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Letters to the GAZETTE Letters

To: The Gazette

This letter is in reference to the student handbook 74/75 which the Dalhousie Gazette published. I, as well as those people I have talked to on the matter agree that this is probably the finest handbook ever put out at Dal, and one that really answered the needs of both freshmen and upperclassmen. It is a shame that such a fine effort be marred by an unwarranted and crude dig at fraternities, especially as I can find no reference to fraternities in a serious light elsewhere in the book

I am refering to the section on birth control on page 100, in which for no apparant reason this line is included on the subject of condoms. "Even if your frat brothers tried to play a practical joke on you (ha, ha) and went to work with the needle, etc." This type of irresponsible

writing can only serve to add to the already underservedly poor reputation that has grown from such unwarranted, untrue, and immature digs. Many freshmen and freshettes glean from such comments that fraternities are more animal farms peopled with cruel and usually drunken gangs of males. I am surprised that the Dal Gazette should add to these slurs, as it has taken more open minded stands on such things as woman's liberation and homosexuality.

Fraternities at Dalhousie are becoming increasingly active, and they have a lot of things to offex to those people inclined towards a good social life and a responsible attitude towards leadership, brotherhood, and acheivement. There are currently four active male undergraduate fraternities, as well as two female ones. Of the

trio of Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, and Tau EpsilonPhi, who work together on various functions with the female fraternities, Pi Beta Phi and Apha Gamma Delta under the Inter-fraternity council. The remaining male fraternity is Phi Kappa Pi, and they keep pretty much to themselves. It is difficult to explain the bond that exists between fraternity brothers, but is a bond that supercedes friendship, money, or time. Someone outside the fraternity can never infrige on this area, even if he may be a brother's close personal friend. Even the relationship between Greeks of different fraternities shows a special kind of understanding that cannot be known by outsiders. It is possible to argue fraternity with an outsider for hours, and never get across the idea of that special feeling. It's

like trying to describe color to a man who has had the misfortune to have been born blind.

Most of the fraternities will be rushing soon, and this will give those interested a chance to learn more about what the fraternity is about, and hopefully put the false rumours to death in a few minds anyway. There are usually Friday and Saturday night getogethers at Sig, Tep, Or Phi Delt after the Dal dances for the brothers, pledges (of all fraternities) and their dates, and we try to encourage young ladies to drop over and join the party. As I have said, the bad rumours are legion, all we can do is invite you to make up your own mind firshand, instead of relying on the misinformation of those who are inclined towards slander or gossip. Yours truly,

Thomas Clahane,

Update Calendar

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GENERAL NOTICES

To list on UPDATE CALENDARsend your notices in writing to the Communications Secretary, Dal SUB, Dal University, Halifax, N.S. The deadline is 12:00 noon, Wednesday, eight days prior to GAZETTE's publication date. The service is free, but the right to refuse publication is reserved.

The **COUNSELLING CENTRE**, 4th floor, SUB will be starting their Study Skills Program on October 7. Organization, concentration, essarywriting, etc., made easy. Registration ends October 4th.

A program for couples and individuals interested in improving interpersonal communications skills will also be offered by Counselling Centre. Registration ends October 9

The CO-OP DAY CARE CENTRE is a non progit co-operative group which provides low-cost creative and loving day care for pre-school kids. It is presently housed in the Barrington Street YMCA. There are openings for several children for morning, afternoon or all day. Contact: 477-3008 or 423-6543.

If you like toSING OR PLAY AN INSTRU-MENT contact the Dalhousie Dept. of Music. We have several opportunities for you. The Dalhousie Chorale, The Symphonic Wind Ensemble, and Other Chamber Ensembles. Contact: 424-2418.

LECTURES/READINGS

September 19 Dr. David Idler, Director of the Marine Sciences Research Laboratory, St. John's, NFLD will lecture on ISOLATION AND PROPERTIES OF SALMON GONADOTROPIN in the first of the Biology Seminar Series. 11:30 AM room 2922 Life Sciences Centre. Free

EXHIBITS/ARTS

"Seldom Seen Selections" from the Permanent Collection has had good reviews in the local press. Dal Art Gallery, Arts Centre until September 22.

KIPPLING DISPLAY manuscripts, rare editions & memorabilia of Rudyard. 5th floor Killam Library during library hours. Through September. Free

Paintings and drawings by AZOR VIENNEAU and SON and weavings by SANDRA BROWNLEE' Art Gallery, Seton Academic Centre, MSVU. For gallery hours call 453-4450. Through September 24. Free

Paintings by ARTHUR LLOY at the Centennial Art Gallery on Citadel Hill. Open seven days. Free.

EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHY BY NEW-FOUNDLAND PHOTOGRAPHERS' 50 photographs selected by the Celebration Committee of the Government of Newfoundland in honour of the Province's 25th aniversary of confederation. Killam Gallery, September 23–27, Free.

SMALL MAMMALS OF NOVA SOCTIA, and IMAGE OF CANADA — Documentary Water-colours and Drawings from the Public Archives of Canada are currently on display at the N.S. Musuem. Open 9:00-5:00 every day except Wednesday, when it's open from 9:00-9:00

September 24 Lunch Hour Film Series. ART SURGEON — the process of restoring paintings, and A NIGHT AT THE PEKING OPERA. The latter is a superlative film illustrating the company's beautiful orchestration of mime, dance, and music. 12:00 noon-1:00 PM Room 406 Arts Centre. Free.

SPORTS

The Halifax Recreation Department offers a comprehensive recreational program to the public. For program information and registration information please call the Recreation Department at 426-6424.

DALHOUSIE VARSITY TEAMS

Sept. 21 Football at UPEI, Charlottetown, 1:30 PM.

Soccer at home against MUN, Studley Field, 2:00 PM

Field Hockey at MUN, St. John's, 11:00 AM

Sept. 22 Soccer at home against MUN, Studley Field, 2:00 PM

Field Hockey at MUN, St. John's, 1:00 PM

MUSIC/DANCE/CONCERTS

Sept. 20. A nine piece brass boogie band, THE FESTIVAL FAMILY, plays for a dance and longe. McInnis Room, 9:00-1:00 AM Students with ID \$2.00, others \$3.00

Pub Stop with FOXE. Cafeteria, 9:00-1:00 AM Students with 1D \$1.50, others \$2.50 Licensed.

Sept. 21 THE FESTIVAL FAMILY boogies again. McInnis Room, 9:00–1:00 AM Students with ID \$2.00, others \$3.00

Pub Stop with rock and roll from APPLEJACK. Cafeteria, 9:00-1:00 AM Students with ID \$1.50, others \$2.50 Licensed.

A note on pricing; "students with ID" refers only to Dal, Tech, MSVU, and university students from outside the Metro area.

Sept. 22 ROCK ON 22. Billy Preston, Brownsville Station, Chuck Berry, Doctor John The Night Tripper, Rare Earth and Sha-Na-Na. Halifax Exhibition Grounds, 2:00-9:00 PM. Tickets at the Enquiry Desk, \$15.00.

FILM/THEATRE

September 20-21. THE ROYAL SHAKESPERE COMPANY OF ENGLAND presents "The Hollow Crown," an entertainment by and about the kings and queens of England. Devised and directed by John Barton. Rebecca Cohn, 8:30 PM. Tickets at the Box Office, students \$3.50 & \$2.50, others \$4.50 & \$3.50.

Sept. 21 THE ROYAL SHAKESPERE COMPANY OF ENGLAND presents "Pleasure and Repentance," a light-hearted look at love in readings and song. Lyrics by Lennon and McCartney and the Rolling Stones, among others. Matinee only, 2:30 PM, Rebecca Cohn. Tickets at the Box Office, students \$3.00 & \$2.00, others \$4.00 & \$3.00.

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Sept. 25 Bunuel's **DISCRETE CHARM OF THE BOURGEOUSIE**. Dal Film Society members only. [This is not the Dal Regional Film Theatre.] 8:00 PM

Sept. 26 Alec Finlay and the Royal Clansmen from Scotland present A BREATH OF SCOTLAND' The revue treats the audience to the best of Scotlish culture with its assembly of Scotland's most famous and funniest TV personalities. Rebecca Cohn, 8:30 PM. Tickets at the Box Office, students \$2.50 & \$2.00, others \$3.00 & \$2.50.