## **COMMENT** \_\_\_\_\_\_ The Dalhousie Gazette/March 26, 1981 Campus spirit may be low, but frats are flying

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These days campus spirit is pretty low. With the rising costs of tuition and rent, who could blame us! But never fear there are places on campus where there is still a spirit of comradeship.

These historical places are the fraternities. What is a fraternity you ask? It is a group of people living in a semi-residence atmosphere with the common goals of becoming mature, active and concerned citizens by pursuing undergraduate studies and participating together in extracurricular activities.

The stereotype of fraternity brothers being snobbish and ignorant drunks has no basis whatsoever. The way to verify this is to take the time and effort to talk to a brother and find out for yourself. Don't just blindly believe unfounded accusations by unimformed

## pseudo experts.

Over the years, fraternities at Dalhousie have made a significant contribution to student life on campus. Their members work for Sub Staff, Bar Services and sit on various council committees. They host parties attended mainly by the non-residence crowd, the profits of which go for upkeep of the fraternity. They are organizations of responsible people who generally suscribe to the principles of moral rectitude, scholarship (or at least recognize its value) and friendship. They serve the community by raising money for numerous charities such as Cystic Fibrosis, the Heart Fund, United Appeal and Foster Parents Plan.

The president of this university is a brother of Sigma Chi Fraternity. John Budd LLD. (Dalhousie), a past president of the American Medical Association and Peter C. McCulloch, president of Xerox, are brothers of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity as are Gerry Regan and Walter Fitzgerald.

In general, members of fraternities can be found in all undergraduate programs, law and medical schools and in student government. In the community, they hold responsible, demanding jobs in education, business and government.



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