful human being.

I would like to thank all those alumni who have stopped by on their visits to the Hanover Plain and welcome all to drop by and see why we were voted the "Outstanding Chapter of the Year." Our continued excellence, however, depends greatly on the financial support of Zeta alums. The fraternities are facing a difficult time with the administration and we must work hard to ensure the continuation of Zeta Psi as we know it. We rely on alumni support and will put all donations towards long-term house improvements, producing results that all Zetes are sure to take pride in. Thank you in advance for your support and continued interest.

Yours in TKØ,
Thomas J Ryan '81