

# Howe Hall Column

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The house that is known as the Big B in Howe Hall is Bronson House which is really one of the oldest Houses in the four sectioned, figure H-, for nation, structure of Howe Hall. In order to gain material for this article I visited the Big B himself, Tom Stephens, who is our president.

**Question:** What are the lasting effects of the experience of Howe Hall?

**Answer:** Well, Dave, Bronson House does not contribute as a separate community but rather it is

an educational experience. Living with a lot of people in the society of Howe Hall is better for the all round student than to board in an outside apartment and become a hermit. Howe Hall therefore helps in the perpetuation of a "perfect learning experience".

**Question:** What is the general attitude of the people of Bronson?

**Answer:** Bronson House has, attached to it, a lot of traditions, a spirit of comradcy, and the very fact that only second and third year students live in this

house, there is a more matured approach to all things. It seems that Bronson House is the place to live if you want to study in your room.

In closing Tom wanted to thank all his fellow Bronsonites for all the respect which they have shown him and hopes his successor will be the luck in the world. To his successor, whoever he is, or to anyone who is running for any position in the upcoming Howe Hall elections, there seems to be a need for dedication to your task and this entails a lot of spare time. So therefore, candidates should make sure that their workload is not heavy, for then both you, the student, and the House shall lose, as in the case of some houses in residence. With a lot of spare time, the house could be run efficiently and activities would really be boosted and participation would be at the maximum level.

"Time waits on no man" wrote a Greek philosopher and in my stay in Bronson House I met a young man, Bob Abbott, who is the most Senior Resident of the Howe Hall. And this is what he had to say - "Over half of my two thousand dollars that I give this university goes to Residence has been educational as the time spent in the classroom. After six years of residence life and listening of the ups and downs of the people living here, I get the best and the worst of everybody's world. Thus, one could see from the other people the things you want and the things you do not want. Sometimes it has been a headache and sometimes I have complained about the food. These last six years I would not trade them for anything, not even a higher average in my courses. Bronson House shows a higher level of maturity because the

students are older, and there are not very many freshmen as in the case of the other houses. But there are exceptions to every rule, that is not difference to any other house."

Abbott continued, "in general, Howe Hall offers recreation, entertainment, academic stimuli for fellow students and an active environment in which we can meet, acquaint and get along with other people, certainly a trade which is needed at all times. Anyone with serious doubts about your fellow man, feel free to drop in and I shall use my six years of heaven and hell to maybe enlighten your thoughts about residence life. There is nothing to it. Nice to have you come with us, I wonder what's shaking next year..."

After that encounter I headed in the direction of the Don's room - but he was not in ... then fortunately I saw Kevan coming up the steps and my interview started. Kevan Pipe is the Don of Bronson House.

**Question:** "Well Kevan, did the job of being a Don live up to your expectations?"

**Answer:** "Ah..in some ways yes and in some ... The majority of my time I felt was going to be spent in counselling, which I have done but I have helped only in a minor sense. On the other hand, I have gained immensely from the experience and I shall do it again next year."

To the Don who was originally from Cameron House, he was impressed by the spirit of the house, that is, the way in which the house has a continuous flow of activities occurring every weekend. So therefore, Kevan Pipe, Sandy Ball, and Tom Stephens should be complemented for their top quality administration of the house.

Something which struck me while I walked through the corridors of Bronson House was that this is the only house with such a large number of medical students and also some law students. The Don Kevan Pipe, also pointed out the diverse quality of population which lives in unity in Bronson House, that is, the Black Community, the Jews, the Chinese, and the Catholics. Bronson House really has a conglomeration of races, creeds and colour, who all live in harmony with each other. As a result of this the indoctrination of prejudice, wherever it came from, is gradually being removed for "we all respect each other for what we are." Bronson House has gained in three ways, that is, in discipline of the house, in production of spirit and helpfulness in students towards House activities and tolerance between our fellow man.

So therefore Bronson House motto could be in these three words - Discipline, Production, and Tolerance.

I then visited some of the girls of Shirreff Hall and Colleen Butler has this to say - "Howe Hall really have fantastic dances and I really enjoy them." So, boys of Howe Hall, keep up the good work!

# THE BIG ONE

Big taste, big satisfaction



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