

The
Black Student
at
Dartmouth



Dear Brothers,

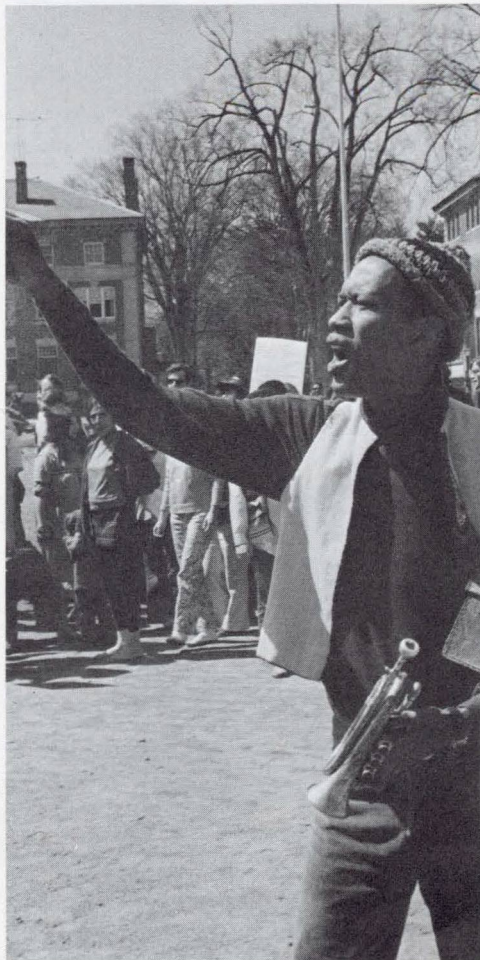
The purpose of this booklet is to give prospective applicants an idea of what it is like to be a black student at Dartmouth.

We, the members of the Black Student Application Encouragement Committee, attempt to present a microcosm of black student life at Dartmouth with as much accuracy and detail as this short pamphlet will allow and to point out the advantages the college has to offer.

It is our hope that by providing you with the information contained herein we can further stimulate your interest in Dartmouth. And if Dartmouth is not the place for you, we hope that you will continue your education at some other college.

For the BSAEC
Peace,

**ALBERT KNIGHT
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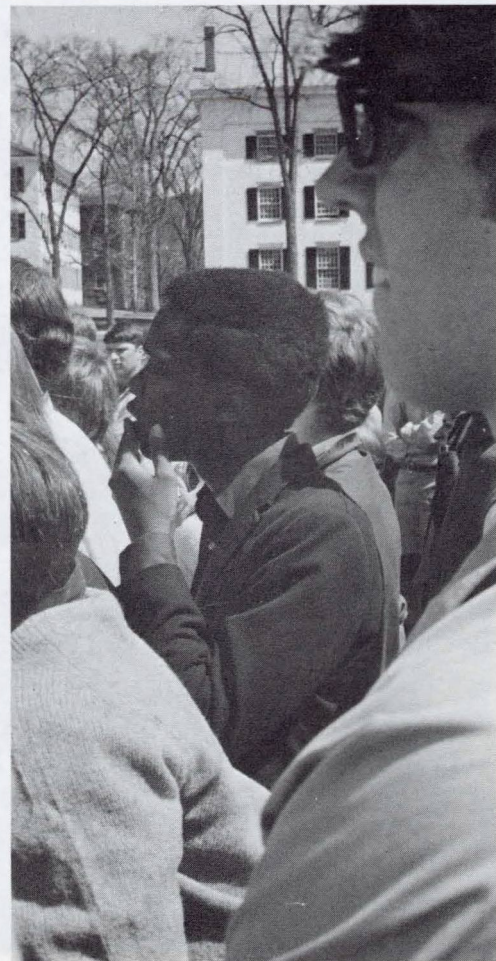


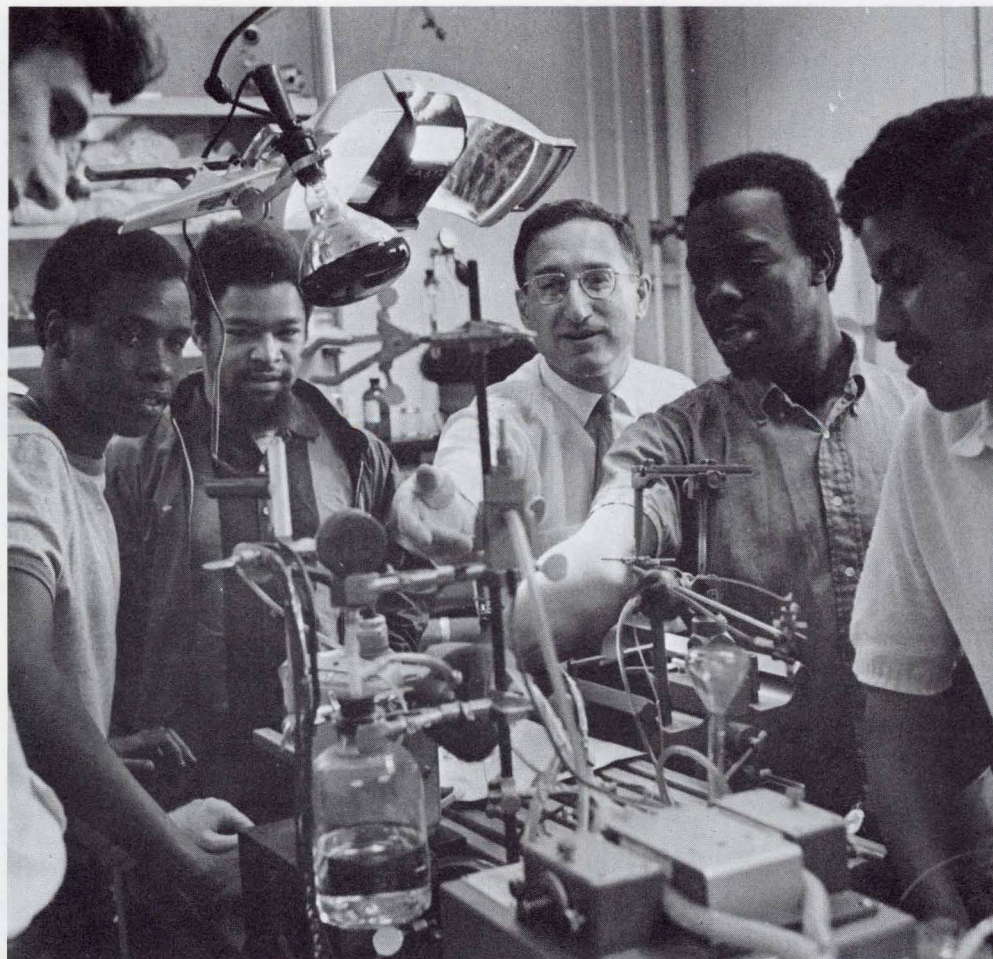
Dartmouth

Dartmouth is a liberal arts college located in Hanover, New Hampshire. It is a member of the group of colleges known as the Ivy League and has a tradition of academic excellence that dates back to 1769.

Although Dartmouth is a relatively small college of 3,200 undergraduates, it has the facilities and courses that are usually found only in a large university. In addition to Dartmouth's commitment to providing the best in undergraduate education, the college also has graduate schools in Business, Medicine, Engineering and awards Masters and Ph.D. degrees in several fields.

**Visiting Instructor
in jazz,
Don Cherry**





Dartmouth's commitment to increase its Black student enrollment

The college is currently attempting to bring more minority group students to Hanover. It is felt that this increase in enrollment will not only help the student but will also make Dartmouth more representative of American society as a whole. As a result the black student population of Dartmouth should increase from its present 210 to over 300 by the fall of 1972. These students will continue to come from all over the country and represent many different backgrounds.

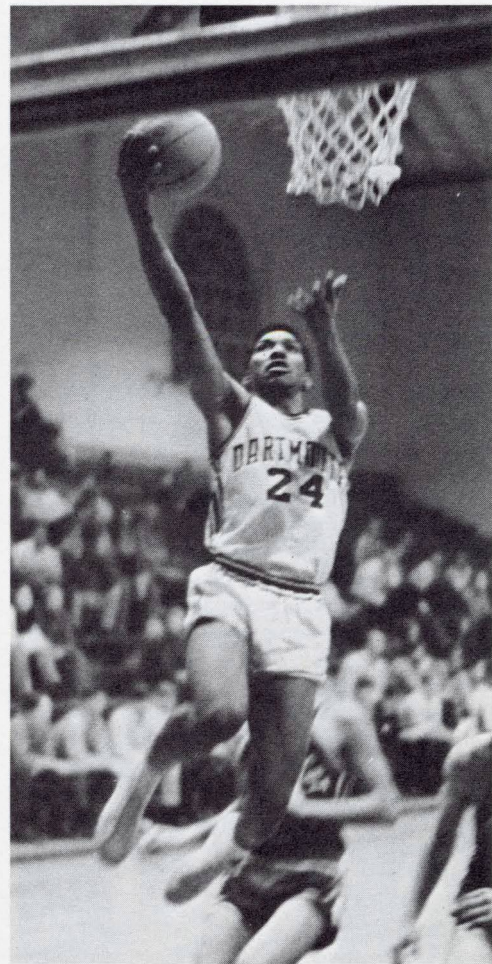
Students in the
Pre-Med Program



What Dartmouth has to offer

In its efforts to provide a quality liberal education in and outside of the classroom, the college places at the disposal of the students a variety of facilities and programs. These facilities include:

- a) An electronic digital computer designed specifically for student usage and other excellent math and science facilities.
- b) The Hopkins Center in which music, drama, art, woodwork and metalwork activities take place.
- c) A wide range of athletic facilities including an indoor Olympic size pool, the Leverone Fieldhouse with an indoor track, the Dartmouth Skiway and numerous other playing fields and courts.

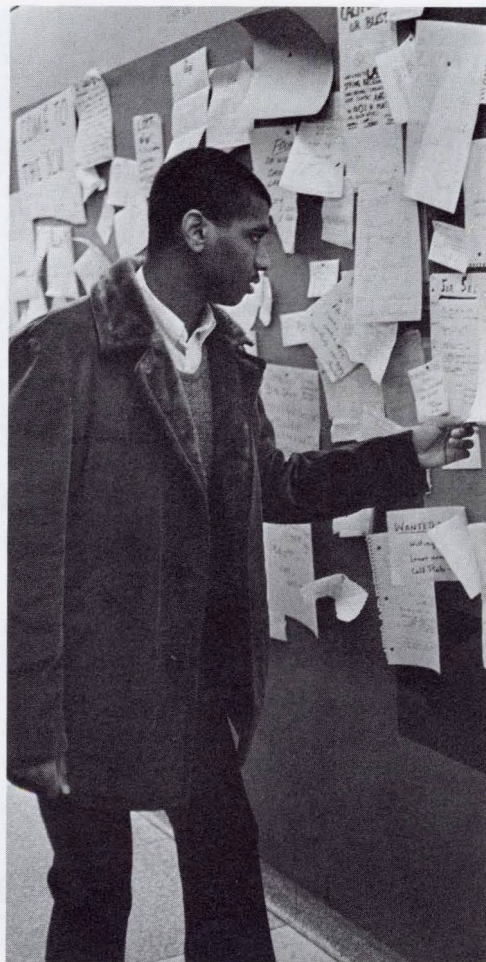


Off-campus programs

Dartmouth provides students with many opportunities to study and learn in various off campus programs. Among these are the Foreign Study Program in which students spend a term in Africa, Europe or Latin America studying the cultures of other countries. Students also go abroad for Foreign Language Study in order to get a better understanding of a foreign language.

A unique organization on campus is the Tucker Foundation under which students are sent to teach in predominantly black high and elementary schools. These schools are located across the country in such diverse places as Jersey City, Boston, Chicago, Clarksdale in Mississippi, and Compton and Richmond, California.

Students can also get involved in the Institute of the Black World in Atlanta, the 12 College Exchange program, the A Better Chance and the Pre-Medical programs. An increasing number of black students are taking advantage of these programs and are receiving course credits in the various departments.



Courses

In the 3 terms per year and 3 courses per term curriculum, the college offers over 741 courses. Among these are the traditional humanities, sciences, and social science courses as well as innovative courses in the practice of art and drama, Black Studies, Environmental Studies, Urban Studies, and Comparative Literature.

These courses are taught by an exceptional undergraduate faculty of over 275 instructors, 75% of whom hold doctorates. The student-faculty ratio is 10 to 1, and classes are usually small.

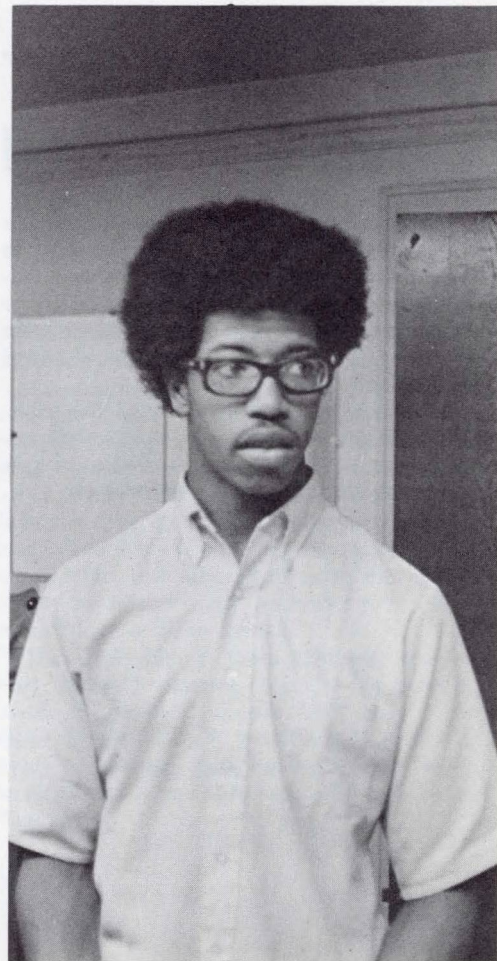
A vital part of the educational process is Baker Library which contains over 1,000,000 volumes. It operates on an "open stacks" policy allowing students direct contact with the books they seek.

The Ride Board in the
Hopkins Center



Why Dartmouth?

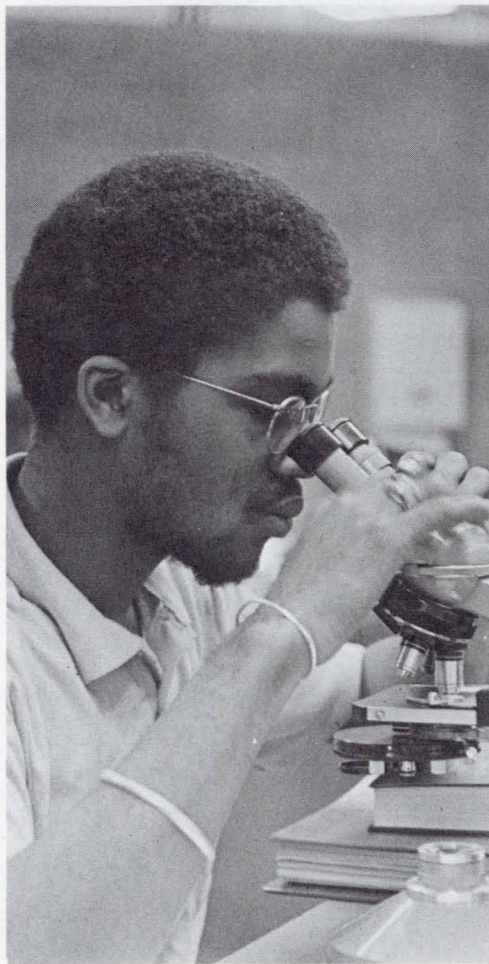
Although Hanover is a very white community, the more than 210 brothers on campus find much of value in the college and its small town setting. For instance, here a student can study in a relaxed atmosphere away from the rush and distractions of the city. Also, since Dartmouth is a relatively small college there is a great deal of personal contact among students and between students and faculty. Thus a student has a chance to come to grips with himself and find out where he is going. This might not be possible at a much larger institution.



How students are selected

Dartmouth seeks black students who are motivated toward studying and are willing to make some sacrifices in order to take advantage of all the college has to offer and who are of the attitude that they can accomplish something as a result of having attended college here.

Black students are selected on the basis of their high school records, teacher recommendations, extracurricular activities and to a lesser extent College Board Scores.



Financial aid

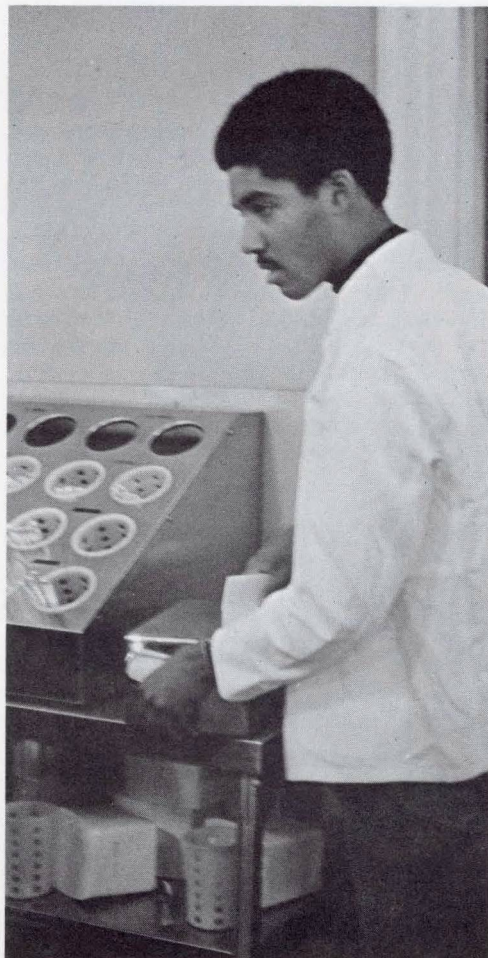
The college attempts to provide financial aid to all students who have demonstrated need. Most black students and over 40% of the student body receive financial aid in the form of scholarships, loans and on campus jobs. Financial awards may range from \$200 up to the full cost of tuition, room and board. Therefore, don't hesitate to apply because of a lack of funds.

For more information write:

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Dining Hall

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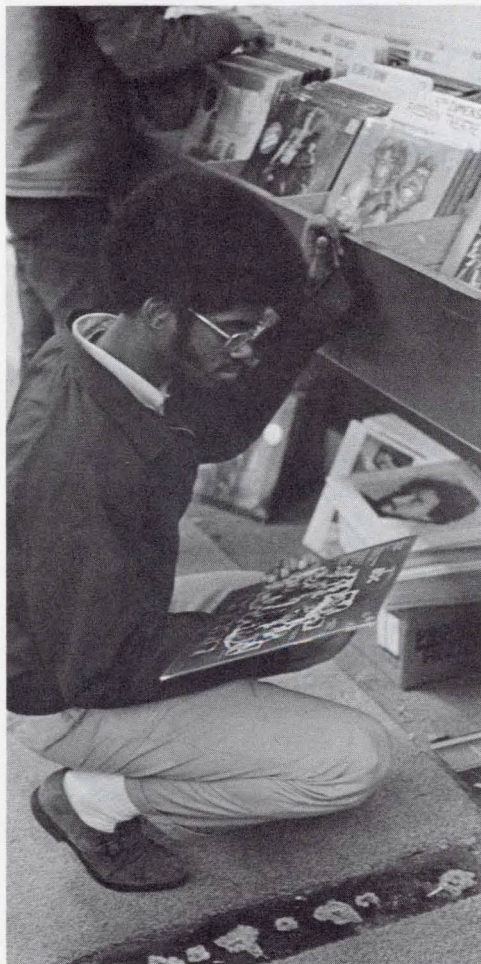


The Afro-American Society

The AAS seeks to enrich the lives of the brothers on campus through the promotion of black cultural and social activities.

The Society has in the past brought up such speakers as Mrs. Shirley DuBois and has had past performance receptions for B. B. King, actress Vinnie Burrows and jazz musicians Willie Ruff, Dwiki Mitchell and Dizzy Gillespie. The AAS produces a literary magazine, "The Black Hand," and has conferences and parties with other sisters and brothers in the area. Also, the AAS sponsors a freshman orientation period in the fall.

The focal point of these activities is the El Hajj Malik El Shabazz (Malcolm X) Temple, which is pictured on the front cover. The Black Studies Office, a book and record library, a lounge, meeting rooms and living facilities for a few brothers are also in the Temple.



Social life

Although the Hopkins Center and the Afro-AM try through their activities, most of the burden of providing a social life rest on the shoulders of the individual. This burden is lightened somewhat by the fact that there are a relatively large number of sisters at such area colleges as Smith, Mt. Holyoke, U. Mass., Wellesley and colleges in Boston. Transportation to these places is available and the sisters do treat you nice during your visits. Nevertheless, its not like being at home and seeing girls every day.

Speaking from a more personal point of view and trying to be completely truthful with you about Dartmouth, we must smudge the rosy picture of the college that has been presented thus far. Life on the Hanover plains for black students is not as idyllic as it is for typical Dartmouth students.

Most of the discomforts of the college can be attributable to its isolation. Being about 140 miles from Boston and a much greater distance from New York poses quite a contrast to most black students who are either from a city or near one. And needless to say, they very soon miss the "happenings" in their black communities and the good feeling of being around a lot of black folk.



The workload

Another though a "necessary roughness" for the brothers is the academic workload. Dartmouth lives up to its reputation and gives a student very little time for "slacking up." But this is no different from other good New England colleges.

Most black students come to Dartmouth less academically prepared than their white fellow students and usually lack the discipline required in class or in preparing for class. Given time, however, the brothers cope with the situation and do well even though they may not make all A's. In fact, in the last 6 years three brothers have become Rhodes Scholars. Very few drop out, and of the whole freshman class the college only loses about 3%.

A teletype unit in
the computer center



Why we are here

Black students come to Dartmouth and persevere even though it would be a lot easier to give up and go home. We continue even though frustrated by our awareness of the fact that black people out in the world are "constantly catching it" while we sit in Hanover. We continue when we know that our being Dartmouth students doesn't prevent racists from calling us niggers.

But what can we do better than going to college and obtaining the tools and the knowledge that will enable us to help ourselves and our people? And if we are going to college, why not go to one of the best? Dartmouth is rough . . . but so is life.

If you have confidence in yourself and your abilities, go to the best college possible. If you can see advantages in attending Dartmouth — Come.

