

# Letters more letters

## Frat stats

### To the Gazette:

Concerning your article of November 2, "More frats for brats and pals at Dal," Alpha Gamma Delta FRATERNITY was wondering if this article was supposed to be fact or fiction.

Firstly, Alpha Gamma Delta is a fraternity, not a sorority. Perhaps it should be noted that 'soror' is the latin word for sister, while 'frater' is the greek word for brother or



sister. Seeing as we are a greek society, we choose to be referred to as such, thus making us a **fraternity**.

Secondly, as far as Multiple Sclerosis being our pet project, this is not true. We have had some dealings with this through the handicapped class at Saint Andrew's School, but

maybe credit should be given where credit is due, that being to Sigma Chi, who held a trampoline-a-thon, during which they raised approximately five hundred dollars for Multiple Sclerosis. You see, Alpha Gamma Delta is not the only fraternity which



has altruistic pursuits in mind. Phi Kappa Pi also helps out with the Handicapped Class, and all five of the fraternities on campus help to canvas for the various fund raising drives each year.

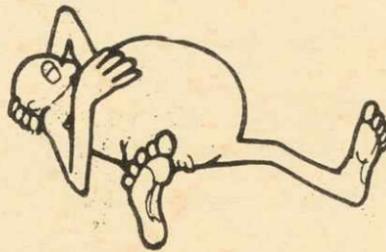
Thirdly, concerning Alpha Gamma Delta's house that was destroyed by fire, that's news to me and the rest of Alpha Gamma Delta. We all wish that we had a house, but unfortunately we have never had a house because we have been unable to find one suitable as yet. Perhaps again, you are mistaking us with Sigma Chi, whose last house burnt down within the last decade or so. Also, the fact that we do not have a house, does not mean that our activities have been limited by any means. We have already completed our fall rush and we don't plan on having one in the spring because we don't really feel that there is enough time after Christmas.

Fourthly, it might be noted that although an anticipated promise of social benefits

might be the greatest incentive for "pledging" a fraternity, it is not usually the greatest incentive for "joining" a fraternity. Through one's pledge term, the true meaning of fraternity is

learned, and a sense of responsibility towards the fraternity usually develops.

Finally, considering the fact that we were led to believe that the article was being written because of IFC (Intra-Fraternity Council) I find it strange that you didn't mention IFC once. Also, concerning the last line of the article, I think that was too strong and very misleading. Considering the fact that the author of the article is not a member of fraternity, she could not possibly be expected to understand such things as initiation procedures, therefore perhaps she would rather listen to the rumors she has heard, which for your information are



wrong. There is no such thing as 'hazing!' Lastly, I was a little curious as to the meaning of your title, perhaps you would like to explain it a little better, or maybe you already have with your heading for Phi Kappa Pi's letter. They Aren't Brats, Are They. . .

I'd appreciate it if you would take note of this letter and perhaps be a little more careful next time you try to write an article about something you know nothing about! It would probably be most helpful if from now on you used the information you were given rather than making it up yourself!

Thank You,  
Lisa Cleveland  
President  
Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity

## Studley Residence remains neutral

### To the Gazette:

This is an open letter to the University community designed to affirm the position of Studley Residence in the present CUPE strike. The House declares neutrality, in keeping with the official statement from the Dalhousie Student Council.

We deplore the vandalism performed upon University property as being senseless gestures which do nothing to either help the strikers or enhance the image of the strike. We regret that some have seen fit to make Studley the object of such treatment, and we warn that any person or persons caught defacing these premises shall be handed over to the proper authorities.

We are distressed that certain misleading information is circulating in the community and the media. We state unequivocally that at no time has any member of this House been threatened, cajoled, or otherwise pressured to do the duties normally performed by the cleaning staff.

We have been referred to as "scabs" by some, for attempting to maintain our living facilities in a condition amenable to basic needs. Because of this, we believe that the term is a misnomer when applied to us.

As students, an important facet of our education involves the maturation of self-dignity and social respectability. Considering the request to forego the maintenance of Studley to be unreasonable; and convinced that the neglect of cleaning would be unsanitary, impolitic, and demeaning, we shall

continue in our efforts to keep Studley a healthy and decent physical environment for students.

We hope and trust that the present unfortunate situation will be resolved quickly, fairly, and amicably for all concerned. We remain

Sincerely,  
Studley House  
(signed by 48 residents)

## Smell deplorable

### To the Gazette:

The following is a letter which I sent to President Henry Hicks and which I would like brought to the attention of the University Community.

### Dear Dr. Hicks,

I am a first year student here at Dal, having just moved to Canada from Boston. I am living in residence at Howe Hall.

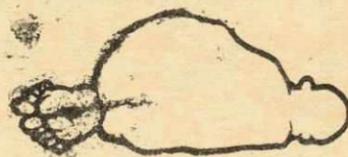
Until now, I have not been embroiled in a strike situation. Over the past few weeks, however, I have been learning much about labour problems because of the CUPE situation. It seems to me that the residents at Howe Hall and Shirreff Hall should be reimbursed in some way for the work that is not being done because of the strike. After all, we pay almost \$1700.00 to live in residence; we expect better services than we are receiving.

Even if the strike were to end immediately, we have still had to suffer less than ideal living conditions for the past five weeks. In the interest of justice, the university's administration must consider some form of reimbursement for services not received.

Furthermore, health inspectors have been at Howe Hall twice in the past two days. Today, the smell in the basement of the residence can only be described as deplorable. I am amazed that they have not closed the Hall yet.

I pray that the strike may be resolved quickly, with a just and fair settlement for both sides.

Sincerely,  
David G.C. McCann



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### To the Gazette:

At their monthly meeting, held on December 1, the Board of Directors of the Red Herring Cooperative Bookstore unanimously declared their support for CUPE local 1392 in their present strike against Dalhousie University. To this end, \$50 was donated to the strike support fund.

David Angus  
for the Board

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