

a gas

Dear Editor,

You have recently been running a series of letters to the editor which have been causing a few chuckles around campus. I am of course stirred up by the little controversy stirred up by one Angeline Fourrette. It has amused me to no end to read the witticisms and humor that has followed her initial letter. I would like to add my voice to those who objected to what she had to say.

Angeline dear, you set yourself up for this one by making such a ludicrous and inaccurate statement about the male population here at Dalhousie University. It was a grossly unfair statement to make, especially since it seemed to be based solely on your survey of the frat house parties. No wonder so many guys wrote in to protest. Did you seriously think that they were all too intoxicated, brain dead or just not intelligent enough to realize that you were insulting them? Open your eyes and look around. All over campus there are hundreds of "hommes legitims" just dying to have a meaningful relationship with a "femme legitime," but you have already closed your mind to them because Maritime guys are different than those Montreal guys you know. What you are suffering from is known as stereotyping which is equally as crude as the racism against which you cried foul.

So, in conclusion, I would like to say, Angeline, that it is your own fault that you left yourself open to all those "attacks" printed in the Dal Gazette. Those guys, like yourself, were merely expressing an opinion, right or wrong, only you did not like it this time because they were mocking you this time. They were not attacking the fundamentals of feminism nor were they making any racist statements, but I will leave the extremist interpretations to you. You are a gas, Angeline.

Virginia States

grow, put, or shut up

Dear Editor,

When I read Angeline Fourrette's letter of September 28, I resisted the urge to write to the Gazette but after seeing her second "enlightened" letter I feel compelled to do something.

In her first letter she made sweeping generalizations and used absolute terms that were ridiculous and insulting to say the least. Ms. Fourrette has already jumped me into the category of "jock" or "pseudo jock" simply because I am a member of the male population at Dalhousie. I find this attitude incredibly insulting.

Who is she to complain of not respecting other people's opinions when she is so ready to demolish Mr. Wali's views on the English language. For somebody so concerned with language she shows very little respect for either English or French with her indiscriminant mix of both in her letters. Who is she to be "revolted" by personal attacks when she is so ready to launch them herself.

Ms. Fourrette has assumed the role of a moral judge of all men at Dalhousie and, indeed of all men in Halifax. Before she decides to put pen to paper again she should judge her own views and beliefs in the same manner. Perhaps she has some growing up of her own to do.

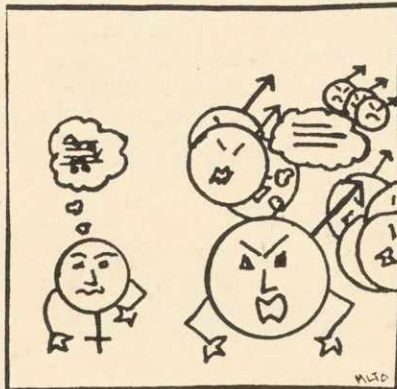
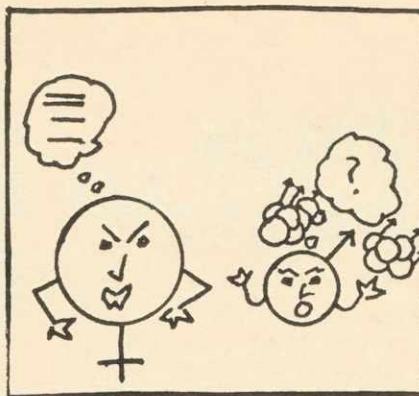
Respectfully
David Evans

With fraternal pride

Dear Editor,

I have been lucky enough to read six letters which basically assume that "frat" parties and the representative fraternity houses are places where "pigs" live and party.

Although I appreciate the effort of some letter writers to address the inadequacy of Angeline Fourrette's blatant assumptions, I am appalled at the apparent acceptance of the idea that Phi Kappa Pi and Phi Delta Theta are "drink and score pigstyes." Once again, stereotypical attitudes are accepted without much thought or consideration. The Gazette realized the libellous nature of Ms. Fourrette's statements, and had the decency to apologize for printing her views. However, the five letters that attack "Desolee" all agree on the piggishness of the fraternities.



My concern lies with the misconception of Phi Kappa Pi in particular. As a brother, I feel that I can illuminate the fallacies that surround fraternity life. The basic assumption that all Phi Kaps at a Phi Kap party are pigs is blatantly wrong. Granted, in a party atmosphere, one may tend to be a bit more socially interactive, and indeed my brothers can be loud, yet this in itself should not be construed as piggishness. Indeed, a fraternity party offers much of the benefits of a night downtown without the hassle of line-ups, surly bouncers and other associated problems. It is also a Dalhousie event with Dalhousie students enjoying themselves in a relaxed atmosphere.

Phi Kappa Pi, along with Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi and Omega Pi are all proud of their university and this spirit is shown in our exuberance at our social events. Incidentally, Greek organizations have consistently shown their spirit, as Phi Kappa Pi won the Winter Carnival in 1989 while the rest of the student body only demonstrated apathy.

In closing, I must ask the student population to seriously look at the misconceptions surrounding fraternal organizations, and to combat stereotypical attitudes with a realistic examination of the impetus behind our sense of spirit.

With fraternal pride,
Bradley J. Boudreau
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Phi Kappa Pi

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ditto said a pledge

Dear Gazette:

This letter is a reply to Ms. Fourrette. Your attitude towards men at Dalhousie astonishes me. You have taken a single incident at one party and have tried to base a novel on it and on the shortcomings of the Fraternal way of life. The actions of one individual cannot reflect the attitudes or beliefs of a segment of the student population at Dalhousie.

As a pledge at Phi Kappa Pi, it amazes me that such an incident could occur, and if it did, then I am sure that you did not handle the situation in a proper manner. At the Fraternity, we run parties to generate revenue for house renovations, charity events, and the like. We do not run parties to "drink and score."

As with any event that has a party atmosphere there is bound to be problems. We are not responsible for the morality of

our guests or their personal beliefs. We are responsible for the well being of our guests. To this end, we ensure that if someone is intoxicated we make sure that they get home safely. We also will evict anyone that is sexually harassing anyone. We are not mind readers and cannot always tell if someone is being overly harassed. If any individual approaches us we will evict the person that is harassing them. We do this because we want people to have a good time at our parties and to hopefully come and see us again.

Ms. Fourrette this is where you obviously failed. If you had a problem with one of our guests you should have approached someone and the situation would have been rectified. You however saw this as an opportunity to bash men in general with your libellous attacks upon the Fraternities and men at Dalhousie.

So Ms. Fourrette in the future whenever you are at a party or anywhere for that matter and are being sexually harassed go to whom ever is in charge and I'm sure that they will rectify your problem.

Sincerely yours,
Stuart D. Slater, EX-CAF
(Pledge at Phi Kappa Pi)

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