

# *Am to go Co-ed*

## *Next Fall*

Beginning Fall term 1976, Cutter Hall, otherwise known as El Hajj Malik El-Shabazz Temple, will be coeducational. This decision was made after two meetings between Vice President Frank Smallwood, Dean Ralph Manual, and the Afro-American Society (AAS) student body.

At these two meetings various ideas were put forth in a brainstorming session including the students and administration. The major concern was the full occupation of Cutter Hall. The final decision was made that 13 women would occupy the second floor while 14 men would live on the third floor.

At the end of summer term 1975, thirteen housing slots were available with no foreseeable seekers of these rooms. Fortunately, these places were filled before commencement of Fall Term.

Next Fall Term will signal the end of Freshmen occupying rooms in Cutter Hall. This policy was implemented as to be in accordance with the College's indiscriminate policy of Freshman room assignments in addition to eliminating the question each term of whether enough Freshman would sign up to live in Cutter Hall.

In an interview with Afro-American Society Chairman Kenneth Norman, great stress was placed on the factor of comprehension by the Dartmouth

community at large of the policy and structural changes in the Afro-American Society. Norman said, "It is very important to make everyone aware of the implication brought about through the various changes in the Am, i.e., housing policies, general structural changes, etc."



**Ken Norman**

The causes of change in the Afro-American Society structure have been cited as "very many and very complicated." This term, only 306 Black students are enrolled in the College, comprising roughly 8 per cent of the total enrollment. This percentage is also far below the national average of the Black population.

In the next issue of **THE BLACK PRAXIS**, Norman will explain these transitional stages.