

## College admin. salaries grow nationwide, survey shows

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For almost a decade now, the salaries of senior college administrators have risen faster than U.S. economic inflation, according to a recently released trade association survey.

Although Dartmouth did not participate in the study, salaries for top administrators at the College have also increased in recent years.

The College and University Professional Association for Human Resources reported the overall median salary for high-ranking positions is up 3.3 percent over last year, putting it higher than the Consumer Price Index for the eighth consecutive year.

"The economy has picked up," said the association's research director, Ray Sizemore, who noted this year's increase is "actually sort of back to normal."

In 2002, the increase was at four percent before slowing to a 2.5 percent rise last year. Looking only at private colleges, the decrease was even less significant — dipping to three percent last year compared with 1.7 percent for public institutions, according to the survey. Both public and private colleges picked up steam with their salaries this academic year, hitting 3.2 and 3.3 percent, respectively.

Adam Keller, Dartmouth's vice president for finance and administration, said he was a bit surprised by the survey results in light of concerns over shrinking endowments.

"I would have expected that salaries for administrators are in check," Keller said.

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### a sampling of Dartmouth's Highest Paid Employees of 2002-2003 (salaries include benefits)

John Baldwin, ex-Med School Dean	\$546,490
Richard Dow, Med School Prof	\$475,577
James Wright, President	\$460,166
Paul Danos, Tuck School Dean	\$425,031
Mark Israel, Med School Prof	\$373,849
B. Espen Eckbo, Tuck Prof	\$368,869
Barry Scherr, Provost	\$319,384
Adam Keller, Exec. Finance V.P.	\$315,523

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## Students spend off-terms in exotic locales around world

By SAMANTHA ACKAH

While many Dartmouth students who spend a term away from Hanover jockey for New York City investment banking internships, some juniors have shunned the conventional in favor of more unusual off-term experiences.

For these students, being away from Dartmouth and experiencing new cultures has made for exciting adventures.

Raina Milne '06 spent six days climbing Mount Kilimanjaro during her time volunteering at an orphanage in Tanzania. In a BlitzMail message to friends, she described her initial difficulty adjusting to the unfamiliar surroundings.

"There is a lot I really like about

By DAX TEJERA  
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The Dartmouth Board of Trustees approved a 4.9-percent tuition increase at its winter meeting, which concluded Sunday. The trustees also reviewed progress on the College's ongoing facilities upgrades, capital campaign and federally mandated affirmative action plan.

The 4.9-percent increase, which affects undergraduates and graduate students in the arts and sciences and students at the Thayer School of Engineering, will bring undergraduate tuition for the 2005-2006 academic year to \$31,770. With room, board and mandatory fees, the sum totals \$41,355.

The trustees approved a 4.5-percent increase for the Dartmouth Medical School and a 5.5-percent increase for

students at the Tuck School of Business.

The tuition increase was the only fiscal action taken by the trustees, although they reviewed a preliminary budget for the upcoming fiscal year. In an interview with The Dartmouth, College President James Wright said the Board received the review positively.

"The Board obviously is pleased at the growing financial strength of the College," Wright said. "We clearly are not out of the woods, though."

William Neukom '64, the Board's chair, praised the College's senior budget staff for their efforts in putting together a thorough and comprehensive budgetary report.

"The Board is impressed with the work of the senior staff on the budget," Neukom said. "They do a particularly professional job."

The trustees spent lunch Saturday with Palaeopitus senior society discussing issues of student concern.

Students "honestly talked about things we might do better," Wright said.

When asked if the trustees met any of the conversation with surprise, Wright said they did not.

"The Board does stay informed of the issues on campus," Wright said. "They're not out of touch with what it is that students are doing today and what students care about — but they don't feel so in touch that they don't want to sit down and have conversations with students."

Neukom said trustees asked Palaeopitus members what they liked about the Dartmouth experience,

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Courtesy of Alyssa Vinas

Alyssa Vinas '06 spent four weeks of her off-term in Costa Rica this Winter working at a home for abandoned and abused children.

Africa, but it has been a huge adjustment," she said. "I am still really homesick a lot of the time. I never thought I would be in a place where no one speaks English."

Nevertheless, Milne described the entire experience as unforgettable and talked of her growing attachment to the children at the orphanage.

"The kids continue to be absolutely amazing and remarkable. I don't think I am ever again in my life going to be around so many little arms to give me hugs, and it's going to be devastating to leave," Milne said.

Milne also got the opportunity to go hiking, kayaking and snorkeling and

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## Parties, projects dominate break plans

By CLARE O'KEEFE

With only a few more classes left and the last day of exams just a week away, Dartmouth students are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel and their minds are turning to spring break.

"The thought of going to Rome is the only thing keeping me sane right now, in the midst of three final papers, a presentation and finals," Meredith Raucher '06 said.

Raucher spent last spring in Rome on a Dartmouth language study abroad program. Her reason for returning to Italy is both to visit her host family and to show her parents the city where she spent three months.

"I'm really excited to be showing

my parents all the things that I loved about Rome and what I did when I was there last spring," Raucher said.

Visiting friends is often a reason for traveling over spring break. Sophomore Christine Pfeiffer '07 is striking out westward to California.

"I am going to L.A. to visit a girl from UCSD who did the Dartmouth exchange Fall term," Pfeiffer said.

Other students are traveling to see places rather than people. A group of friends will be going to Las Vegas to try their luck.

Devika Bakhshi '05 and three friends will spend the upcoming break in Sin City. The seniors chose their destination for a variety of reasons including practicality.

"When you're 21, why go out of the

country for spring break?" Bakhshi said.

Travel to warmer climes is not always about drinks with little umbrellas. Some students will be dedicating their breaks to service projects.

This spring, Emily Elliott '06 will be going on her first alternative spring break trip to Florida. In the Sunshine State, Emily and her companions will be volunteering with children at a homeless shelter.

"I've been interested in going on an ASB since freshman year, but this is the first spring break it's worked with my plans," Elliott said.

Other alternative spring breaks this year include a trip to Washington,

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**HUNGRY? WHY WAIT?:** Erin Lessner '05 donates cans to the Hunger Banquet in Collis Commonground on Sunday night.