



Rah-rah! Happy happy, joy joy!

To all of you frosh out there, welcome to Dalhousie. It gets better, trust me, the overt humiliation ends with the conclusion of Frosh Week.

The first editorial of the year tends to be a "Rah rah! Happy joy! Be involved! Yeah!" type of thing. Whatever.

There are a lot of great reasons to get involved. Firstly, if you can think of something you would like to do, chances are, someone needs you to do it. The Gazette and CKDU, for example, are quite willing to teach you the skills necessary for working in student media. You don't need any experience. It actually is a great way to meet people, and a good opportunity to put some distance between you and your roommate so that you don't kill each other by Thanksgiving.

But beyond that, if you are a full-time student (and you've just gone through Frosh Hell, so you are a student at Dalhousie now), you have paid \$132.00 in Student Union Fees this year. Don't you want to see what is happening to your money? Wouldn't you like to make sure it's spent the way you want it spent? Because the Student Union Building is owned and operated by the students of this university, the students are the ones with the power to change what goes on. If you don't like what you hear or see, come and solve the problem. Come write for the Gazette, come get a radio show on CKDU, come run for a seat on Student Council.

University is a hell of a lot different from high school, no matter where you're from. Dalhousie can and will become a big part of your life, especially if you're receptive to new ideas, new faces, and differ-

ent ways of doing things.

Don't be shy — jump into the fray.

Check out the numerous (over 100) societies and clubs on campus, go to the Dalplex and shoot some hoops, catch a concert or play, or spend an entertaining and no doubt educational evening in the Grawood. Pick and choose a couple of things you like and stick with them. Just don't overextend yourself so that when the first set of midterms comes around, you're still trying to figure out where the library is.

Remember what some guy said

a long time ago — your education in university has nothing to do with books (...or something like that). Okay, so maybe he spent a little too much time in the Grawood, but the gist of his statement stands up. You'll see, hear, and experience things during your stay at Dal that will drastically alter how you perceive the world around you. Be open to it — don't be too quick to write something or somebody off.

You're in a mixing pot of ideas and ideologies. Some are worth your time and some are complete crap — but give them all an honest listen and decide for yourself.

If you want to have a good time at university, you will. If you want succeed here, you will. If you want to shut yourself in and take care of your own little world, well, you can do that too. But then you're certainly not getting a full education, and honestly, you'd be completely missing out on what could be the best years of your life. Don't let that happen. Education goes way beyond the pages of your text.

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